

Need another word that means the same as “shimmer”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “shimmer” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Shimmer” are: glint, glisten, flicker, twinkle, sparkle, flash, scintillate, flare, glare, gleam, glow, glimmer, glitter, dance, blink, wink, play, scintillation, lustre, dancing, blinking, winking**

## Shimmer as a Noun

### Definitions of "Shimmer" as a noun

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

- *A soft, slightly wavering light.*
- *A weak and tremulous light.*



## Synonyms of "Shimmer" as a noun (17 Words)

- blinking** A reflex that closes and opens the eyes rapidly.
- dancing** The activity of dancing for pleasure or in order to entertain others.  
*A **dancing** class.*
- flare** A sudden burst of intense emotion.  
*She could not control her **flare** of rage.*
- flash** A newsflash.  
*The woodpecker swooped from tree to tree with a **flash** of yellow green and red.*
- flicker** A tiny movement.  
*The **flicker** of an eyelid.*

<b>glare</b>	A fierce or angry stare. <i>A <b>glare</b> of sunlight.</i>
<b>gleam</b>	A faint or brief light, especially one reflected from something. <i>She saw a <b>gleam</b> of triumph in his eyes.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	A faint sign of a feeling or quality, especially a desirable one. <i>He saw a faint <b>glimmer</b> of light from her window.</i>
<b>glint</b>	A spatially localized brightness. <i>She saw the <b>glint</b> of excitement in his eyes.</i>
<b>glitter</b>	Tiny pieces of sparkling material used for decoration. <i>He avoids the <b>glitter</b> of show business.</i>
<b>glow</b>	A steady even light without flames. <i>The setting sun cast a deep red <b>glow</b> over the city.</i>
<b>lustre</b>	Ceramics with an iridescent metallic glaze lustreware. <i>She couldn't eat and her hair lost its <b>lustre</b>.</i>
<b>play</b>	The status of the ball in a game as being available to be played according to the rules. <i>Our policy allows the market to have freer <b>play</b>.</i>
<b>scintillation</b>	A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. <i><b>Scintillations</b> of diamond hard light.</i>
<b>sparkle</b>	Vivacity and wit. <i>He had a <b>sparkle</b> in his eye.</i>
<b>twinkle</b>	A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. <i>She looked at me with a grin and a <b>twinkle</b> in her eye.</i>
<b>winking</b>	A very short time (as the time it takes the eye to blink or the heart to beat).



### Usage Examples of "Shimmer" as a noun

- *A pale shimmer of moonlight.*
- *The shimmer of colors on iridescent feathers.*

