

Need another word that means the same as “iridescent”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “iridescent” in this overview.

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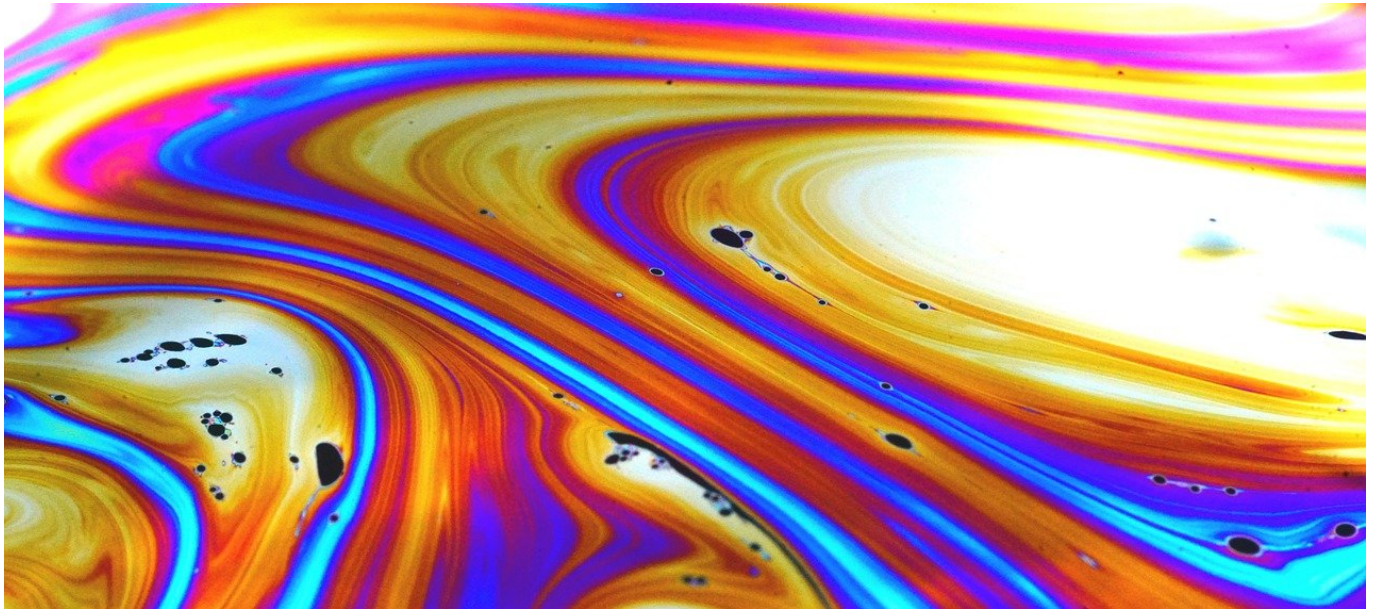
The synonyms of “Iridescent” are: changeable, chatoyant, shot, nacreous, opalescent, opaline, pearlescent, shimmering, shimmery, glittering, sparkling, coruscating, dazzling, shining, gleaming, glowing, lustrous, scintillating

Iridescent as an Adjective

Definitions of "Iridescent" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “iridescent” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Showing luminous colours that seem to change when seen from different angles.*
- *Varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles.*
- *Having a play of lustrous rainbow colors.*



Synonyms of "Iridescent" as an adjective (18 Words)

- changeable** Such that alteration is possible; having a marked tendency to change.
Changeable taffeta.
- chatoyant** (of a gem, especially when cut en cabochon) showing a band of bright lustre caused by reflection from inclusions in the stone.
Chatoyant or shot silk.
- coruscating** Flashing; sparkling.
*The play s **coruscating** wit.*
- dazzling** Shining intensely.
*The skater s **dazzling** virtuosic leaps.*
- gleaming** (of a smooth surface) reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished.
*The **gleaming** brass on the altar.*
- glittering** Shining with a shimmering or sparkling light.
*A **glittering** military career.*
- glowing** Highly enthusiastic.
*He received a **glowing** report from his teachers.*
- lustrous** Having lustre; shining.
*Large **lustrous** eyes.*
- nacreous** Having a play of lustrous rainbow colors.
***Nacreous** or pearlescent clouds looking like mother of pearl.*

