

acquire

[ə'kwaɪə] *v*

- приобретать; получать; достигать; овладевать (*знаниями, навыками и т. п.*)
 to acquire friends - приобрести друзей
 to acquire distinction - достичь известности, приобрести известность
 to acquire a reputation for honesty - славиться своей честностью
 he acquired a strong liking for sports at camp - в лагере он приохотился к спорту
 to acquire currency - стать распространённым, распространиться; стать употребительным (*о слове, выражении и т. п.*)
- приобрести, купить
 to acquire property - купить /приобрести/ имущество
- слец.* обнаружить и сопровождать объект (*радаром и т. п.*)

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acquire **AW** [acquire acquires acquired acquiring] *BrE* [ə'kwaɪə(r)] *NAme*

[ə'kwaɪə] *v* (formal)

- ~ **sth** to gain sth by your own efforts, ability or behaviour
 - She has acquired a good knowledge of English.
 - How long will it take to acquire the necessary skills?
 - He has acquired a reputation for dishonesty.
 - I have recently **acquired a taste** for olives.
- ~ **sth** to obtain sth by buying or being given it
 - The company has just acquired new premises.
 - How did the gallery come to acquire so many Picassos?
 - I've suddenly acquired a stepbrother.

Idiom: ↑acquired taste

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	acquire
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'kwaɪə(r)/
	<i>NAme</i> /ə'kwaɪər/
he / she / it	acquires
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'kwaɪəz/
	<i>NAme</i> /ə'kwaɪəz/
past simple, past participle	acquired
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'kwaɪəd/
	<i>NAme</i> /ə'kwaɪəd/
-ing form	acquiring
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'kwaɪərɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /ə'kwaɪərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English *acquere*, from Old French *acquere*, based on Latin *acquirere* 'get in addition', from *ad-* 'to' + *quaerere* 'seek'. The English spelling was modified (c. 1600) by association with the Latin word.

Thesaurus:

acquire *verb*

1. **T** (especially written)

• I have recently acquired a taste for olives.

earn • |especially spoken **get** • |especially written **gain** • • **obtain** • |informal **pick sth up** •

acquire/get/obtain/pick up sth **from** sb/sth

acquire/earn/get/gain a **reputation**

2. **T** (especially written)

• He was extremely proud of his newly acquired computer skills.

learn • • **pick sth up** • • **master** •

acquire/learn/pick up/master a **skill**

Example Bank:

- I've suddenly acquired a stepbrother.
- When you have acquired a basic range of computing skills, you will be ready to start the job.
- to acquire a love of/taste for sth
- to acquire a reputation/bad name/criminal record/tan/look/appearance

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[Word Family: *verb*: ↑acquire; *noun*: ↑acquisition; *adjective*: ↑acquisitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: *acquere*, from Latin *acquirere*, from *ad-* 'to' + *quaerere* 'to look for, obtain']

1. **formal** to obtain something by buying it or being given it:

• Manning hoped to acquire valuable works of art as cheaply as possible.

• She has acquired an email address and a site on the WorldWide Web.

2. to get or gain something:

• The college acquired a reputation for very high standards.

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In everyday English, people usually say **get** rather than **acquire** :

- Where did you get that tie?
- He soon got a reputation for being unfriendly.

3. to gain knowledge or learn a skill:

- He spent years acquiring his skills as a surgeon.
- Elsie acquired a good knowledge of Chinese.

4. **acquire a taste for something** to begin to like something:

- She had acquired a taste for European beer.

5. **an acquired taste** something that people only begin to like after they have tried it a few times

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