

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)

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

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.*

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

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