

Need another word that means the same as “shade”? Find 76 synonyms and 30 related words for “shade” in this overview.

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## Shade as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shade" as a noun

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

- *A lampshade.*
- *Relative darkness caused by light rays being intercepted by an opaque body.*
- *A quality of a given color that differs slightly from another color.*
- *A portrait in silhouette.*

- *A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude.*
- *A slightly differing variety of something.*
- *Sunglasses.*
- *The darker part of a picture.*
- *A colour, especially with regard to how light or dark it is or as distinguished from one nearly like it.*
- *A representation of the effect of shadows in a picture or drawing (as by shading or darker pigment).*
- *A screen or blind on a window.*
- *A slight amount or degree of difference.*
- *Comparative darkness and coolness caused by shelter from direct sunlight.*
- *A position of relative inferiority or obscurity.*
- *Protective covering that protects something from direct sunlight.*
- *A slight amount of something.*
- *A shadow or area of darkness.*
- *An eyeshade.*
- *A mental representation of some haunting experience.*
- *A position of relative inferiority.*
- *A protective ornamental covering for a lamp, used to screen a light bulb from direct view.*
- *A ghost.*
- *A slight degree of difference between colours.*
- *The underworld; Hades.*



## Synonyms of "Shade" as a noun (61 Words)

<b>a bit</b>	A small piece or quantity of something.
<b>a dash</b>	A quick run.
<b>a hint</b>	An indication of potential opportunity.
<b>a little</b>	A small amount or duration.
<b>a modicum</b>	A small or moderate or token amount- Ian Jack.
<b>a suggestion</b>	Persuasion formulated as a suggestion.
<b>a suspicion</b>	Doubt about someone's honesty.
<b>a tinge</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.
<b>a touch</b>	The event of something coming in contact with the body.
<b>a trace</b>	A visible mark (as a footprint) left by the passage of person or animal or vehicle.
<b>apparition</b>	An act of appearing or becoming visible unexpectedly. <i>An <b>apparition</b> of the Virgin Mary.</i>

<b>be better than</b>	A light strong brittle grey toxic bivalent metallic element.
<b>beat</b>	A member of the beat generation a nonconformist in dress and behavior. <i>His <b>beat</b> is construction property and hotels.</i>
<b>blind</b>	A heavy drinking bout. <i>He s off on a <b>blind</b> again.</i>
<b>cap</b>	A player to whom a cap is awarded. <i>School leavers in <b>cap</b> and gown.</i>
<b>colour</b>	A substance used to give something a particular colour. <i>All <b>colours</b> and nationalities.</i>
<b>curtain</b>	A raising or lowering of the curtain at the beginning or end of an act or scene. <i>A <b>curtain</b> of secrecy.</i>
<b>dark glasses</b>	An unenlightened state.
<b>darkness</b>	Having a dark or somber color. <i>They drew a veil of <b>darkness</b> across the proceedings.</i>
<b>degree</b>	Any of the three steps on the scale of comparison of gradable adjectives and adverbs, namely positive, comparative, and superlative. <i>The game was played in spite of the 40 <b>degree</b> temperature.</i>
<b>difference</b>	A disagreement or argument about something important. <i>His support made a real <b>difference</b>.</i>
<b>dimness</b>	The quality of being dim or lacking contrast.
<b>dusk</b>	The time of day immediately following sunset. <i><b>Dusk</b> was falling rapidly.</i>
<b>dwarf</b>	A person who is of unusually or abnormally small stature because of a congenital condition a person affected by dwarfism. <i>A <b>dwarf</b> conifer.</i>
<b>eclipse</b>	An obscuring of the light from one celestial body by the passage of another between it and the observer or between it and its source of illumination. <i>The election result marked the <b>eclipse</b> of the traditional right.</i>
<b>gathering darkness</b>	A group of persons together in one place.
<b>ghost</b>	The visible disembodied soul of a dead person. <i>She gave the <b>ghost</b> of a smile.</i>
<b>gradation</b>	The act of arranging in grades. <i>Amorphous shapes in subtle <b>gradations</b> of green and blue.</i>

