

**desire**

1. [dɪˈzaɪə] *n*
  1. (сильное) желание  
desire for knowledge - жажда знаний  
desire to do smth. - желание сделать что-л.  
to have/to feel/ no desire for smth. /to do smth./ - не иметь желания /охоты/ сделать что-л.  
to satisfy /to meet/ smb.'s desires - удовлетворять чьи-л. желания
  2. желание, страсть; вожделение  
consumed with desire - (весь) во власти желания, пожираемый страстью
  3. просьба, пожелание  
by desire - по просьбе, по указанию  
in accordance with your desire(s), at your desire - в соответствии с вашим пожеланием; по вашему желанию /требованию/
  4. предмет желания; мечта  
to have/to get/ one's desire - добиться своего; добиться осуществления своих желаний
2. [dɪˈzaɪə] *v*
  1. желать; испытывать желание, хотеть  
to desire peace [happiness] - хотеть мира [счастья]  
to desire glory - жаждать славы  
to desire to be left alone, to desire that one should be left alone - хотеть /желать/ остаться одному  
since you desire it - если вам так хочется  
it leaves much to be desired - это оставляет желать лучшего  
to be all that can be desired - быть пределом желаний, не оставлять желать ничего лучшего
  2. (настоятельно) просить; выражать желание; требовать  
to desire an explanation [a prompt answer] - (по)требовать объяснений [немедленного ответа]  
I desire you to go at once, I desire that you should go at once - прошу вас ехать немедленно  
desire Mr. Jones to come in - попросите м-ра Джонса (войти)

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**de·sire** [desire desires desired desiring] **noun, verb** *BrE* [dɪˈzaɪə(r)] *NAmE*

[dɪˈzaɪə]

**noun**

1. **countable, uncountable** a strong wish to have or do sth
  - enough money to satisfy all your desires
  - ~ **for sth** a strong desire for power
  - ~ **to do sth** She felt an overwhelming desire to return home.
  - (formal) I have no desire (= I do not want) to discuss the matter further.
  - (formal) He has expressed a desire to see you.
2. **uncountable, countable** ~ (**for sb**) a strong wish to have sex with sb
  - She felt a surge of love and desire for him.
3. **countable, usually singular** a person or thing that is wished for
  - When she agreed to marry him he felt he had achieved **his heart's desire** .

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **desir** (noun), **desirer** (verb), from Latin **desiderare**, perhaps from **de-** 'down' + **sidus, sider-** 'star'.Thesaurus:**desire** **noun** **C, U** (especially written)

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**need** • • **urge** • • **temptation** • • **impulse** • • **inclination** • • **want** • • **ambition** • |especially written **wish** • • **compulsion** •  
|often disapproving **whim** •a/an desire/need/urge/inclination/wish **for sth**the desire/need/urge/temptation/impulse/inclination/ambition/wish/compulsion **to do sth****have** (a/an) desire/need/urge/temptation/impulse/inclination/wants/ambition/wish/compulsion**feel** a/an desire/need/urge/temptation/impulse/inclination/compulsion**Desire, wish or need?** These words all refer to sth you want. **Need** is the strongest and usually refers to sth you feel you must have. When used with adjectives such as **deep**, **great**, **urgent**, etc. **desire** expresses a stronger feeling than **wish**.Example Bank:

- He felt he was nothing more to her than an object of desire.
- He is filled with conflicting desires.
- He suppressed the desire to run from the room.
- His actions reflect his desire to fit in.
- His childhood had created a desire for stability in his life.
- Horses need to satisfy their desire for space and freedom.
- I suddenly felt an overwhelming desire to laugh
- Most children have an insatiable desire for knowledge.
- She confessed a secret desire to be famous.
- The chairman expressed his desire to expand the company.
- The human desire for answers is very great.

- The search for a better life is one of the most basic desires of human beings.
- There's a growing desire among consumers for more organic products.
- They were motivated by a deep desire for money and fame.
- This was all Liam needed to fuel his desire for revenge
- a long-lasting relationship based on our mutual desire for peace
- He now had enough money to satisfy all his desires.
- I have no desire to discuss the matter further.

