

**seek** [si:k] *v* (*sought*)

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**1. (часто for, after) искать, разыскивать; пытаться найти**

to seek (for) employment - искать работу

to seek an explanation of smb.'s conduct - искать объяснение чьим-л. поступкам /чьему-л. поведению/

to seek game - искать дичь (*о собаке*)

to seek safety in flight - искать спасения в бегстве, спастись бегством

to seek shelter - а) искать убежище; to seek shelter from rain - искать укрытие от дождя; б) находить убежище

to go and seek smb. - отправляться на поиски кого-л.

they sought through the house - они обыскали (весь) дом

she seeks a situation /a place/ as cook - она ищет место кухарки

what are you seeking for? - что вы ищете?

the cause is to be sought in his weakness - причину следует искать /причина кроется/ в его слабости

the reason is not far to seek - причина ясна, за объяснением далеко ходить не надо

you will not have far to seek - вам не придётся долго искать

an efficient secretary is yet to seek - хорошего секретаря нелегко найти, квалифицированный секретарь - большая редкость

talks have brought the results (for) which we were all seeking - переговоры привели к желаемым результатам

**2. добиваться**

to seek smb.'s approval [smb.'s help /smb.'s aid/] - добиваться чьего-л. одобрения [чьей-л. помощи]

to seek wealth [power, fame, an outlet for one's energies] - добиваться /искать, жаждать/ богатства [власти, славы, простора для приложения своих сил]

to seek one's fortune - искать счастья

to seek satisfaction from smb. - требовать у кого-л. удовлетворения

to seek for sleep is only to drive it away - стараться уснуть - это только разгонять сон

he is going to seek his fortune in London - он отправляется попытать счастья в Лондоне

they sought each other's company - они стремятся быть вместе

a prize much sought after by the contestants - приз, которого упорно добиваются участники соревнования

seek and ye shall find - *библ.* ищите и обрящете**3. просить (чего-л.), обращаться (за чем-л.)**

to seek information [assistance, guidance] (from smb.) - обращаться за сведениями [помощью, руководством] (к кому-л.)

to seek advice - просить совета, обращаться за советом

he came seeking advice - он пришёл за советом

I shall seek my doctor's advice - я посоветуюсь с доктором

they sought of him a sign - *узм.* его просили подать знак**4. *узм.* посещать**

to seek a saint - посещать храм какого-л. святого

**5. *узм.* прибегать (к чему-л.), искать спасения (в чём-л.)**

II Б

to seek to do smth. пытаться/стараться/ что-л. сделать; стремиться к чему-л.

to seek to make peace - стремиться к заключению мира

to seek to kill smb. - покушаться на кого-л.

they sought to climb Mount Everest - им хотелось подняться на Эверест

he sought to grasp the drowning man on - сделал попытку схватить утопающего

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to seek one's bed - лечь спать

to seek smb.'s life - посягать на чью-л. жизнь

to seek the shore - а) пытаться пристать к берегу; б) достичь цели, пристать к берегу

to be (much) to seek - отсутствовать, быть редкостью

politeness is much to seek among them - они не отличаются вежливостью

to be much sought after - а) иметь большой спрос, быть нарасхват; б) пользоваться популярностью

he is much sought after - он пользуется всеобщей любовью, все ищут его общества

to be sought for in marriage - получить предложение

she was sought for in marriage by many young men - многие молодые люди делали ей предложение

seek dead! - *оном.* ищи!**seek**

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**seek** *AW* [seek seeks sought seeking] *BrE* [si:k] *NAmE* [si:k] *verb***(sought, sought** *BrE* [sɔ:t] *NAmE* [sɔ:t]) (formal)**1. transitive, intransitive** to look for sth/sb• ~ **sth/sb** Drivers are advised to seek alternative routes.• ~ **for sth/sb** (BrE) They sought in vain for somewhere to shelter.**2. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to try to obtain or achieve sth

• to seek funding for a project

• Highly qualified secretary seeks employment. (= in an advertisement)

• He intends to seek custody of the children.

• We are currently seeking new ways of expanding our membership.

**3. transitive** to ask sb for sth• ~ **sth** I think it's time we sought legal advice.

• ~ **sth from sb** She managed to calm him down and seek help from a neighbour.

4. **intransitive** ~ **to do sth** to try to do sth

**Syn:** †attempt

• They quickly sought to distance themselves from the protesters.

5. **-seeking** (in adjectives and nouns) looking for or trying to get the thing mentioned; the activity of doing this

• attention-seeking behaviour

• Voluntary work can provide a framework for job-seeking.

**see also** †heat-seeking, †self-seeking

**see also** †hide-and-peek

**Idiom:** †seek your fortune

**Derived** †seek somebody out

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	seek
	BrE /sɪːk/
	NAmE /sɪk/
he / she / it	seeks
	BrE /sɪːks/
	NAmE /sɪks/
past simple, past participle	sought
	BrE /sɔːt/
	NAmE /sɔːt/
-ing form	seeking
	BrE /ˈsiːkɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈsiːkɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**

Old English *sēcan*, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *zielen* and German *suchen*, from an Indo-European root shared by Latin *sagire* 'perceive by scent'.

**Thesaurus:**

**seek** verb

1. T, I (formal)

• Police are seeking witnesses.

**look** • **search** • **hunt** • |written cast around/about for sth •

seek/look/search/hunt for sth

seek/look for/search for/cast around for a/an **alternative** /way

**police/detectives** seek/look for/search for/hunt sb/sth

2. T, I (formal)

• She is seeking work in the charity sector.

