

Need another word that means the same as “beam”? Find 79 synonyms and 30 related words for “beam” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Beam” are: electron beam, ray, beam of light, irradiation, light beam, ray of light, shaft, shaft of light, radio beam, balance beam, joist, purlin, girder, spar, support, strut, stay, brace, scantling, batten, transom, lintel, stringer, balk, board, timber, plank, lath, rafter, wideness, breadth, broadness, thickness, spread, span, diameter, girth, stream, streak, pencil, finger, warning fire, warning light, signal fire, signal light, bonfire, smoke signal, signal, danger signal, grin, smile, shine, glow, radiate, air, broadcast, send, transmit, relay, put out, send out, disseminate, glare, glitter, gleam, shimmer, glimmer, twinkle, flash, flare, grinning, cheery, dimple, grin like a cheshire cat, smirk, laugh**

## Beam as a Noun

### Definitions of "Beam" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “beam” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Long thick piece of wood or metal or concrete, etc., used in construction.*
- *A column of light (as from a beacon).*
- *The crossbar of a balance.*
- *Breadth amidships.*
- *A narrow, raised horizontal piece of squared timber on which a gymnast balances*

*while performing exercises.*

- *The width of a person's hips.*
- *The shank of an anchor.*
- *A horizontal piece of squared timber or metal supporting the deck and joining the sides of a ship.*
- *The main timber of a horse-drawn plough.*
- *The direction of an object visible from the port or starboard side of a ship when it is perpendicular to the centre line of the vessel.*
- *A group of nearly parallel lines of electromagnetic radiation.*
- *The broad side of a ship.*
- *(nautical) breadth amidships.*
- *A ray or shaft of light.*
- *A signal transmitted along a narrow path; guides airplane pilots in darkness or bad weather.*
- *An oscillating shaft which transmits the vertical piston movement of a beam engine to the crank or pump.*
- *A radiant or good-natured look or smile.*
- *A series of radio or radar signals emitted as a navigational guide for ships or aircraft.*
- *A ship's breadth at its widest point.*
- *A long, sturdy piece of squared timber or metal used to support the roof or floor of a building.*
- *A gymnastic apparatus used by women gymnasts.*
- *A directional flow of particles or radiation.*
- *The main stem of a stag's antler.*



## Synonyms of "Beam" as a noun (51 Words)

- balance beam** Something left after other parts have been taken away.
- balk** The area on a billiard table behind the balkline.  
A **balk** of timber.
- batten** A strip fixed to something to hold it firm.
- beam of light** Breadth amidships.
- board** A flat portable surface usually rectangular designed for board games.  
He nailed **boards** across the windows.
- bonfire** A large outdoor fire that is lighted as a signal or in celebration.  
Yet again events had made a **bonfire** of her plans.
- brace** A pair of something, typically of birds or mammals killed in hunting.  
A neck **brace**.
- breadth** The extent of something from side to side.  
The minister is not noted for his **breadth** of vision.

<b>broadness</b>	The property of being wide; having great width.
<b>danger signal</b>	A cause of pain or injury or loss.
<b>diameter</b>	The length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference.
<b>electron beam</b>	An elementary particle with negative charge.
<b>finger</b>	A part of a glove intended to cover a finger. <i>Two <b>finger</b>s of brandy.</i>
<b>girder</b>	A large iron or steel beam or compound structure used for building bridges and the framework of large buildings. <i>The tower is made of steel <b>girders</b> criss crossed to make it stronger.</i>
<b>girth</b>	A person's waist or stomach, especially when large. <i>Idle men of great <b>girth</b>.</i>
<b>grin</b>	A broad smile. <i>A silly <b>grin</b>.</i>
<b>irradiation</b>	The apparent enlargement of a bright object when viewed against a dark background. <i>Ultraviolet <b>irradiation</b>.</i>
<b>joist</b>	Beam used to support floors or roofs.
<b>lath</b>	Laths collectively as a building material. <i>A <b>lath</b> and plaster wall.</i>
<b>light beam</b>	Mental understanding as an enlightening experience.
<b>lintel</b>	A horizontal support of timber, stone, concrete, or steel across the top of a door or window.
<b>pencil</b>	Something with the shape of a pencil. <i>A <b>pencil</b> torch.</i>
<b>plank</b>	A stupid person. <i>The session usually include a lot of core work lunges <b>planks</b> and squats.</i>
<b>purlin</b>	A horizontal beam along the length of a roof, resting on principals and supporting the common rafters or boards.
<b>radio beam</b>	An electronic receiver that detects and demodulates and amplifies transmitted signals.
<b>rafter</b>	One of several parallel sloping beams that support a roof. <i>A vaulted hall with exposed <b>rafters</b>.</i>
<b>ray</b>	Each of the lines in which light (and heat) may seem to stream from the sun or any luminous body, or pass through a small opening. <i>A <b>ray</b> of sunlight came through the window.</i>
<b>ray of light</b>	Any of the stiff bony spines in the fin of a fish.

