

Need another word that means the same as “blur”? Find 35 synonyms and 30 related words for “blur” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Blur” are: smear, smudge, smutch, blear, film over, glaze over, confuse, obnubilate, obscure, dim, slur, faint, make indistinct, make vague, unfocus, soften, make unclear, make less distinct, become dim, become less sharp, dull, numb, deaden, lessen, decrease, diminish, reduce, mute, tone down, fuzz, haze, cloud, mist

Blur as a Noun

Definitions of "Blur" as a noun

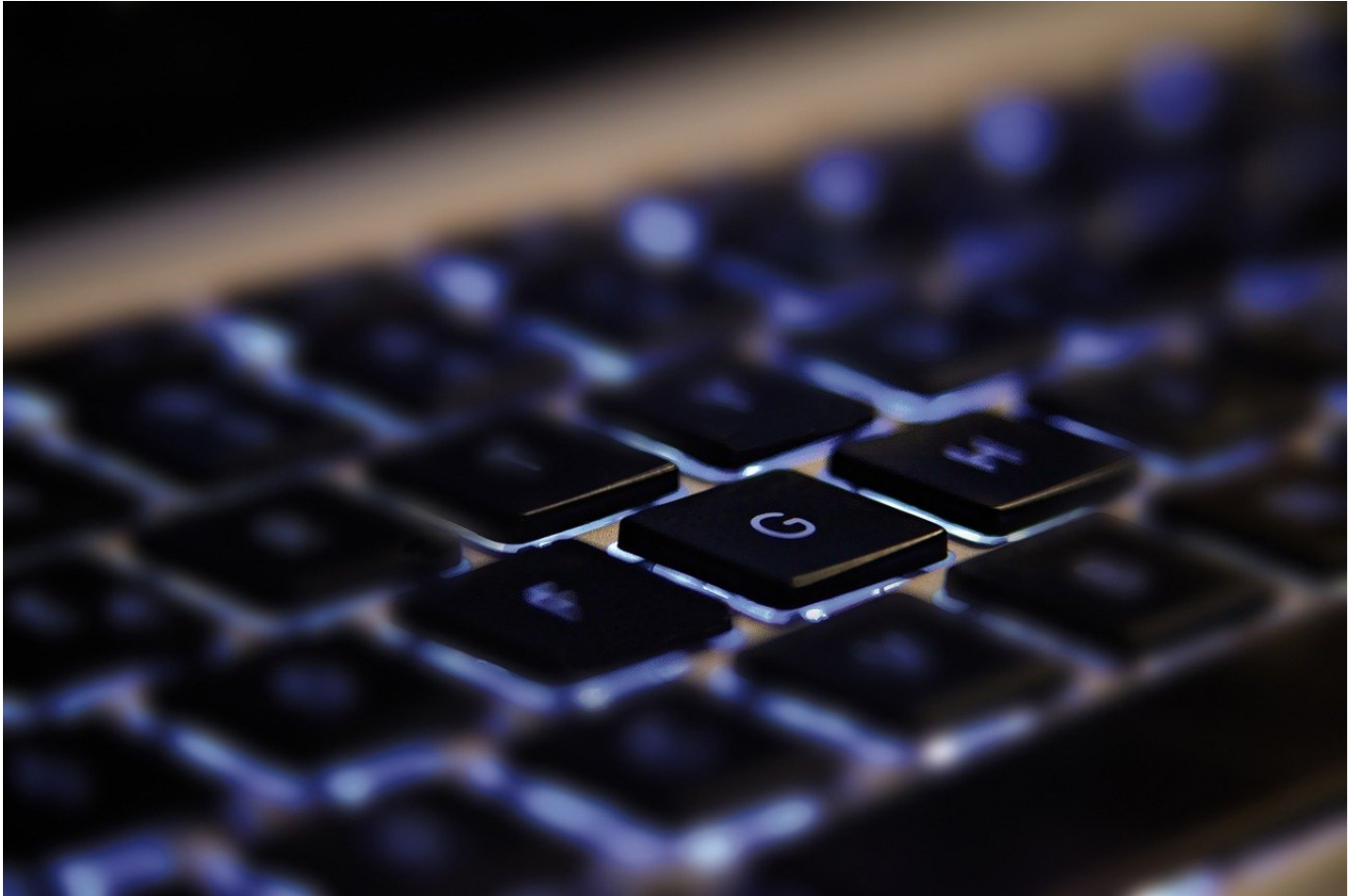
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “blur” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A hazy or indistinct representation.*
- *Something remembered or perceived indistinctly, typically because it happened very fast.*
- *A thing that cannot be seen or heard clearly.*



Synonyms of "Blur" as a noun (6 Words)

- cloud** A cause of worry or gloom or trouble.
*The sky was almost free of **cloud**.*
- fuzz** A frizzy mass of hair or fibre.
*She saw Jess surrounded by a **fuzz** of sunlight.*
- haze** A very fine cloud of something such as vapour or smoke in the air.
*An alcoholic **haze**.*
- mist** A thin fog with condensation near the ground.
*A **mist** rose out of the river.*
- smear** An insecure foothold.
*There was an oil **smear** on his jacket.*
- smudge** A blurred or smeared mark on the surface of something.
*He had a **smudge** on his cheek.*



Usage Examples of "Blur" as a noun

- *The pale blur of her face.*
- *The day before was a blur.*
- *The words were a blur.*
- *It happened so fast it was just a blur.*



Blur as a Verb

Definitions of "Blur" as a verb

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

- *To make less distinct or clear.*
- *Make a smudge on; soil by smudging.*
- *Become glassy; lose clear vision.*
- *Become vague or indistinct.*
- *Make or become unclear or less distinct.*
- *Make unclear, indistinct, or blurred.*
- *Make dim or indistinct.*