<u>hue</u>	Character or aspect. <i>The water is the deepest <b>hue</b> of aquamarine.</i>
<b>lamp shade</b>	A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs.
<b>lampshade</b>	A protective ornamental shade used to screen a light bulb from direct view.
<b>make look pale by comparison</b>	A recognizable kind.
<b>modulation</b>	The transmission of a signal by using it to vary a carrier wave; changing the carrier's amplitude or frequency or phase. <i><b>Modulation</b> of the ray amplitude will result in sound being heard.</i>
<b>nicety</b>	A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>She prided herself on her <b>nicety</b> of pronunciation.</i>
<b>nuance</b>	A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>Without understanding the finer <b>nuances</b> you can't enjoy the humor.</i>
<b>phantasm</b>	An illusory likeness of something. <i>Every <b>phantasm</b> of a hope was quickly nullified.</i>
<u>phantom</u>	A ghost. <i>He diverted an estimated 1 500 000 into <b>phantom</b> bank accounts.</i>
<b>put to shame</b>	The option to sell a given stock (or stock index or commodity future) at a given price before a given date.
<u>refinement</u>	Sophisticated and superior good taste. <i>I admired the exquisite <b>refinement</b> of his prose.</i>
<b>shadiness</b>	Questionable honesty or legality. <i>The <b>shadiness</b> of their transactions.</i>
<b>shading</b>	A representation of the effect of shadows in a picture or drawing as by shading or darker pigment. <i>The <b>shadings</b> of opinion even among those who are in broad agreement.</i>
<u>shadow</u>	A weak or inferior remnant or version of something. <i>The north side of the cathedral was deep in <b>shadow</b>.</i>
<b>shadowiness</b>	Relative darkness caused by light rays being intercepted by an opaque body.
<u>shadows</u>	An indication that something has been present. <i>He received little recognition working in the shadow of his father.</i>
<b>specter</b>	A ghostly appearing figure. <i>It aroused <b>specters</b> from his past.</i>

spectre

A ghost.

*A dread of **spectres** and witches affected every aspect of daily life.*

**spirit**

The non-physical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul.

*The rule had been broken in **spirit** if not in letter.*

subtlety

The quality or state of being subtle.

*You had to admire the **subtlety** of the distinctions he drew.*

**sunglasses**

Glasses tinted to protect the eyes from sunlight or glare.

**tad**

A slight amount or degree of difference.

*Not a **tad** of difference.*

**tincture**

An indication that something has been present.

*The remedies can be administered in form of **tinctures**.*

tint

A trace of something.

*A **tint** of glamour.*

**tone**

A musical interval of two semitones.

*He spoke in a nervous **tone** of voice.*

**top**

The top or extreme point of something usually a mountain or hill.

*Professionally you're the **tops**.*

twilight

The period of the evening when twilight is visible between daylight and darkness.

*He loved the **twilight**.*

**upstage**

The rear part of the stage.

**variation**

A change in the value of a function due to small changes in the values of its argument or arguments.

*Any **variation** in his routine was immediately reported.*

**variety**

A collection containing a variety of sorts of things.

*He had a **variety** of disorders.*

**venetian blind**

A hiding place sometimes used by hunters (especially duck hunters).

wraith

A mental representation of some haunting experience.

*A sea breeze was sending a grey **wraith** of smoke up the slopes.*



## Usage Examples of "Shade" as a noun

- *He wore shades and a leather jacket.*
- *The new model is a shade better than the old one.*
- *Sitting in the shade.*
- *His brother's success left him in the shade.*
- *A small lamp with a crimson shade.*
- *The shades of evening drew on.*
- *Draw the shades, chill the wine.*
- *Her elegant pink and black ensemble would put most outfits in the shade.*
- *An achievement that puts everything else in the shade.*
- *The goal had more than a shade of good fortune about it.*
- *It is much cooler in the shade.*
- *The ghost is the shade of Lucy Walters, first mistress of Charles II.*
- *Don't argue about shades of meaning.*
- *Maria's eyes darkened in shade.*

- *Various shades of blue.*
- *This area will be in shade for much of the day.*
- *As the sun moved he readjusted the shade.*
- *After several trials he mixed the shade of pink that she wanted.*
- *They used umbrellas as shades.*
- *Politicians of all shades of opinion.*



## Shade as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shade" as a verb

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

- *Make a slight reduction in the amount, rate, or price of.*
- *Cast a shadow over.*

- *Protect from light, heat, or view.*
- *(of a colour or something coloured) gradually change into another colour.*
- *Darken or colour (an illustration or diagram) with parallel pencil lines or a block of colour.*
- *Vary slightly.*
- *Pass from one quality such as color to another by a slight degree.*
- *Represent the effect of shade or shadow on.*
- *Decline slightly in price, amount, or rate.*
- *Cover, moderate, or exclude the light of.*
- *Narrowly win or gain an advantage in (a contest.*
- *Screen from direct light.*



## Synonyms of "Shade" as a verb (15 Words)

**become**

(in questions) happen to.  
What would **become** of her now.