<b>scantling</b>	A specimen, sample, or small amount of something.
<b>shaft</b>	A long vertical passage sunk into the earth, as for a mine or tunnel. <i>He directs his <b>shafts</b> against her.</i>
<b>shaft of light</b>	A column of light (as from a beacon).
<b>signal</b>	A prearranged convention of bidding or play intended to convey information to one's partner. <i>He awaited the <b>signal</b> to start.</i>
<b>signal fire</b>	Any incitement to action.
<b>signal light</b>	Any nonverbal action or gesture that encodes a message.
<b>smile</b>	A facial expression characterized by turning up the corners of the mouth; usually shows pleasure or amusement. <i>She greeted us all with a <b>smile</b>.</i>
<b>smoke signal</b>	A pitch thrown with maximum velocity.
<b><u>span</u></b>	The wingspan of an aircraft or a bird. <i>The job was finished in the <b>span</b> of an hour.</i>
<b>spar</b>	Any of various nonmetallic minerals calcite or feldspar that are light in color and transparent or translucent and cleavable.
<b>spread</b>	A bedspread. <i>The male s antlers can attain a <b>spread</b> of six feet.</i>
<b>stay</b>	A period of staying somewhere in particular of living somewhere temporarily as a visitor or guest. <i>A lengthy hospital <b>stay</b>.</i>
<b><u>streak</u></b>	An element of a specified kind in someone's character. <i>There s a <b>streak</b> of insanity in the family.</i>
<b><u>stream</u></b>	The act of flowing or streaming continuous progression. <i>The hose ejected a <b>stream</b> of water.</i>
<b>stringer</b>	A longitudinal structural piece in a framework, especially that of a ship or aircraft. <i>A second <b>stringer</b>.</i>
<b>strut</b>	A stiff, erect, and apparently arrogant or conceited gait. <i>A supporting <b>strut</b>.</i>
<b>support</b>	Supporting structure that holds up or provides a foundation. <i>A <b>support</b> band.</i>
<b>thickness</b>	The state or quality of being thick. <i>Paving slabs can be obtained in varying <b>thicknesses</b>.</i>
<b>timber</b>	A post made of wood. <i>Contracts to cut <b>timber</b>.</i>

<b>transom</b>	A horizontal beam reinforcing the stern of a boat.
<b>warning fire</b>	A message informing of danger.
<b>warning light</b>	A message informing of danger.
<b>wideness</b>	Unusual largeness in size or extent or number.



## Usage Examples of "Beam" as a noun

- *The watertight skin and deck were put on over this framework of ribs and beams.*
- *A cutter with a beam of 16 feet.*
- *The detector simply pinpoints the radar beams that other ships transmit.*
- *The cottage boasts a wealth of exposed beams.*
- *There are very fine oak beams in the oldest part of the house.*
- *The torch beam dimmed perceptibly.*
- *Notice how broad in the beam she's getting?*
- *They sighted land on the port beam.*

- *A compulsory set of exercises on floor, vault, bars, and beam.*
- *There was land in sight on the port beam.*
- *A beam of satisfaction.*
- *Beams of electrons.*
- *A beam of light flashed in front of her.*
- *The wide beams sprouted ten main tines.*



## Beam as a Verb

### Definitions of "Beam" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "beam" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Have a complexion with a strong bright color, such as red or pink.*
- *Express (an emotion) with a radiant smile.*