Idiom: leave a lot/much/something to be desired

verb (not used in the progressive tenses)

**1. (formal) to want sth; to wish for sth**

- ~ **sth** We all desire health and happiness.
- The house had everything you could desire.
- The dessert can be topped with cream, **if desired** (= if you like) .
- The medicine did not achieve **the desired effect** .
- ~ **(sb/sth) to do sth** Fewer people desire to live in the north of the country.

**2. ~ sb to be sexually attracted to sb**

- He still desired her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	desire
	BrE /dɪˈzaɪə(r)/
	NAmE /dɪˈzaɪər/
he / she /it	desires
	BrE /dɪˈzaɪəz/
	NAmE /dɪˈzaɪərz/
past simple, past participle	desired
	BrE /dɪˈzaɪəd/
	NAmE /dɪˈzaɪərd/

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**want** • • **wish** • • **like** • |formal, especially spoken **would like sth** • |informal, especially spoken **feel like sth** • |BrE, informal, especially spoken **fancy** •

sb desires/wants/wishes/likes/would like **to do sth**

sb **really** desires/wants/wishes/would like/feels like/fancies sth

Example Bank:

- A home of her own was something she had always very much desired.
- Most countries sincerely desired peace.
- He still desired her, and she him.
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I. **de'saɪə** <sup>1</sup> **W2** /dɪˈzaɪə \$ -'zaɪr/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑desirability, ↑desire; adjective: ↑desirable ≠ ↑undesirable, ↑desired ≠ UNDESIRE; verb: ↑desire; adverb: ↑desirably]

**1. [uncountable and countable] a strong hope or wish**

**desire to do something**

" a strong desire to win

**desire for**

" a desire for knowledge

**desire that**

" It was Harold's desire that he should be buried next to his wife.

**express/show a desire**

" She expressed a desire to visit us.

**have no desire to do something** (=used to emphasize that you do not want to do something)

" I have no desire to cause any trouble.

**overwhelming/burning desire** (=very strong desire)

" Paul had a burning desire to visit India.

**2. [uncountable] formal a strong wish to have sex with someone:**

" female sexual desire

**desire for**

He tried to hide his desire for her.

⇒ your heart's desire at ↑heart(24)

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **great/strong** His one great desire in life was to own a Mercedes. | The desire was too strong to resist.
- **overwhelming** (=so strong that it takes control of you ) He felt an overwhelming desire for a cigarette.
- **deep/fierce** (=very great) The people of the village had a deep desire for revenge.
- **a genuine/real desire** All her life she had a genuine desire to help the poor.
- **a natural desire** Kids have a natural desire to find out about new things.
- **a burning desire** (=an extremely strong desire) She had a burning desire to pack her case and leave.
- **an insatiable desire** (=a desire that cannot be satisfied) She had an insatiable desire for publicity.

### ■ verbs

- **have a desire** Milly had a sudden strong desire to laugh.
- **express a desire** Many political leaders have expressed their desire for peace.
- **show a desire** (also **indicate a desire formal**) He had shown no desire to get involved in the project.
- **satisfy/fulfil a desire** Companies aim to satisfy people's desire for variety.

### ■ phrases

- **have no desire to do something** (=used to emphasize that you do not want to do something) It was raining outside and I had no desire to go out.
- **an object of desire** (=someone or something you want very much) The store provides cheese lovers with the object of their desire.

## II. **desire**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>±</sup> AmE<sup>±</sup> verb [transitive not in progressive]

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: desirer, from Latin desiderare, from sidus 'star' (perhaps from the idea of 'wishing on a star')]

### 1. **formal** to want something very much:

▪ The hotel has everything you could possibly desire.

#### **desire to do something**

▪ He desired to return to Mexico.

▪ Add lemon juice if desired.

## REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **want** rather than **desire**, although the meaning of **desire** is stronger than **want**:

▪ You can have anything you want.

▪ I wanted to meet her.

### 2. **literary** to want to have sex with someone

#### —**desired** adjective:

▪ His remarks had the desired effect.

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desired<sup>8309</sup>

desirability<sup>856</sup>

desirable<sup>4797</sup>

desires<sup>4129</sup>

desiring<sup>442</sup>

undesirable<sup>1362</sup>

desirous<sup>180</sup>

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