

Need another word that means the same as “reflect”? Find 59 synonyms and 30 related words for “reflect” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Reflect” are: shine, chew over, contemplate, excogitate, meditate, mull, mull over, muse, ponder, ruminate, speculate, think over, reverberate, send back, throw back, cast back, give back, bounce back, shine back, return, mirror, indicate, show, display, demonstrate, be evidence of, register, reveal, betray, evince, disclose, exhibit, manifest, think about, give thought to, consider, give consideration to, review, study, cogitate about, cogitate on, meditate on, muse on, deliberate about, deliberate on, ruminate about, ruminate on, ruminate over, dwell on, brood on, brood over, agonize over, worry about, puzzle over, speculate about, weigh up, revolve, turn over in one's mind, be in a brown study**

## Reflect as a Verb

### Definitions of "Reflect" as a verb

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

- *To throw or bend back (from a surface).*
- *Be bright by reflecting or casting light.*
- *Embody or represent (something) in a faithful or appropriate way.*
- *Make disparaging remarks about.*
- *(of a surface or body) throw back (heat, light, or sound) without absorbing it.*
- *Think deeply or carefully about.*
- *Give evidence of a certain behavior.*
- *Give evidence of the quality of.*
- *Reflect deeply on a subject.*

- *Manifest or bring back.*
- *Show an image of.*
- *(of an action or situation) bring credit or discredit to the relevant parties.*
- *(of a mirror or shiny surface) show an image of.*



## Synonyms of "Reflect" as a verb (59 Words)

<b>agonize over</b>	Cause to agonize.
<b>be evidence of</b>	Work in a specific place, with a specific subject, or in a specific function.
<b>be in a brown study</b>	Form or compose.
<b>betray</b>	Deliver to an enemy by treachery. <i>Her smile <b>betrayed</b> her true feelings.</i>
<b>bounce back</b>	Hit something so that it bounces.
<b>brood on</b>	Hang over, as of something threatening, dark, or menacing.
<b>brood over</b>	Be in a huff and display one's displeasure.

<b>cast back</b>	Deposit.
<b>chew over</b>	Chew (food); to bite and grind with the teeth.
<b>cogitate about</b>	Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind.
<b>cogitate on</b>	Consider carefully and deeply; reflect upon; turn over in one's mind.
<b>consider</b>	Regard or treat with consideration respect and esteem. <i><b>Consider</b> the possibility of moving.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Look at thoughtfully; observe deep in thought. <i>She couldn't even begin to <b>contemplate</b> the future.</i>
<b>deliberate about</b>	Think about carefully; weigh.
<b>deliberate on</b>	Discuss the pros and cons of an issue.
<b>demonstrate</b>	Provide evidence for; stand as proof of; show by one's behavior, attitude, or external attributes. <i>She began to <b>demonstrate</b> a new found confidence.</i>
<b>disclose</b>	Disclose to view as by removing a cover. <i>The curtain rose to <b>disclose</b> a stunning set.</i>
<b>display</b>	Attract attention by displaying some body part or posing of animals. <i>She photographed the peacock which chose that moment to <b>display</b>.</i>
<b>dwell on</b>	Exist or be situated within.
<b>evinced</b>	Reveal the presence of (a quality or feeling); indicate. <i>The news stories <b>evinced</b> the usual mixture of sympathy and satisfaction.</i>
<b>excogitate</b>	Think out, plan, or devise. <i>All the rubrics forms and functions remained to be <b>excogitated</b>.</i>
<b>exhibit</b>	Give an exhibition of to an interested audience. <i>Patients with alcoholic liver disease <b>exhibit</b> many biochemical abnormalities.</i>
<b>give back</b>	Place into the hands or custody of.
<b>give consideration to</b>	Transmit (knowledge or skills).
<b>give thought to</b>	Be flexible under stress of physical force.
<b>indicate</b>	Indicate a place direction person or thing either spatially or figuratively. <i>Tetracycline is <b>indicated</b> in such cases.</i>

