

Positive verbs that start with Y

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Yearn v.

To feel a strong and sincere desire for something valued.

Many young readers yearn to see their own lives represented in books.

Yield v.

To produce a useful result, harvest, or return.

The careful interviews yielded several practical improvements.

Yodel v.

To sing by rapidly changing between a natural and a high voice.

The folk singer began to yodel, and the audience joined in.

Youthen v.

To make or become more youthful in character.

Daily walks seemed to youthen his outlook and energy.