

Need another word that means the same as “gleam”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “gleam” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Gleam” are: glint, glisten, glitter, shine, glimmer, catch the light, shimmer, glow, sparkle, twinkle, flicker, blink, wink, flash, flare, beam, fluoresce, gleaming, lambency, spark, lustre, gloss, sheen, glimmering, ray, trace, suggestion, hint, faint sign, scintilla

Gleam as a Noun

Definitions of "Gleam" as a noun

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

- *An expression of an emotion or quality in a person's eyes.*
- *A brief or faint instance of a quality or emotion.*
- *A flash of light (especially reflected light).*
- *An appearance of reflected light.*
- *A faint or brief light, especially one reflected from something.*



Synonyms of "Gleam" as a noun (24 Words)

- blink** A reflex that closes and opens the eyes rapidly.
*He was observing her every **blink**.*
- faint sign** A spontaneous loss of consciousness caused by insufficient blood to the brain.
- flare** A gradual widening in shape, especially towards the hem of a garment.
*She felt a **flare** of anger within her.*
- flash** A newsflash.
*If in any doubt use **flash**.*
- flicker** A momentary flash of light.
*A **flicker** of a smile passed across her face.*
- gleaming** A flash of light (especially reflected light).
- glimmer** A slight suggestion or vague understanding.
*He saw a faint **glimmer** of light from her window.*

glimmering	A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>The glimmering of an idea flashed into Isabel s brain.</i>
glint	A spatially localized brightness. <i>She saw the glint of excitement in his eyes.</i>
gloss	The property of being smooth and shiny. <i>The undercoat is applied followed by two coats of gloss.</i>
glow	A feeling of warmth in the face or body. <i>The setting sun cast a deep red glow over the city.</i>
hint	A slight or indirect indication or suggestion. <i>He has given no hint of his views.</i>
lambency	An appearance of reflected light.
lustre	Ceramics with an iridescent metallic glaze lustreware. <i>She couldn t eat and her hair lost its lustre.</i>
ray	A thing that is arranged radially. <i>Catch some rays on a sandy beach.</i>
scintilla	A tiny or scarcely detectable amount. <i>A scintilla of doubt.</i>
sheen	The visual property of something that shines with reflected light. <i>Black crushed velvet with a slight sheen.</i>
shimmer	A soft, slightly wavering light. <i>The shimmer of colors on iridescent feathers.</i>
shine	A quality of brightness produced when light is reflected on something. <i>My hair has lost its shine.</i>
spark	Scottish writer of satirical novels (born in 1918). <i>A log fire was sending sparks on to the rug.</i>
sparkle	The occurrence of a small flash or spark. <i>He had a sparkle in his eye.</i>
suggestion	Persuasion formulated as a suggestion. <i>Here are some suggestions for tackling the problem.</i>
trace	A very small quantity, especially one too small to be accurately measured. <i>We ve got a trace on the call.</i>
twinkle	A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. <i>The distant twinkle of the lights.</i>



Usage Examples of "Gleam" as a noun

- *The gleam of hope vanished.*
- *The gleam of a silver tray.*
- *She saw a gleam of triumph in his eyes.*



Gleam as a Verb

Definitions of "Gleam" as a verb

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

- *Appear briefly.*
- *Shine brightly, especially with reflected light.*
- *Shine brightly, like a star or a light.*
- *Be shiny, as if wet.*
- *(of a smooth surface or object) reflect light because well polished.*
- *(of an emotion or quality) be expressed through the brightness of a person's eyes.*



Synonyms of "Gleam" as a verb (17 Words)