<b>block in</b>	Obstruct.
<b>block off the light to</b>	Interrupt the normal function of by means of anesthesia.
<b>cast a shadow over</b>	Eject the contents of the stomach through the mouth.
<b>change gradually</b>	Change from one vehicle or transportation line to another.
<b>colour in</b>	Decorate with colors.
<b>darken</b>	Become dark or darker. <i>The sky <b>darkened</b>.</i>
<b>fill in</b>	Occupy the whole of.
<b>go</b>	Go through in search of something search through someone s belongings in an unauthorized way. <i>The money had <b>gone</b> after a few days.</i>
<b>pencil in</b>	Write, draw, or trace with a pencil.
<b>shade off</b>	Vary slightly.
<b><u>shadow</u></b>	Cast a shadow over. <i>The market is <b>shadowed</b> by St Margaret s church.</i>
<b>shut out the light from</b>	Prevent from entering; shut out.
<b><u>transmute</u></b>	Alter the nature of (elements). <i>The discovery that elements can <b>transmute</b> by radioactivity.</i>
<b>turn</b>	Cause to change or turn into something different assume new characteristics. <i>She <b>turned</b> her head towards me.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Shade" as a verb

- *She shaded her eyes against the sun.*
- *The sky shaded from turquoise to night blue.*
- *She shaded in the outline of a chimney.*
- *The butterfly wings shade to yellow.*
- *He shaded the torch with his hand.*
- *Shade the meaning.*
- *The Welsh side shaded a tight, tough first half.*
- *Their shares shaded 10p to 334p.*
- *Banks may shade the margin over base rate they charge customers.*



## Associations of "Shade" (30 Words)

<b>arbor</b>	Any of various rotating shafts that serve as axes for larger rotating parts. <i>The <b>arbor</b> provided a shady resting place in the park.</i>
<b>awning</b>	A sheet of canvas or other material stretched on a frame and used to keep the sun or rain off a shop window, doorway, or ship's deck.
<b>behind</b>	A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point. <i>Ben led the way with Joe a short distance <b>behind</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">cave</a></u>	Hollow out as if making a cave or opening. <i>The narrow gorge contains a series of prehistoric <b>caves</b>.</i>
<u><a href="#">conceal</a></u>	Hold back; keep from being perceived by others. <i>A line of sand dunes <b>concealed</b> the distant sea.</i>
<b>cover</b>	Form a cover over. <i>An easy catch by Hick at <b>cover</b>.</i>

<b>darkness</b>	An unilluminated area. <i>The <b>darkness</b> of his jacket.</i>
<b><u>dim</u></b>	Make dim by comparison or conceal. <i>The matter was in the <b>dim</b> and distant past.</i>
<b>dusky</b>	Used in names of animals with dark coloration e g dusky dolphin dusky warbler. <i>A <b>dusky</b> complexion.</i>
<b>fading</b>	Weakening in force or intensity.
<b>hide</b>	Use (someone or something) to protect oneself from criticism or punishment, especially in a way considered cowardly. <i>Companies with poor security can <b>hide</b> behind the law.</i>
<b>impenetrable</b>	Impossible to understand. <i>A dark <b>impenetrable</b> forest.</i>
<b>latency</b>	(computer science) the time it takes for a specific block of data on a data track to rotate around to the read/write head. <i>Subscribers can expect some <b>latency</b> time when issuing a request.</i>
<b>mane</b>	A person's long flowing hair. <i>He had a <b>mane</b> of white hair.</i>
<b><u>night</u></b>	Nightfall. <i>Investments that won't keep us awake <b>nights</b> with worry.</i>
<b>protect</b>	Preserve or guarantee by means of formal or legal measures. <i>Free speech is <b>protected</b> under Article 33 of the Constitution.</i>
<b>raincoat</b>	A water-resistant coat.
<b>rear</b>	Located in or toward the back or rear. <i>His room was toward the <b>rear</b> of the hotel.</i>
<b>ringtail</b>	A ring-tailed cat or lemur.
<b><u>shadow</u></b>	Envelop in shadow cast a shadow over. <i>He lived in the <b>shadow</b> of his father.</i>
<b>shadowy</b>	Filled with shade. <i><b>Shadowy</b> figures in the gloom.</i>
<b>soot</b>	Coat with soot. <i>You have previously <b>sooted</b> the underside of their plate by holding it over a candle.</i>
<b><u>sun</u></b>	Expose something to the sun especially to warm or dry it. <i>The <b>sun</b> of the Plantagenets went down in clouds.</i>
<b>sunburn</b>	Get a sunburn by overexposure to the sun. <i>I didn't have a hat and <b>sunburned</b> my head.</i>

<b>sunshade</b>	A handheld collapsible source of shade.
<b>tail</b>	A tailcoat or a man's formal evening suit with a tailcoat. <i>A flock of paparazzi had <b>tailed</b> them all over London.</i>
<b>tarpaulin</b>	A sheet or covering of tarpaulin. <i>Large <b>tarpaulins</b> were pulled over the hold.</i>
<b>tenebrous</b>	Dark; shadowy or obscure. <i>A <b>tenebrous</b> cave.</i>
<u><b>umbrella</b></u>	A formation of military planes maintained over ground operations or targets. <i>The <b>umbrella</b> body for more than 100 training organizations.</i>
<b>vestige</b>	An indication that something has been present. <i>The last <b>vestiges</b> of colonialism.</i>