<b><u>manifest</u></b>	Record in a ship's manifest. <i>Bad industrial relations are often <b>manifested</b> in strikes.</i>
<b><u>meditate</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>They had suffered severely and they began to <b>meditate</b> retreat.</i>
<b>meditate on</b>	Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes.
<b>mirror</b>	Reflect as if in a mirror. <i>The plane crash in Milan <b>mirrored</b> the attack in the World Trade Center.</i>
<b>mull</b>	Think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length. <i>She began to <b>mull</b> over the various possibilities.</i>
<b>mull over</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b><u>muse</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>muse on</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>She sat <b>pondering</b> over her problem.</i>
<b>puzzle over</b>	Be uncertain about; think about without fully understanding or being able to decide.
<b><u>register</u></b>	Put one's name in a register as a guest in a hotel. <i>Did you <b>register</b> any change when I pressed the button.</i>
<b>return</b>	Return in kind. <i>The city of Glasgow <b>returned</b> eleven Labour MPs.</i>
<b>reveal</b>	Make visible. <i>God rarely <b>reveal</b> his plans for Mankind.</i>
<b>reverberate</b>	(of a place) appear to vibrate because of a loud noise. <i>The discussions with my teacher <b>reverberated</b> throughout my adult life.</i>
<b>review</b>	Hold a review of troops. <i>All slides were then <b>reviewed</b> by one pathologist.</i>
<b><u>revolve</u></b>	Consider (something) repeatedly and from different angles. <i>Her mind <b>revolved</b> the possibilities.</i>
<b><u>ruminate</u></b>	Think deeply about something. <i>Goats <b>ruminated</b> nonchalantly around them.</i>
<b>ruminate about</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>ruminate on</b>	Chew the cud.
<b>ruminate over</b>	Reflect deeply on a subject.
<b>send back</b>	Transfer.

<b>shine</b>	Make a surface shine. <i>His shoes were <b>shined</b> to perfection.</i>
<b>shine back</b>	Be bright by reflecting or casting light.
<b>show</b>	Show in or as in a picture. <i>Shirley was four months pregnant and just starting to <b>show</b>.</i>
<b><u>speculate</u></b>	Talk over conjecturally, or review in an idle or casual way and with an element of doubt or without sufficient reason to reach a conclusion. <i>My colleagues <b>speculate</b> about my private life.</i>
<b>speculate about</b>	To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.
<b>study</b>	Apply oneself to study. <i>He has been <b>studying</b> mink for many years.</i>
<b>think about</b>	Have or formulate in the mind.
<b>think over</b>	Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection.
<b>throw back</b>	Put or send forth.
<b>turn over in one's mind</b>	Change color.
<b>weigh up</b>	Show consideration for; take into account.
<b>worry about</b>	Lacerate by biting.



## Usage Examples of "Reflect" as a verb

- *The clergy were strictly charged not to reflect on the Catholic religion in their discourses.*
- *The mess in his dorm room reflects on the student.*
- *He reflected with sadness on the unhappiness of his marriage.*
- *Sound is reflected well in this auditorium.*
- *This action reflects his true beliefs.*
- *That is quite a serious accusation, which reflects on all 120 members of Parliament.*
- *He could see himself reflected in Keith's mirrored glasses.*
- *When the sun's rays hit the Earth a lot of the heat is reflected back into space.*
- *Drive carefully-the wet road reflects.*
- *The incident reflects badly on the operating practices of the airlines.*
- *Charles reflected that maybe there was hope for the family after all.*
- *Schools should reflect cultural differences.*
- *His lack of interest in the project reflects badly on him.*

- *Her sunglasses reflected his image.*
- *The main contract is progressing well, which reflects great credit on those involved.*
- *I want every decision I make to reflect well on me.*



