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1.

a. An eager or strong desire to achieve something, such as fame or power.

b. The object or goal desired: *Her ambition is the presidency.*

2. Desire for exertion or activity; energy: *had no ambition to go dancing.*

[Middle English *ambicioun*, excessive desire for honor, power, or wealth, from Old French *ambition*, from Latin *ambitiō*, *ambitiōn-*, from *ambitus*, past participle of *ambīre*, to go around (for votes); see [AMBIENT](#).]

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