

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.*

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

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

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