## Associations of "Reflect" (30 Words)

- anticipatory** In anticipation.  
*An **anticipatory** flash of excitement.*
- believe** Follow a credo have a faith be a believer.  
*I wouldn't have **believed** it of Lavinia what an extraordinary woman.*
- bethink** Come to think.  
*He bethought himself of the verse from the Book of Proverbs.*
- brood** A family of birds or other young animals produced at one hatching or birth.  
*She had **brooded** over the subject a thousand times.*

<b>cogitate</b>	Use or exercise the mind or one's power of reason in order to make inferences, decisions, or arrive at a solution or judgments. <i>He stroked his beard and retired to <b>cogitate</b>.</i>
<b>consider</b>	Give careful consideration to. <i>They <b>considered</b> the possibility of a strike.</i>
<b>consideration</b>	Careful thought, typically over a period of time. <i><b>Consideration</b> of the traffic problem took more than an hour.</i>
<b>contemplate</b>	Look thoughtfully for a long time at. <i>I <b>contemplated</b> leaving school and taking a full time job.</i>
<b><u>deem</u></b>	Keep in mind or convey as a conviction or view. <i>The event was <b>deemed</b> a great success.</i>
<b><u>deliberate</u></b>	Careful and unhurried. <i>A <b>deliberate</b> decision.</i>
<b><u>echo</u></b>	Ring or echo with sound. <i>A blue suit that <b>echoed</b> the colour of her eyes.</i>
<b><u>intend</u></b>	Mean or intend to express or convey. <i>This benefit is <b>intended</b> for people incapable of work.</i>
<b>intentionality</b>	Expressive of intentions.
<b><u>meditate</u></b>	Plan mentally; consider. <i>I set aside time every day to write and <b>meditate</b>.</i>
<b>mirror</b>	Reflect as if in a mirror. <i>His own views <b>mirrored</b> those of his followers.</i>
<b>mirrored</b>	Like or characteristic of a mirror image. <i>The room has wall to wall <b>mirrored</b> wardrobes.</i>
<b>mistakenly</b>	By accident or oversight; accidentally. <i>Warplanes <b>mistakenly</b> bombed a village.</i>
<b>mull</b>	Think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length. <i><b>Mulled</b> cider.</i>
<b><u>muse</u></b>	(in Greek and Roman mythology) each of nine goddesses, the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne, who preside over the arts and sciences. <i>Yeats <b>muse</b> Maud Gonne.</i>
<b><u>ponder</u></b>	Reflect deeply on a subject. <i>I <b>pondered</b> the question of what clothes to wear for the occasion.</i>
<b>ponderable</b>	Capable of being weighed or considered- James Jeans. <i>Something <b>ponderable</b> from the outer world something of which we can say that its weight is so and so.</i>



<b>reckon</b>	Have faith or confidence in. <i>I <b>reckon</b> I can manage that.</i>
<b><u>reconsider</u></b>	Consider again; give new consideration to; usually with a view to changing. <i>They called on the US government to <b>reconsider</b> its policy.</i>
<b><u>reflective</u></b>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>A <b>reflective</b> surface.</i>
<b><u>reminisce</u></b>	Recall the past. <i>They <b>reminisced</b> about their summers abroad.</i>
<b>resonate</b>	Sound with resonance. <i>The words <b>resonate</b> with so many different meanings.</i>
<b><u>ruminate</u></b>	Chew the cud. <i>Goats <b>ruminated</b> nonchalantly around them.</i>
<b><u>speculate</u></b>	Invest in stocks, property, or other ventures in the hope of gain but with the risk of loss. <i>He didn't look as though he had the money to <b>speculate</b> in shares.</i>
<b>thoughtfulness</b>	A calm, lengthy, intent consideration. <i>A man of quiet <b>thoughtfulness</b> and sound judgement.</i>
<b>wrongheaded</b>	Obstinately perverse in judgment or opinion. <i>A <b>wrongheaded</b> policy.</i>