- *Smile radiantly; express joy through one's facial expression.*
- *Express with a beaming face or smile.*
- *Emit light; be bright, as of the sun or a light.*
- *Experience a feeling of well-being or happiness, as from good health or an intense emotion.*
- *Transmit (a radio signal or broadcast) in a specified direction.*
- *Smile radiantly.*
- *(of a light or light source) shine brightly.*
- *Broadcast over the airwaves, as in radio or television.*
- *(in science fiction) transport someone instantaneously to or from a spaceship.*



## Synonyms of "Beam" as a verb (28 Words)

**air**

Expose a room to the open air in order to ventilate it.  
*He took the opportunity of **airing** his knowledge of antiquity.*



<b>broadcast</b>	Broadcast over the airwaves as in radio or television. <i><b>Broadcast</b> the news.</i>
<b>cheery</b>	Give encouragement to.
<b>dimple</b>	Produce a dimple or dimples in the surface of. <i>The child <b>dimpled</b> up to the adults.</i>
<u><a href="#">disseminate</a></u>	Spread (something, especially information) widely. <i>There is a subset of these low grade tumours that can <b>disseminate</b> and migrate.</i>
<u><a href="#">flare</a></u>	Become flared and widen usually at one end. <i>The night sky <b>flared</b> with the massive bombardment.</i>
<b>flash</b>	(of a man) show one's genitals briefly in public. <i>The election results <b>flashed</b> on the screen.</i>
<u><a href="#">glare</a></u>	Express (a feeling) by staring fiercely. <i>The moon <b>glared</b> back at itself from the lake s surface.</i>
<u><a href="#">gleam</a></u>	Appear briefly. <i>Affection <b>gleamed</b> in her large green eyes.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	Shine faintly with a wavering light. <i>The moonlight <b>glimmered</b> on the lawn.</i>
<u><a href="#">glitter</a></u>	Shine with a bright, shimmering reflected light. <i>The grass <b>glittered</b> with dew.</i>
<b>glow</b>	Emit a steady even light without flames. <i>He was <b>glowing</b> with health.</i>
<u><a href="#">grin</a></u>	Express with a broad smile. <i>Dennis appeared <b>grinning</b> cheerfully.</i>
<b>grin like a cheshire cat</b>	To draw back the lips and reveal the teeth, in a smile, grimace, or snarl.
<b>grinning</b>	To draw back the lips and reveal the teeth, in a smile, grimace, or snarl.
<b>laugh</b>	Produce laughter. <i>He <b>laughed</b> off suggestions that the company was in trouble.</i>
<b>put out</b>	Attribute or give.
<u><a href="#">radiate</a></u>	(of a person) clearly emanate (a strong feeling or quality) through their expression or bearing. <i>The sun <b>radiates</b> heat.</i>
<u><a href="#">relay</a></u>	Control or operate by relay. <i>Please <b>relay</b> the news to the villagers.</i>

<b>send</b>	Send a message or letter. <i><b>Send</b> me your latest results.</i>
<b>send out</b>	Cause to be directed or transmitted to another place.
<b><u>shimmer</u></b>	Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk. <i>The sea <b>shimmered</b> in the sunlight.</i>
<b>shine</b>	Make a surface shine. <i>His talent <b>shines</b>.</i>
<b>smile</b>	Express with a smile. <i>He <b>smiled</b> his admiration of the great stone circle.</i>
<b><u>smirk</u></b>	Smile in an irritatingly smug, conceited, or silly way. <i>He <b>smirked</b> in triumph.</i>
<b><u>streak</u></b>	Cover a surface with streaks. <i>Swabs were <b>streaked</b> directly on blood agar plates.</i>
<b><u>transmit</u></b>	Transmit or serve as the medium for transmission. <i>The programme was <b>transmitted</b> on 7 October.</i>
<b><u>twinkle</u></b>	(of a person's eyes) sparkle, especially with amusement. <i>His sandalled feet <b>twinkled</b> over the ground.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Beam" as a verb

- *He beamed his approval.*
- *She beamed with pleasure.*
- *Mission controller, beam me up!*
- *The satellite beamed back radio signals to scientists on Earth.*
- *The sun's rays beamed down.*
- *The fire beamed on their faces.*
- *The instructress beamed her approval.*
- *She was beaming with joy.*



## Associations of "Beam" (30 Words)

**bright**

Brightly.  
The **bright** pageantry of court.