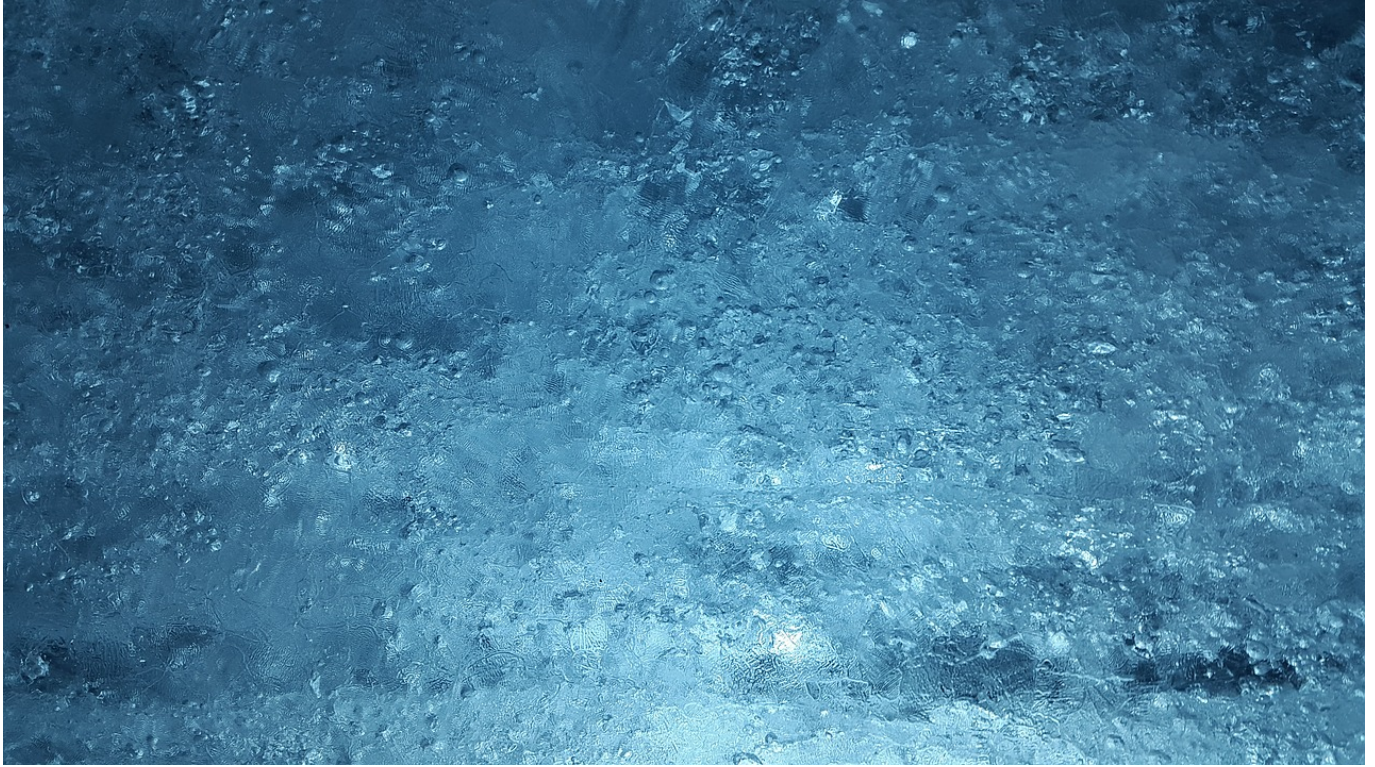


## Shimmer as a Verb

### Definitions of "Shimmer" as a verb

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

- *Give off a shimmering reflection, as of silk.*
- *Shine with a weak or fitful light.*
- *Shine with a soft, slightly wavering light.*



## Synonyms of "Shimmer" as a verb (16 Words)

- blink** Force to go away by blinking.  
*The government **blinked** only after losing 46 of the first 48 hearings.*
- dance** Move in a pattern usually to musical accompaniment do or perform a dance.  
*Sheila **danced** in gaily.*
- flare** Become flared and widen usually at one end.  
*The bellbottom pants **flare** out.*
- flash** Cause to shine briefly or suddenly.  
*The headlines **flashed** on the screen.*
- flicker** (of a flame) burn fitfully, alternately flaring up and dying down.  
*Amusement **flickered** briefly in his eyes.*
- glare** Be sharply reflected.  
*She **glared** at him her cheeks flushing.*
- gleam** Appear briefly.  
*Victor buffed the glass until it **gleamed**.*
- glimmer** Shine brightly, like a star or a light.  
*The moonlight **glimmered** on the lawn.*

- glint** Be shiny, as if wet.  
*Her glasses **glinted** in the firelight.*
- glisten** (of something wet or greasy) shine with a sparkling light.  
*His cheeks **glistened** with tears.*
- glitter** (of eyes) shine with a particular emotion.  
*The grass **glittered** with dew.*
- glow** Be exuberant or high-spirited.  
*Make the people's hearts **glow**.*
- scintillate** Give off.  
*A zinc sulphide screen **scintillated** when it was struck by an alpha particle.*
- sparkle** Shine brightly with flashes of light.  
*After a glass of wine she began to **sparkle**.*
- twinkle** Emit or reflect light in a flickering manner.  
*The smile made her face crease and her eyes **twinkle**.*
- wink** Signal by winking.  
*She **winked** at him.*



