

# Episode One Hundred Thirty Eight - Letter to Menoecus 5 - Pleasure Part One

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Maybe we ought to be considering the dictionary definitions of "desire" today, and also follow Don's lead and take a position on what we think the word meant exactly to Epicurus. Otherwise we are likely to never gain much clarity.

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/desire>

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## desire

**verb** [ T not continuous ] • formal

us  /dɪˈzaɪr/ UK  /dɪˈzaɪə/

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**desire verb** [ T not continuous ] (WANT)

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**C1**

**to want something, especially strongly:**

- *I desire only to be left in peace.*
- *The hotel had everything you could possibly desire.*
- *What does her Ladyship desire me **to** do/desire **of** me?*
- [ + to infinitive ] *The president desires **to** meet the new prime minister.*