

ambition**1. [æm'biʃ(ə)n] n****1) честолюбие**

tremendous [satisfied] ambition - крайнее [удовлетворённое] честолюбие

youthful ambition - юношеское честолюбие

to stifle ambition - подавить честолюбивые замыслы

free from ambition - лишённый честолюбия

eaten up with ambition - снедаемый честолюбием

2) *обыкн. pl* честолюбивый замысел

political ambitions - политические амбиции / притязания

imperial ambitions - имперские амбиции

to achieve [to cherish] ambitions - осуществлять [лелеять] честолюбивые мечты

to attain ambitions - добиться осуществления честолюбивых замыслов

2. 1) стремление

lifelong ambition - стремление / мечта / всей жизни

sole ambition - единственное желание

absurd ambition - нелепое стремление

lofty ambitions - благородные стремления / желания

the ambition of commanding - желание командовать

ambition for smth. - стремление к чему-л.

ambition to do smth. [to be smb.] - стремление сделать что-л. [стать кем-л.]

2) цель; предмет, объект желаний; мечта

it is his ambition to become a writer - его мечта - стать писателем

success crowned his ambition - его мечта осуществилась, его стремления увенчались успехом

3. трудолюбие; активность; энергия; инициатива (в работе)

he felt sick and had no ambition - он чувствовал себя плохо, и ему ничего не хотелось делать

he has plenty of drive and ambition - он очень напорист и энергичен

2. [æm'biʃ(ə)n] v редк.

честолюбиво стремиться (к чему л.); домогаться (чего-л.)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

am·bi·tion [ambition ambitions] *BrE* [æm'biʃn] ^m *NAmE* [æm'biʃn] ^m **noun**

1. countable something that you want to do or achieve very much

• It had been her **lifelong ambition**.

• **political/literary/sporting ambitions**

• ~ **of being/doing sth** She never **achieved her ambition** of becoming a famous writer.

• ~ **to be/do sth** His burning ambition was to study medicine.

2. uncountable the desire or determination to be successful, rich, powerful, etc

• motivated by personal ambition

• She was intelligent but suffered from a lack of ambition.

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin **ambitio(n-)**, from **ambire** 'go around (canvassing for votes)'.

Thesaurus:

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1. C

• Her ambition is to become a writer.

dream • • **aspiration** • • **hope** • |especially written **desire** • • **wish** •

aspirations/hopes/a desire/a wish **for sth**

an ambition/aspirations/the desire/the wish **to do sth**

have (a/an) ambition/dream/aspirations/hopes/desire/wish

Ambition or aspiration? **Aspirations** are more general than **ambitions**. An **ambition** is often connected with success in your career.

2. U

• a man of driving ambition

ambition • • **drive** •

the ambition/drive **to do/be sth**

personal ambition/drive

have/lack ambition/drive

Example Bank:

• At last he had realized his life's ambition.

• He felt great resentment at having his ambition frustrated.

• He had only one ambition in life.

• He has no ambition.

• He's got little ambition.

• Her biggest ambition was to climb Everest.

• She's a woman of driving ambition.

- This is a tale of jealousy and thwarted ambitions.
- the company's global ambitions
- He was a young man with the ambition to succeed in his chosen career.
- His friends would never describe him as a man of great ambition.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ambition W3 /æm'biʃən/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: ambitio, from ambire; ⇒ ↑ambient]

1. [countable] a strong desire to achieve something

an ambition to do something

" She had always had an ambition to be a pilot.

sb's ambitions of doing something

" An injury ended his ambitions of becoming a professional footballer.

2. [uncountable] determination to be successful, rich, powerful etc:

" He was young and full of ambition.

3. **have no ambition to do something** used when saying that you definitely do not want to do something:

" I have no ambition to go back there again.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ verbs

- **sb's ambition is to be/do something** My ambition was to be a journalist.
- **have an ambition** He had an ambition to be a top cello player.
- **achieve/fulfil/realize your ambition** (=do what you wanted to do) It took her ten years to achieve her ambition. | He was prepared to go to any lengths to fulfil his ambition. | I want to thank all those who made it possible for me to realize a lifetime's ambition.
- **lack ambition/have no ambition** Many of the students lack ambition.
- **nurse/harbour/cherish an ambition** (=have it for a long time, especially secretly) He had nursed an ambition to become a writer for many years.
- **frustrate/thwart sb's ambitions** *formal* (=prevent someone from achieving them) The weather threatened to frustrate their ambitions. | Her lifelong ambitions had been thwarted again and again.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + ambition

- **sb's main ambition** What's your main ambition in life?
- **sb's great ambition** He didn't achieve his greatest ambition – to be Wimbledon Champion.
- **a lifelong/long-held ambition** (=one that you have had all your life) It's been her lifelong ambition to work with horses.
- **a personal ambition** Crossing the Sahara was a personal ambition of mine.
- **a secret ambition** His secret ambition was to become a pilot.
- **a burning/driving ambition** (=a very strong ambition) She had a burning ambition to become a racing car driver.
- **career ambitions** The course is designed to help you achieve your career ambitions.
- **political/presidential ambitions** His political ambitions were put on hold while he waited for a suitable opportunity.

■ phrases

- **sb's dreams and ambitions** He told her all about his dreams and ambitions.
- **sb's lack of ambition** I was frustrated by their apparent lack of ambition.
- **be full of ambition** She was full of ambition when she joined the company.

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