### **Usage Examples of "Shimmer" as a verb**

- *The sea shimmered in the sunlight.*
- *Beech leaves shimmered in the moonlight.*





## Associations of "Shimmer" (30 Words)

<b><u>beam</u></b>	Express with a beaming face or smile. <i>There are very fine oak <b>beams</b> in the oldest part of the house.</i>
<b><u>bright</u></b>	Not made dim or less bright. <i>A stage <b>bright</b> with spotlights.</i>
<b>brightly</b>	In a way that gives out or reflects much light. <i>A very <b>brightly</b> patterned floral jumper.</i>
<b>brilliance</b>	The quality of being magnificent or splendid or grand. <i>Lapis lazuli was highly regarded for the <b>brilliance</b> of its colour.</i>
<b>brilliantly</b>	With brightness. <i>He seems to be coping <b>brilliantly</b>.</i>
<b>burn</b>	Damage by burning with heat fire or radiation. <i>The sun <b>burned</b> off the fog.</i>
<b>chandelier</b>	Branched lighting fixture; often ornate; hangs from the ceiling.

<b>flash</b>	A newsflash. <i>Lightning <b>flashed</b> overhead.</i>
<b><u>flicker</u></b>	Shine unsteadily. <i>The candle <b>flickered</b>.</i>
<b><u>gleam</u></b>	Shine brightly, especially with reflected light. <i>A terrible thought <b>gleamed</b> in her mind.</i>
<b>glimmer</b>	A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>The moonlight <b>glimmered</b> on the lawn.</i>
<b>glint</b>	A small flash of light, especially a reflected one. <i>The <b>glint</b> of gold in his teeth.</i>
<b>glisten</b>	(of something wet or greasy) shine with a sparkling light. <i>His eyes were <b>glistening</b>.</i>
<b><u>glitter</u></b>	A bright, shimmering reflected light. <i>Her eyes <b>glittered</b> with excitement.</i>
<b>glow</b>	Have an intense colour and a slight shine. <i>The coals were <b>glowing</b> in the dark.</i>
<b>illumine</b>	Make lighter or brighter. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was <b>illuminated</b>.</i>
<b><u>iridescent</u></b>	Varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles. <i>A dragonfly hovered vibrating and <b>iridescent</b>.</i>
<b>lighten</b>	Become lighter. <i>Try to <b>lighten</b> up and think positive.</i>
<b>limelight</b>	A focus of public attention. <i>The shock win has thrust him into the <b>limelight</b>.</i>
<b>lucent</b>	Softly bright or radiant. <i>The <b>lucent</b> moon.</i>
<b>luminescence</b>	Light not due to incandescence; occurs at low temperatures. <i>Honey fungus produces a ghostly greenish <b>luminescence</b>.</i>
<b><u>mirage</u></b>	An unrealistic hope or wish that cannot be achieved. <i>The surface of the road ahead rippled in the heat <b>mirages</b>.</i>
<b>opalescence</b>	The visual property of something having a milky brightness and a play of colors from the surface.
<b>phosphorescent</b>	Emitting light without appreciable heat as by slow oxidation of phosphorous. <i>The <b>phosphorescent</b> glow of decaying wood.</i>
<b>radiance</b>	The quality of being bright and sending out rays of light. <i>Restore your skin s natural <b>radiance</b>.</i>

**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**.*

**shine**

Make a surface shine.

*His talent **shines**.*

**spark**

Produce sparks at the point where an electric circuit is interrupted.

*He had a **sparkle** in his eye.*

**sparkle**

Reflect brightly.

*Unquarried marble **sparkled** on the hillside.*

**twinkle**

Smile so that one's eyes sparkle.

*There's a perpetual **twinkle** in his eyes.*

