

yearn

I

1. [jɜ:n] *n*
 - 1) тоска, томление
 - 2) жажда, стремление
2. [jɜ:n] *v*
 1. (after, for, to, *редк.* towards) томиться, тосковать
 to yearn for home - тосковать по родине, томиться на чужбине
 to yearn after one's absent friends - тосковать по отсутствующим друзьям
 2. жаждать, стремиться
 to yearn for rest - жаждать покоя
 to yearn to be free - стремиться к свободе, жаждать свободы
 I am yearning to make myself useful - я жажду принести пользу
 I yearn to hear from you - мне не терпится получить от вас весточку
 3. сочувствовать, соболезновать
 her kind heart yearned for the starving, homeless children - её доброе сердце разрывалось от жалости к голодным, бездомным детям

II

[jɜ:n] *v диал.*

- 1) свёртывать, створаживать
- 2) свёртываться, створаживаться

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yearn [yearn yearns yearned yearning] *BrE* [jɜːn] *NAme* [jɜːrɪn] *verb*

intransitive (literary)

to want sth very much, especially when it is very difficult to get

Syn: ↑long

- ~ (for sth/sb) The people yearned for peace.
- There was a yearning look in his eyes.
- ~ to do sth She yearned to escape from her office job.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	yearn
	<i>BrE</i> /jɜːn/
	<i>NAme</i> /jɜːrɪn/
he / she /it	yearns
	<i>BrE</i> /jɜːnz/
	<i>NAme</i> /jɜːrɪnz/
past simple, past participle	yearned
	<i>BrE</i> /jɜːnd/
	<i>NAme</i> /jɜːmd/
-ing form	yearning
	<i>BrE</i> /jɜːnɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /jɜːrɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English giernan, from a Germanic base meaning 'eager' .

Example Bank:

- I've always yearned to go stock car racing.
- She yearned for children of her own.

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yearn /jɜːn/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb [intransitive]*

[Language: Old English; Origin: giernan]

literary to have a strong desire for something, especially something that is difficult or impossible to get **SYN long**

yearn for

▪ Hannah yearned for a child.

yearn to be/do something

▪ Phil had yearned to be a pilot from an early age.

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In everyday English, people usually say **long for something** or **long to do something** rather than **yearn** :

- She longed for another child.

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