<b>brilliantly</b>	With brightness. <i>This fight was <b>brilliantly</b> choreographed.</i>
<b>flash</b>	A newsflash. <i>She glared at him her eyes <b>flashing</b>.</i>
<b>flicker</b>	North American woodpecker. <i>Her eyelids <b>flickered</b>.</i>
<b>gleam</b>	Be shiny, as if wet. <i>She saw a <b>gleam</b> of triumph in his eyes.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	Shine faintly with a wavering light. <i>He saw a faint <b>glimmer</b> of light from her window.</i>
<b>glint</b>	An expression of an emotion in a person's eyes. <i>Her glasses <b>glinted</b> in the firelight.</i>
<b>glisten</b>	(of something wet or greasy) shine with a sparkling light. <i>His cheeks <b>glistened</b> with tears.</i>
<b>glitter</b>	Shine with a bright, shimmering reflected light. <i>The blue <b>glitter</b> of the sea.</i>
<b>glow</b>	Light from nonthermal sources. <i>The setting sun cast a deep red <b>glow</b> over the city.</i>
<b>illuminate</b>	Decorate (a page or letter in a manuscript) by hand with gold, silver, or coloured designs. <i>His face was <b>illuminated</b> by a smile.</i>
<b>illumination</b>	A condition of spiritual awareness divine illumination. <i>Higher levels of <b>illumination</b> are needed for reading.</i>
<b>illumine</b>	Enlighten (someone) spiritually or intellectually. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was <b>illuminated</b>.</i>
<b>infrared</b>	Of equipment or techniques using or concerned with infrared radiation. <i><b>Infrared</b> cameras.</i>
<b>irradiate</b>	Expose (someone or something) to radiation. <i><b>Irradiate</b> food.</i>
<b>light</b>	Having a considerable or sufficient amount of natural light not dark. <i>They saw the <b>light</b> of the beacon.</i>
<b>lighten</b>	Make more cheerful. <i>Try to <b>lighten</b> up and think positive.</i>
<b>lucent</b>	Softly bright or radiant. <i>The moon was <b>lucent</b> in the background.</i>

<b>phosphorescent</b>	Emitting light without appreciable heat as by slow oxidation of phosphorous. <i>The <b>phosphorescent</b> glow of decaying wood.</i>
<b>radiant</b>	A radiant point. <i>I sat down by my hissing gas fire one of the <b>radiants</b> was missing.</i>
<b>radiation</b>	Syndrom resulting from exposure to ionizing radiation e g exposure to radioactive chemicals or to nuclear explosions low doses cause diarrhea and nausea and vomiting and sometimes loss of hair greater exposure can cause sterility and cataracts and some forms of cancer and other diseases severe exposure can cause death within hours. <i>The <b>radiation</b> dose.</i>
<b>ray</b>	Emit as rays. <i>That tower <b>rays</b> a laser beam for miles across the sky.</i>
<b>shimmer</b>	Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk. <i>The <b>shimmer</b> of colors on iridescent feathers.</i>
<b>shine</b>	Make a surface shine. <i>My hair has lost its <b>shine</b>.</i>
<b>spark</b>	Emit or produce sparks. <i>The explosion <b>sparked</b> a fire.</i>
<b>sparkle</b>	Vivacity and wit. <i>There was a <b>sparkle</b> in his eyes.</i>
<b>spectroscopy</b>	The use of spectroscopes to analyze spectra.
<b>sunlight</b>	Light from the sun. <i>A shaft of <b>sunlight</b>.</i>
<b>twinkle</b>	(of a person's eyes) sparkle, especially with amusement. <i>The lights <b>twinkled</b> in the distance.</i>
<b>ultraviolet</b>	The ultraviolet part of the spectrum ultraviolet radiation. <i>An <b>ultraviolet</b> lamp.</i>

