ravenous Apresyan (En-Ru) ['ræv(ə)nəs] a

- 1. разг. голодный как волк
- I am ravenous я умираю с голоду, я голоден как волк
- 2. прожорливый; жадный, алчный; ненасытный
- ravenous appetite волчий аппетит
- 3. (for) жадный (*на что-л.*); алчущий, жаждущий (*чего-л.*)
 - ravenous for praise [for fame] жаждущий похвалы [славы]
- 4. хищный; грабительский

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rav·en·ous BrE [ˈrævənəs] ** NAmE [ˈrævənəs] ** adjective
1. (of a person or an animal) extremely hungry

Syn: †starving

- · What's for lunch? I'm absolutely ravenous
- 2. only before noun (of hunger) very great
- a ravenous appetite

Derived Word fravenously

Word Origin:

[ravenous ravenously] late Middle English: from Old French ravineus, from raviner 'to ravage', based on Latin rapina 'pillage'.

Example Bank:

- · I'm absolutely ravenous
- · Go back in your imagination to the days when huge, ravenous beasts ruled the planet.
- · He has a ravenous appetite.
- · What's for lunch? I'm absolutely ravenous

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rav e nous /'rævenes/ BrE * AmE * adjective

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: ravineux, from Latin rapere; ⇒ ↑rape¹]

very hungry ⇒ **starving**:

- " I'm absolutely ravenous.
- a ravenous appetite

—ravenously adverb:

I was ravenously hungry.

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wanting to eat

- hungry wanting to eat something: We were really hungry after our long walk. | It's hard work cooking for a bunch of hungry kids.
- peckish [not before noun] British English informal a little hungry: I'm feeling a bit peckish. What's in the fridge?
- starving/ravenous /'rævenes/ (also starved American English) [not before noun] spoken very hungry and wanting to eat as soon as possible: I missed lunch and I'm absolutely starving. | Sam's always ravenous when he gets home from school.
- famished very hungry. Famished is less common and sounds a little more formal than starving or ravenous: Everyone was famished by the time they arrived.
- I could eat a horse! spoken used to say that you are very hungry: 'Are you hungry?' 'Yeah, I could eat a horse.'
- appetite the desire for food that you have when you are hungry: Exercise usually gives me an appetite. | It's healthy to have a good appetite.

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