

Need another word that means the same as “brighten”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “brighten” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Brighten” are: clear, clear up, light up, lighten, lighten up, become bright, make bright, become brighter, make brighter, cast light on, shed light on, throw light on, illuminate, illumine, irradiate, enhance, embellish, make more attractive, enrich, freshen, cheer up, buoy up, perk up, wake up, rally**

## Brighten as a Verb

### Definitions of "Brighten" as a verb

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

- *Make more cheerful through the use of color.*
- *Make lighter or brighter.*
- *Make or become happier and more cheerful.*
- *Make (something) more attractively colourful.*
- *Make or become more light.*
- *Become clear.*



## Synonyms of "Brighten" as a verb (25 Words)

<b>become bright</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>become brighter</b>	Enhance the appearance of.
<b>buoy up</b>	Keep afloat.
<b>cast light on</b>	Move about aimlessly or without any destination, often in search of food or employment.
<b>cheer up</b>	Become cheerful.
<b><u>clear</u></b>	Grant authorization or clearance for. <i>McAllister's lob was <b>cleared</b> off the line by Kernaghan.</i>
<b>clear up</b>	Settle, as of a debt.
<b><u>embellish</u></b>	Add details to. <i>Blue silk <b>embellished</b> with golden embroidery.</i>
<b>enhance</b>	Increase. <i>This sauce will <b>enhance</b> the flavor of the meat.</i>

enrich

Improve or enhance the quality or value of.  
*Top party members had **enriched** themselves.*

**freshen**

Become or make oneself fresh again.  
*She **freshened** up after the tennis game.*

**illuminate**

Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear.  
*A flash of lightning **illuminated** the house.*

**illumine**

Light up; brighten.  
*He moved her lamp so that her face was **illumined**.*

**irradiate**

Illuminate (something) by or as if by shining light on it.  
***Irradiate** food.*

**light up**

To come to rest, settle.

**lighten**

Reduce the weight on; make lighter.  
***Lighten** the burden of caring for her elderly parents.*

**lighten up**

Reduce the weight on; make lighter.

**make bright**

Induce to have sex.

**make brighter**

Form by assembling individuals or constituents.

**make more attractive**

Make or cause to be or to become.

**perk up**

Raise.

rally

Drive in a rally.  
*We re driving off to Spain to **rally**.*

**shed light on**

Cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers.

**throw light on**

Convey or communicate; of a smile, a look, a physical gesture.

**wake up**

Arouse or excite feelings and passions.





## Usage Examples of "Brighten" as a verb

- *Daffodils brighten up many gardens and parks.*
- *Sarah brightened up considerably as she thought of Emily's words.*
- *Most of the country should brighten up later.*
- *The paint will brighten the room.*
- *She seems to brighten his life.*
- *The fire began to blaze fiercely, brightening the room.*



## Associations of "Brighten" (30 Words)

### beam

An oscillating shaft which transmits the vertical piston movement of a beam engine to the crank or pump.

*A compulsory set of exercises on floor vault bars and **beam**.*

### bright

Made smooth and bright by or as if by rubbing reflecting a sheen or glow.

*These young people have a **bright** future ahead of them.*

### **brightly**

In a cheerful and lively way.

***Brightly** painted fingernails.*

### brightness

The quality of being vividly and boldly coloured.

*The **brightness** of a winter's day.*

### **brilliance**

Intense brightness of light.

*Lapis lazuli was highly regarded for the **brilliance** of its colour.*

### **brilliantly**

In an extremely intelligent way.

*The **brilliantly** hued orchid.*

<b>comet</b>	A celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust and, when near the sun, a 'tail' of gas and dust particles pointing away from the sun.
<b>dazzling</b>	Extremely bright, especially so as to blind the eyes temporarily. <i>The sunlight was <b>dazzling</b>.</i>
<b>effulgence</b>	The quality of being bright and sending out rays of light.
<b>flash</b>	A newsflash. <i>She <b>flashed</b> him a withering look.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	A flash of light (especially reflected light). <i>He saw a faint <b>glimmer</b> of light from her window.</i>
<b>gloss</b>	Apply a glossy substance to. <i>The pebble dash of the walls was <b>glossed</b> white.</i>
<b>glow</b>	Have a complexion with a strong bright color, such as red or pink. <i>The fireflies were <b>glowing</b> and flying about in the garden.</i>
<b>illuminate</b>	Make lighter or brighter. <i>This is a carefully written large format manuscript <b>illuminated</b> by Leonardo Bellini.</i>
<b>illumine</b>	Light up; brighten. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was <b>illuminated</b>.</i>
<b>light</b>	Characterized by or emitting light. <i>A <b>light</b> lilting voice like a silver bell.</i>
<b>lighten</b>	Make or become lighter in weight, pressure, or severity. <i>The room <b>lightened</b> up.</i>
<b>lightness</b>	Having a light color. <i>The <b>lightness</b> of her silky hair.</i>
<b>limelight</b>	A lamp consisting of a flame directed at a cylinder of lime with a lens to concentrate the light; formerly used for stage lighting. <i>He enjoyed being in the <b>limelight</b>.</i>
<b>luminosity</b>	The intrinsic brightness of a celestial object (as distinct from its apparent brightness diminished by distance). <i>Acrylic colours retain freshness and <b>luminosity</b>.</i>
<b>lunar</b>	Of or relating to or associated with the moon. <i>A <b>lunar</b> landscape.</i>
<b>luster</b>	The visual property of something that shines with reflected light.
<b>opalescence</b>	The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface.
<b>polish</b>	A preparation used in polishing. <i>The machine refines the shape of the stone and gives it <b>polish</b>.</i>

<b>radiance</b>	The amount of electromagnetic radiation leaving or arriving at a point on a surface. <i>The <b>radiance</b> of her countenance.</i>
<b>shine</b>	Make a surface shine. <i>His shoes were <b>shined</b> to perfection.</i>
<u>sky</u>	Heaven; heavenly power. <i>Hundreds of stars were shining in the <b>sky</b>.</i>
<u>star</u>	Feature as the star. <i>The movie <b>stars</b> Dustin Hoffman as an autistic man.</i>
<b>sunlight</b>	Light from the sun. <i>A shaft of <b>sunlight</b>.</i>
<u>twinkle</u>	Gleam or glow intermittently. <i>The lights <b>twinkled</b> in the distance.</i>