amass

[əˈmæs] *v*

1. 1) собирать, накапливать; копить

   to amass riches - собирать /копить/ богатства

   to amass a fortune - (с)копить состояние

   2) собирать, набирать, складывать

   he amassed papers for burning - он собрал бумаги, чтобы сжечь

2. *поэт.* собираться, скопляться

   the clouds amassed above the hills - над холмами собрались /нависли/ тучи

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verb **~ sth**

to collect sth, especially in large quantities

Syn: ↑accumulate

• He amassed a fortune from silver mining.

• They amassed enough evidence to convict her.

Verb forms:

verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	amass	
	BrE /əˈmæs/	
	NAmE /əˈmæs/	
he / she /it	amasses	
	BrE /əˈmæsɪz/	
	NAmE /əˈmæsɪz/	
past simple, past participle	amassed	
	BrE /əˈmæst/	
	NAmE /əˈmæst/	
-ing form	amassing	
	BrE /əˈmæsɪŋ/	
	NAmE /əˈmæsɪŋ/	

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from French amasser or medieval Latin amassare, based on Latin massa **'lump'**, from Greek maza **'barley cake'**; perhaps related to massein **'knead'** .

Synonyms :

collect

gather • accumulate • amass

These words all mean to get more of sth over a period of time, or to increase in quantity over a period of time.

collect • to bring things or information together from different people or places; to gradually increase in amount in a place: ▪ We've been collecting data from various sources. ◇▪ Dirt had collected in the corners of the room.

People sometimes **collect** things of a particular type as a hobby: ▪ to collect stamps .

gather • to bring things together that have been spread around; to collect information from different sources: ▪ I waited while he ▪ gathered up ▪ his papers. ◇▪ Detectives have spent months gathering evidence.

collect or gather ?

Both **collect** and **gather** can be used in the same way to talk about bringing together data, information or evidence. When talking about things, **gather** is used with words like things, belongings or papers when the things are spread around within a short distance. **Collect** is used for getting examples of sth from different people or places that are physically separated.

accumulate • (rather formal) to gradually get more and more of sth over a period of time; to gradually increase in number or quantity over a period of time: ▪ I seem to have accumulated a lot of books. ◇▪ Debts began to accumulate.

amass • (rather formal) to collect sth in large quantities, especially money, debts or information: ▪ He amassed a fortune from silver mining.

to collect /gather/accumulate/amass **data/evidence /information**

to accumulate/amass **a fortune/debts**

dirt/dust/debris collects /accumulates

to **gradually /slowly** collect/gather/accumulate (sth)

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a mass /əˈmæs/ *BrE*   *AmE*   *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: amasser, from masser *'to gather into a mass'*]

if you amass money, knowledge, information etc, you gradually collect a large amount of it:

   For 25 years, Darwin amassed evidence to support his theories.

   He amassed a fortune after the war.

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▪ **collect** to get things of the same type from different places and bring them together: She collects stamps *(=as a hobby)*. | They have collected 650 signatures for their petition.

▪ **gather** to collect information from different places, or to collect crops, flowers, wood etc, especially from the ground: Computers make it easier to gather information. | The men gathered firewood.

▪ **assemble** *formal* to collect something such as information in an organized way: When all the evidence is assembled, we will write our report.
▪ **build up** to gradually collect more things of the same type over time: He has built up one of the country's finest collections of art.
▪ **accumulate** to gradually get more and more of something such as money, possessions, or knowledge, over time. **Accumulate** is more formal than **build up**: He is driven by the desire to accumulate wealth.
▪ **amass** to collect a large amount of something such as money, information, or knowledge, over time: Carnegie amassed a fortune in the steel industry.
▪ **run up a bill/debt/loss** *informal* to allow a debt to increase quickly, especially by spending too much: He ran up huge gambling debts.

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