

Definition of 'acquire'

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(əkwaɪər ⓘ)

Word forms: **acquires** 3rd person singular present tense, **acquiring** present participle, **acquired** past tense past participle

1. TRANSITIVE VERB

If you **acquire** something, you buy or obtain it for yourself, or someone gives it to you.

[*formal*]

General Motors acquired a 50% stake in Saab for about \$400m.

2. TRANSITIVE VERB

If you **acquire** something such as a skill or a habit, you learn it, or develop it through your daily life or experience.

I've never acquired a taste for wine.

Synonyms: learn, pick up, master, grasp More Synonyms of acquire

3. TRANSITIVE VERB

If someone or something **acquires** a certain reputation, they start to have that reputation.

During her film career, she acquired a reputation as a strong-willed, outspoken woman.

More Synonyms of acquire

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