- opalescent** Showing many small points of shifting colour against a pale or dark ground.
*An **opalescent** sky.*
- opaline** Opalescent.
*A milky opalescent or **opaline** luster.*
- pearlescent** Having a lustre resembling that of mother-of-pearl.
*Nacreous or **pearlescent** clouds looking like mother of pearl.*
- scintillating** Having brief brilliant points or flashes of light.
***Scintillating** personality.*
- shimmering** Shining with a soft, slightly wavering light.
*The **shimmering** waters of Lake Como.*
- shimmery** Glistening tremulously.
***Shimmery** blue eyeshadow.*
- shining** Made smooth and bright by or as if by rubbing; reflecting a sheen or glow.
***Shining** white enamel.*
- shot** Varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles.
*Chatoyant or **shot** silk.*
- sparkling** Shining brightly with flashes of light.
***Sparkling** eyes.*



Usage Examples of "Iridescent" as an adjective

- *An iridescent oil slick.*
- *A dragonfly hovered, vibrating and iridescent.*
- *The drake's head has an iridescent purple sheen.*



Associations of "Iridescent" (30 Words)

- beaming** Smiling broadly; grinning.
*A **beaming** smile.*
- bright** Not made dim or less bright.
*The **bright** pageantry of court.*
- brilliance** Vividness of colour.
*The nights were dark lit only by the **brilliance** of Aegean stars.*
- brilliantly** In an extremely intelligent way.
*At night the town was **brilliantly** lit.*

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| color | Change color often in an undesired manner. Color a lie. |
| colored | Having skin rich in melanin pigments. Amber colored heads of grain. |
| colorful | Striking in variety and interest. A colorful character. |
| dazzling | Shining intensely. The sunlight was dazzling . |
| garish | Tastelessly showy. Garish colors. |
| gleam | (of an emotion or quality) be expressed through the brightness of a person's eyes. Light gleamed on the china cats. |
| gleaming | An appearance of reflected light. Gleaming black limousines. |
| glistening | Reflecting light. The glistening golden dome. |
| illuminate | Make lighter or brighter. His face was illuminated by a smile. |
| illumine | Make lighter or brighter. He moved her lamp so that her face was illuminated . |
| iridescence | The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface. |
| lambent | (of light or fire) glowing, gleaming, or flickering with a soft radiance. The magical lambent light of the north. |
| lucent | Glowing with or giving off light. The moon was lucent in the background. |
| luminescent | Emitting light not caused by heat. There s something calming about watching a luminescent jellyfish. |
| luminosity | The rate of emission of radiation, visible or otherwise. Its luminosity is measured relative to that of our sun. |
| luminous | Giving off light; bright or shining. A sky luminous with stars. |
| lustrous | Reflecting light. Lustrous auburn hair. |
| nacre | The iridescent internal layer of a mollusk shell. |

- opalescence** The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface.
- opalescent** Having a play of lustrous rainbow colors.
*A milky **opalescent** or opaline luster.*
- radiant** Of an appliance designed to emit radiant energy especially for cooking or heating.
*A **radiant** sunrise.*
- rainbow** An arch of colours visible in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of the sun's light by rain or other water droplets in the atmosphere. The colours of the rainbow are generally said to be red orange yellow green blue indigo and violet.
*Chasing **rainbows**.*
- shimmer** Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk.
*The sea **shimmered** in the sunlight.*
- shine** Make a surface shine.
***Shine** the silver please.*
- shining** Marked by exceptional merit.
*He has set a **shining** example with his model behaviour.*
- sparkle** Become bubbly or frothy or foaming.
*Her earrings **sparkled** as she turned her head.*

