

**eager**[ˈiːgə] *a*

1. (for, after, about) страстно стремящийся (к чему-л.), жаждущий (чего-л.); нетерпеливый

he is eager to begin - ему не терпится начать

eager for fame - жаждущий славы

he is eager for knowledge - у него тяга к знаниям

he is very eager in his studies - он очень увлечён своими занятиями

I am not eager to defend them - я не стремлюсь /не рвусь/ их защищать

he is eager for you to come - он очень хочет, чтобы вы пришли

eager for revenge - жаждущий мщения

2. 1) *редк.* напряжённый

an eager look - ищущий взгляд

2) энергичный, острый

eager light - острая схватка

eager pursuit - энергичное преследование

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**eager** *BrE* [ˈiːgə] *AmE* [ˈiːgɛr] *adjective*

very interested and excited by sth that is going to happen or about sth that you want to do

**Syn:** ↑keen

• eager crowds outside the stadium

• ~ **for sth** She is eager for (= wants very much to get) her parents' approval• ~ **to do sth** Everyone in the class seemed eager to learn.• They're **eager to please** (= wanting to be helpful) .**Derived Words** ↑eagerly ▪ ↑eagerness**Word Origin:**Middle English (also in the sense 'pungent, sour'): from Old French **aigre** 'keen', from Latin **acer**, **acr-** 'sharp, pungent'.**Thesaurus:****eager** [**eager** **eagerly** **eagerness**] *adj.*

• Everyone seemed eager to learn.

**enthusiastic** • • **avid** • • **hungry** • • **anxious** • • **impatient** • |especially *BrE* **keen** • |informal **mad** • |formal **zealous** •**Opp:** **reluctant**eager/avid/hungry/anxious/impatient/keen/mad **for sth**eager/enthusiastic/anxious/impatient/keen **to do sth**eager/anxious/keen **that...****Eager or enthusiastic?** People are often **eager** about things that they want for themselves

• The low prices pulled in crowds of eager buyers.

They are often **enthusiastic** about other people and their ideas and achievements

• enthusiastic support/applause/praise

**Example Bank:**

• Muir's friends were especially eager for him to write the book.

• They were only too eager to help us.

• We were eager for news.

• Eager crowds waited outside the stadium.

• She is eager for her parents' approval

• They're eager to please.

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**eager** /ˈiːgə/ *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** aigre, from Latin acer 'sharp']

1. very keen and excited about something that is going to happen or about something you want to do

**eager to do something**

" I was eager to get back to work as soon as possible.

" He's a bright kid and eager to learn.

" She's a very hard worker and very **eager to please**.

" A crowd of eager young students were already waiting outside.

**eager for**

" fans eager for a glimpse of the singer

2. **eager beaver** *informal* someone who is too keen and works harder than they should**—eagerly** *adverb:*

" They're eagerly awaiting the big day.

**—eagerness** *noun* [uncountable]:" People were pushing each other out of the way **in their eagerness** to get to the front.

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**THESAURUS**• **enthusiastic** feeling or showing a lot of interest or excitement about something: He's really enthusiastic about his new job. | An

enthusiastic crowd cheered the team onto the pitch.

- **eager** wanting to do something or know about something very soon: He was eager to hear every detail of her day. | She was always eager for her turn on the catwalk. | The room was full of eager young faces. | We waited in eager anticipation.
- **keen** eager to work or learn: She hasn't much experience but she's very keen. | John was a keen student who worked very hard.
- **zealous** doing something in a very enthusiastic way, especially supporting something or making sure that people obey rules : She was a zealous supporter of the revolution. | The company has been extremely zealous in defending its interests. | Officials have been very zealous in the application of the new regulations.
- **avid** [only before noun] *written* used when you want to emphasize that someone does something a lot or is very interested in something: an avid golfer | She was an avid reader all her life. | I've become an avid collector of his work. | Henry is an avid fan of the sport. | As a schoolboy he had an avid interest in birds.
- **fervent** *written* believing or feeling something very strongly and sincerely: Galinsoga was one of Franco's most fervent supporters. | One of Allen 's fervent admirers was Richard Nixon. | her fervent belief in promoting the work of good women artists
- **be mad about something** *British English informal* to like something very much and be very interested in it: My sister's mad about horses. | Since you're so mad about clothes, you can help me choose a wedding dress.
- **can't wait to do something** to be very eager to do something: I can't wait to get started.
- **be looking forward to something** to feel pleased and excited because you know that something is going to happen soon: I'm looking forward to the vacation.

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