**go after sth** • |formal pursue •

seek/go after a **job**

**actively/successfully** seek/pursue sth

be **currently** seeking/pursuing sth

3. T (formal)

• She sought help from a neighbour.

**ask** • **appeal** • **apply** • **claim** • **demand** • |formal request • |especially journalism call for sth •

seek/ask for/appeal for/claim/request/call for sth **from sb**

**formally** seek/ask for/apply for/claim/request/call for sth

**Example Bank:**

• He was desperately seeking a way to see her again.

• Jobs in Paris are highly sought after.

• The developer is currently seeking funding for the project.

• They initially sought to blame others for the disaster.

• We sought in vain for a solution.

• We're seeking for alternative materials which might bring the cost down.

• people who are unemployed and actively seeking work

• the answers she sought in those books

• Employers are seeking further clarification of the proposals.

• He admired her ability to seek out bargains.

• He encouraged governments to adopt a more forceful approach in seeking to improve the environment

• I advise you to seek assistance from the police.

• I think you should seek guidance from your lawyer on this matter.

• It is best to seek a compromise rather than a perfect solution.

• Lawyers are seeking an out-of-court settlement.

• Police are seeking witnesses to the accident.

• She fled the country and is now seeking asylum in Sweden.

• The police are seeking independent confirmation of certain details of the story.

• The research project will seek to find an answer to this question.

- The state has actively sought to develop tourism.
- They are now seeking endorsement for their ideas.
- They sought comfort in each other.
- They sought refuge in the mountain villages.
- To receive the benefit, you have to be actively seeking work.

## seek

**seek** **S2 W1 AC** /si:k BrE " AmE " verb (past tense and past participle **sought** /sɔ:t\$

spɔ:t) [transitive]

[Word Family: verb ↑seek; noun: ↑seeker]

[Language: Old English; Origin: secan]

1. **formal** to try to achieve or get something:

" Do you think the President will **seek** re-election?

**seek refuge/asylum/shelter etc**

" Thousands of people crossed the border, seeking refuge from the war.

**seek revenge/damages/compensation etc**

" He sought revenge against Surkov for separating him from his wife and son.

**seek to do something**

" Local schools are seeking to reduce the dropout rate.

**attention-seeking/publicity-seeking**

2. **seek (sb's) advice/help/assistance etc formal** to ask someone for advice or help:

" If the symptoms persist, seek medical advice.

3. **written** to look for someone or something **SYN look for**:

" new graduates seeking employment

" Attractive woman, 27, seeks male, 25-35, for fun and friendship.

### REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that they are **looking for** someone or something rather than **seeking** someone or something:

▪ What kind of job are you **looking for**?

4. **seek your fortune literary** to go to another place hoping to gain success and wealth:

" Coles came to the Yukon in the 1970s to seek his fortune.

5. to move naturally towards something or into a particular position:

" Water seeks its own level.

⇒ ↑heat-seeking, ↑hide-and-seek, ↑self-seeking, ↑sought-after

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### COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

#### nouns

- **seek help** He sought help from the police.
- **seek advice/information** If in any doubt, seek the advice of a senior officer.
- **seek support/approval** He said he would seek shareholder support for the proposal.
- **seek permission** They are seeking permission to build 200 new houses.
- **seek refuge/asylum/shelter (=try to find somewhere safe)** They sought refuge inside the castle.
- **seek election/re-election (=try to be elected or re-elected)** He hasn't decided whether to seek re-election.
- **seek compensation/damages (=ask for money because of something bad you have suffered)** The other two may seek compensation for wrongful imprisonment.
- **seek revenge** Dafoe plays a computer mastermind who seeks revenge on his former employer.

#### adverbs

- **actively** The university is actively seeking new funds.
- **desperately** They ran in all directions, desperately seeking escape.

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### THESAURUS

- **search** to look carefully for someone or something: Detectives continue to search for clues. | She searched through all his clothes.
- **look for somebody/something** to try to get someone or something you want or need: I'm looking for something to wear for my sister's wedding. | The band is looking for a singer. | He's decided to look for a new career.
- **try to find somebody/something** used especially when someone or something is difficult to find: I spent half an hour trying to find a parking space. | She was in the kitchen, trying to find something to eat that wasn't raw carrot.
- **seek formal** to try to find something or someone. Used especially about jobs, help, or information. Also used in newspaper advertisements when trying to find a suitable person: They went there seeking work. | She decided to seek help. | Tall blond 18-year-old male seeks female 17+ for friendship.
- **hunt** to look for someone or something. Used when you look very carefully and thoroughly, or in the phrase **house/job/bargain hunting**: I've hunted everywhere, but I can't find a recipe for French onion soup. | She's gone out bargain-hunting in the sales.
- **be on the lookout for somebody/something** to be continuously looking for someone or something: I'm always on the lookout for a good bargain.
- **leave no stone unturned** to look for someone or something in every possible place: The police say they will leave no stone unturned in their search for the killer.

**seek somebody/something ↔ out phrasal verb**

to try to find someone or something, especially when this is difficult:

" Our mission is to seek out the enemy and destroy them.

# seek

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RANGE: **2k** **SEEK** 63369

seek 19615

seeking 18909

seeks 5805

sought 17313

unsought 43

seeker 506

seekers 1178

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