

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)

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

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

manifest

Record in a ship's manifest.

*Bad industrial relations are often **manifested** in strikes.*

meditate

Reflect deeply on a subject.

*They had suffered severely and they began to **meditate** retreat.*

meditate on

Think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes.

mirror

Reflect as if in a mirror.

*The plane crash in Milan **mirrored** the attack in the World Trade Center.*

mull

Think about (a fact, proposal, or request) deeply and at length.

*She began to **mull** over the various possibilities.*

mull over

Reflect deeply on a subject.

muse

Reflect deeply on a subject.

muse on

Reflect deeply on a subject.

ponder

Reflect deeply on a subject.

*She sat **pondering** over her problem.*

puzzle over

Be uncertain about; think about without fully understanding or being able to decide.

register

Put one's name in a register as a guest in a hotel.

*Did you **register** any change when I pressed the button.*

return

Return in kind.

*The city of Glasgow **returned** eleven Labour MPs.*

reveal

Make visible.

*God rarely **reveal** his plans for Mankind.*

reverberate

(of a place) appear to vibrate because of a loud noise.

*The discussions with my teacher **reverberated** throughout my adult life.*

review

Hold a review of troops.

*All slides were then **reviewed** by one pathologist.*

revolve

Consider (something) repeatedly and from different angles.

*Her mind **revolved** the possibilities.*

ruminate

Think deeply about something.

*Goats **ruminated** nonchalantly around them.*

ruminate about

Reflect deeply on a subject.

ruminate on

Chew the cud.

ruminate over

Reflect deeply on a subject.

send back

Transfer.

shine

Make a surface shine.

*His shoes were **shined** to perfection.*

shine back

Be bright by reflecting or casting light.

show

Show in or as in a picture.

*Shirley was four months pregnant and just starting to **show**.*

speculate

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.

*My colleagues **speculate** about my private life.*

speculate about

To believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds.

study

Apply oneself to study.

*He has been **studying** mink for many years.*

think about

Have or formulate in the mind.

think over

Recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection.

throw back

Put or send forth.

turn over in one's mind

Change color.

weigh up

Show consideration for; take into account.

worry about

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)

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

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

reckon	Have faith or confidence in. <i>I reckon I can manage that.</i>
<u>reconsider</u>	Consider again; give new consideration to; usually with a view to changing. <i>They called on the US government to reconsider its policy.</i>
<u>reflective</u>	Deeply or seriously thoughtful. <i>A reflective surface.</i>
<u>reminisce</u>	Recall the past. <i>They reminisced about their summers abroad.</i>
resonate	Sound with resonance. <i>The words resonate with so many different meanings.</i>
<u>ruminate</u>	Chew the cud. <i>Goats ruminated nonchalantly around them.</i>
<u>speculate</u>	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 speculate in shares.</i>
thoughtfulness	A calm, lengthy, intent consideration. <i>A man of quiet thoughtfulness and sound judgement.</i>
wrongheaded	Obstinately perverse in judgment or opinion. <i>A wrongheaded policy.</i>