Synonyms of "Blur" as a verb (29 Words)

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| become dim | Enhance the appearance of. |
| become less sharp | Come into existence. |
| blear | Make dim; blur. <i>He bleared his eyes with books.</i> |
| confuse | Make unclear, indistinct, or blurred. <i>These questions confuse even the experts.</i> |
| deaden | Lessen the momentum or velocity of. <i>Laughter might deaden us to the moral issue.</i> |
| decrease | Decrease in size extent or range. <i>He decreased his staff.</i> |
| <u>dim</u> | Make dim or lusterless. <i>His eyes dimmed.</i> |

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| diminish | Make or become less. <i>The new law is expected to diminish the government's chances.</i> |
| dull | Make or become dull or less intense. <i>Too much cutting dulls the knife's edge.</i> |
| faint | Grow weak or feeble; decline. <i>The fires were fainting there.</i> |
| film over | Make a film or photograph of something. |
| glaze over | Coat with a glaze. |
| lessen | Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i> |
| make indistinct | Develop into. |
| make less distinct | Earn on some commercial or business transaction; earn as salary or wages. |
| make unclear | Charge with a function; charge to be. |
| make vague | Change from one form into another. |
| mute | Muffle the sound of a musical instrument especially by the use of a mute. <i>When muted and blown hard the trombone produces a very nasal and metallic sound.</i> |
| numb | Make numb or insensitive. <i>Vodka might numb the pain in my hand.</i> |
| obnubilate | Make unclear, indistinct, or blurred. <i>Never to be short of illusions to obnubilate himself such was his dream.</i> |
| obscure | Make obscure or unclear. <i>The big elm tree obscures our view of the valley.</i> |
| reduce | Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The cook reduced the sauce by boiling it for a long time.</i> |
| slur | Of words or speech be slurred. <i>Essential attributes are being slurred over or ignored.</i> |
| smear | Cover a surface by smearing a substance over it. <i>Her lipstick was smeared.</i> |
| smudge | Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>She dabbed her eyes careful not to smudge her make up.</i> |
| smutch | Make a smudge on; soil by smudging. |

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| soften | Make or become soft or softer. <i>A major injection of private cash could soften the blow for the taxpayer.</i> |
| tone down | Change to a color image. |
| unfocus | Cause to lose concentration or attention. <i>I found it helpful to slightly unfocus my eyes.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Blur" as a verb

- *The distinction between the two theories blurred.*
- *His novels blur the boundaries between criticism and fiction.*
- *In front of him the page blurred.*
- *The haze blurs the hills.*
- *The fog blurs my vision.*
- *Tears blurred her vision.*



Associations of "Blur" (30 Words)

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| ambiguous | Open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead. <i>An ambiguous situation with no frame of reference.</i> |
| ambivalent | Uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow. <i>Some loved her some hated her few were ambivalent about her.</i> |
| blurred | Unable to see or be seen clearly. <i>A landscape of blurred outlines.</i> |
| blurry | Unable to perceive clear or sharp images. <i>Video projectors provided extremely blurry images.</i> |
| cloud | Darken the sky with cloud. <i>The stroke clouded memories of her youth.</i> |
| cloudy | (of a person's eyes) misted with tears. <i>A very grey cloudy day.</i> |
| dim | Become dim or lusterless. <i>The dim glow of the fire.</i> |

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| <u>faint</u> | Pass out from weakness, physical or emotional distress due to a loss of blood supply to the brain. <i>She sent him a faint answering smile.</i> |
| <u>foggy</u> | Indistinctly expressed or remembered; obscure. <i>A dark and foggy night.</i> |
| <u>hazy</u> | Indistinct or hazy in outline. <i>School leavers were often hazy about employment.</i> |
| illegibility | The quality of writing (print or handwriting) that cannot be deciphered. |
| imprecision | Lack of exactness or accuracy. <i>All scientific measurements come with some degree of imprecision.</i> |
| <u>inconspicuous</u> | Not clearly visible or attracting attention. <i>He pushed the string through an inconspicuous hole.</i> |
| indefinite | Not clearly expressed or defined; vague. <i>Were indefinite about their plans.</i> |
| indistinct | Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand. <i>Only indistinct notions of what to do.</i> |
| lightproof | Not penetrable by light. <i>A lightproof envelope.</i> |
| <u>loom</u> | Weave on a loom. <i>Large shadows loomed on the canyon wall.</i> |
| misty | Filled or abounding with fog or mist. <i>The misty evening.</i> |
| nebulous | Lacking definite form or limits- H.T.Moore. <i>Nebulous distinction between pride and conceit.</i> |
| <u>obscure</u> | Make obscure or unclear. <i>An impulse to go off and fight certain obscure battles of his own spirit.</i> |
| <u>opaque</u> | An opaque thing. <i>Technical jargon that was opaque to her.</i> |
| <u>slur</u> | Mark notes with a slur. <i>I can play it if I don't slur the notes.</i> |
| smudge | Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>Mascaras that smudge or flake around the eyes.</i> |
| <u>subtlety</u> | A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>The textural subtlety of Degas.</i> |
| <u>unclear</u> | Not obvious or definite; ambiguous. <i>Users are still unclear about what middleware does.</i> |

Not different or differentiated.

undifferentiated *By six weeks the sexual glands are as yet **undifferentiated** between male and female.*

unnoticeable

Not obtrusive or undesirably noticeable.

*Her clothes were simple and **unnoticeable**.*

vague

Lacking clarity or distinctness.

*Their descriptions of human behavior become **vague** dull and unclear.*

vaguely

In a vague way.

*He **vaguely** remembered talking to her once.*

wispy

Thin and weak.

*A **wispy** little fellow with small hands and feet.*

