

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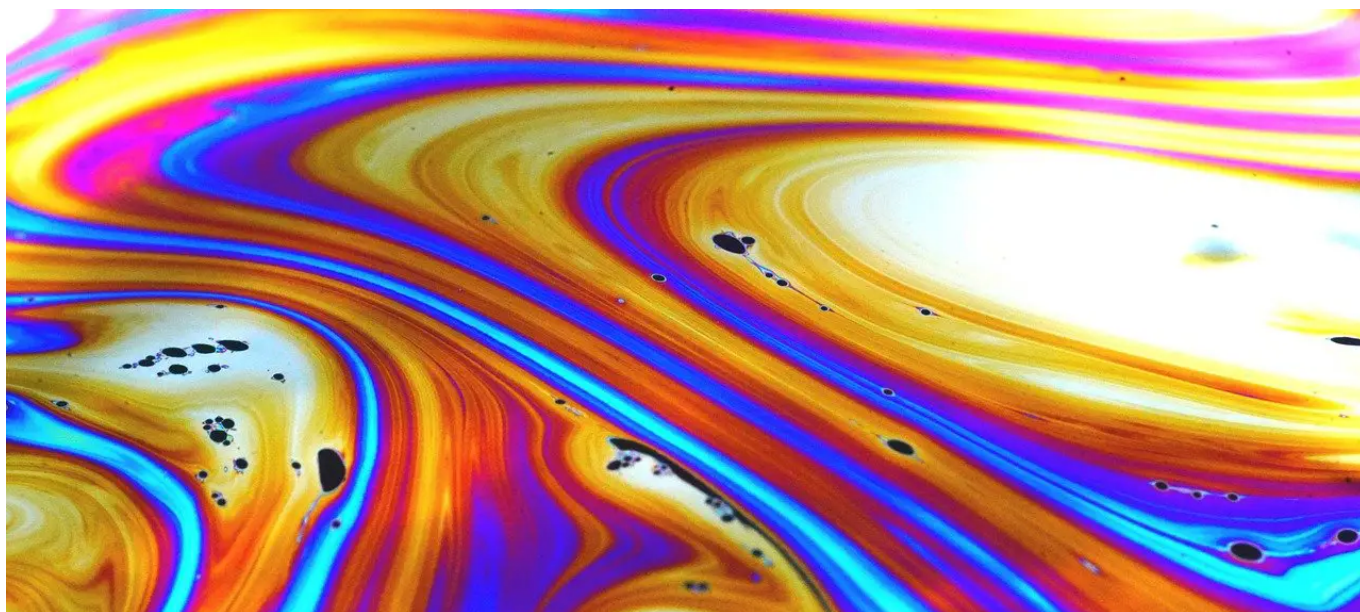
The synonyms of “Iridescent” are: changeable, chatoyant, shot, nacreous, opalescent, opaline, pearlescent, shimmering, shimmery, glittering, sparkling, coruscating, dazzling, shining, gleaming, glowing, lustrous, scintillating

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

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



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. <i>A beaming smile.</i>
bright	Not made dim or less bright. <i>The bright pageantry of court.</i>
brilliance	Vividness of colour. <i>The nights were dark lit only by the brilliance of Aegean stars.</i>
brilliantly	In an extremely intelligent way. <i>At night the town was brilliantly lit.</i>

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. <i>A milky opalescent or opaline luster.</i>
radiant	Of an appliance designed to emit radiant energy especially for cooking or heating. <i>A radiant sunrise.</i>
<u>rainbow</u>	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. <i>Chasing rainbows.</i>
<u>shimmer</u>	Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk. <i>The sea shimmered in the sunlight.</i>
shine	Make a surface shine. <i>Shine the silver please.</i>
shining	Marked by exceptional merit. <i>He has set a shining example with his model behaviour.</i>
<u>sparkle</u>	Become bubbly or frothy or foaming. <i>Her earrings sparkled as she turned her head.</i>