- beam** Express with a beaming face or smile.
*The satellite **beamed** back radio signals to scientists on Earth.*
- blink** Keep back by blinking.
*She **blinked** away her tears.*
- catch the light** Perceive with the senses quickly, suddenly, or momentarily.
- flare** Become flared and widen usually at one end.
*The controversy **flared** up again in 2003.*
- flash** Gleam or glow intermittently.
*The story was **flashed** around the world.*
- flicker** (of someone's eyes) move quickly in a particular direction in order to look at something.
*Her eyelids **flickered**.*

fluoresce	Exhibit or undergo fluorescence. <i>The molecules fluoresce when excited by ultraviolet radiation.</i>
glimmer	Shine brightly, like a star or a light. <i>The moonlight glimmered on the lawn.</i>
glint	Give out or reflect small flashes of light. <i>His eyes glinted angrily.</i>
glisten	(of something wet or greasy) shine with a sparkling light. <i>His cheeks glistened with tears.</i>
glitter	Shine with a bright, shimmering reflected light. <i>The grass glittered with dew.</i>
glow	(of a person's face) appear pink or red as a result of warmth, health, embarrassment, etc. <i>Her face glowed when she came out of the sauna.</i>
shimmer	Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk. <i>Beech leaves shimmered in the moonlight.</i>
shine	Make a surface shine. <i>Tonight he will have a chance to shine and win a world boxing title.</i>
sparkle	Reflect brightly. <i>The musical performance sparkled.</i>
twinkle	(of a person's eyes) sparkle, especially with amusement. <i>The smile made her face crease and her eyes twinkle.</i>
wink	Signal by winking. <i>He winked at Nicole as he passed.</i>



Usage Examples of "Gleam" as a verb

- *A terrible thought gleamed in her mind.*
- *Affection gleamed in her large green eyes.*
- *Light gleamed on the china cats.*
- *Victor buffed the glass until it gleamed.*
- *Her eyes gleamed with satisfaction.*



Associations of "Gleam" (30 Words)

beam

Express with a beaming face or smile.

*The detector simply pinpoints the radar **beams** that other ships transmit.*

bright

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

*A **bright** sunlit room.*

brilliance

The quality of being magnificent or splendid or grand.

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

brilliantly

In an extremely intelligent way.

*She succeeded **brilliantly**.*

dazzling

Amazingly impressive; suggestive of the flashing of lightning.

*A **dazzling** display of football.*

effulgence

The quality of being bright and sending out rays of light.

filament	A very slender natural or synthetic fiber. <i>Each myosin filament is usually surrounded by 12 actin filaments.</i>
flash	A newsflash. <i>A flash car.</i>
flicker	Shine unsteadily. <i>Amusement flickered briefly in his eyes.</i>
glimmer	A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>There is one glimmer of hope for Becky.</i>
glint	A spatially localized brightness. <i>Her glasses glinted in the firelight.</i>
glisten	The quality of shining with a bright reflected light. <i>His cheeks glistened with tears.</i>
glitter	Be shiny, as if wet. <i>The blue glitter of the sea.</i>
glow	A strong feeling of pleasure or well-being. <i>He could feel the brandy filling him with a warm glow.</i>
illuminate	Make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear. <i>His face was illuminated by a smile.</i>
illumination	A condition of spiritual awareness divine illumination. <i>These books form the most sustained analysis and illumination of the subject.</i>
illumine	Make lighter or brighter. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was illuminated.</i>
lamp	Supply with lamps illuminate. <i>Poachers snared and lamped at night and sold their catch in the pubs.</i>
light	The quality of being luminous emitting or reflecting light. <i>A lightsome buoyant step.</i>
lighten	Make more cheerful through the use of color. <i>Try to lighten up and think positive.</i>
limelight	A focus of public attention. <i>He enjoyed being in the limelight.</i>
lucent	Softly bright or radiant. <i>The lucent moon.</i>
luminosity	The intrinsic brightness of a celestial object (as distinct from its apparent brightness diminished by distance). <i>Altair has ten times the luminosity of the sun.</i>

phosphorescent Emitting light without appreciable heat as by slow oxidation of phosphorous.

The **phosphorescent** glow of decaying wood.

radiant

A radiant point.

A **radiant** heater.

shimmer

Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk.

Beech leaves **shimmered** in the moonlight.

shine

Make a surface shine.

His shoes were **shined** to perfection.

sparkle

The occurrence of a small flash or spark.

There was a **sparkle** in his eyes.

sunlight

Light from the sun.

A shaft of **sunlight**.

twinkle

A light which appears continually to grow brighter and fainter.

There s a perpetual **twinkle** in his eyes.

