

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.*

glare	A fierce or angry stare. <i>A glare of sunlight.</i>
gleam	A faint or brief light, especially one reflected from something. <i>She saw a gleam of triumph in his eyes.</i>
glimmer	A faint sign of a feeling or quality, especially a desirable one. <i>He saw a faint glimmer of light from her window.</i>
glint	A spatially localized brightness. <i>She saw the glint of excitement in his eyes.</i>
glitter	Tiny pieces of sparkling material used for decoration. <i>He avoids the glitter of show business.</i>
glow	A steady even light without flames. <i>The setting sun cast a deep red glow over the city.</i>
lustre	Ceramics with an iridescent metallic glaze lustreware. <i>She couldn't eat and her hair lost its lustre.</i>
play	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 play.</i>
scintillation	A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. <i>Scintillations of diamond hard light.</i>
sparkle	Vivacity and wit. <i>He had a sparkle in his eye.</i>
twinkle	A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. <i>She looked at me with a grin and a twinkle in her eye.</i>
winking	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.*

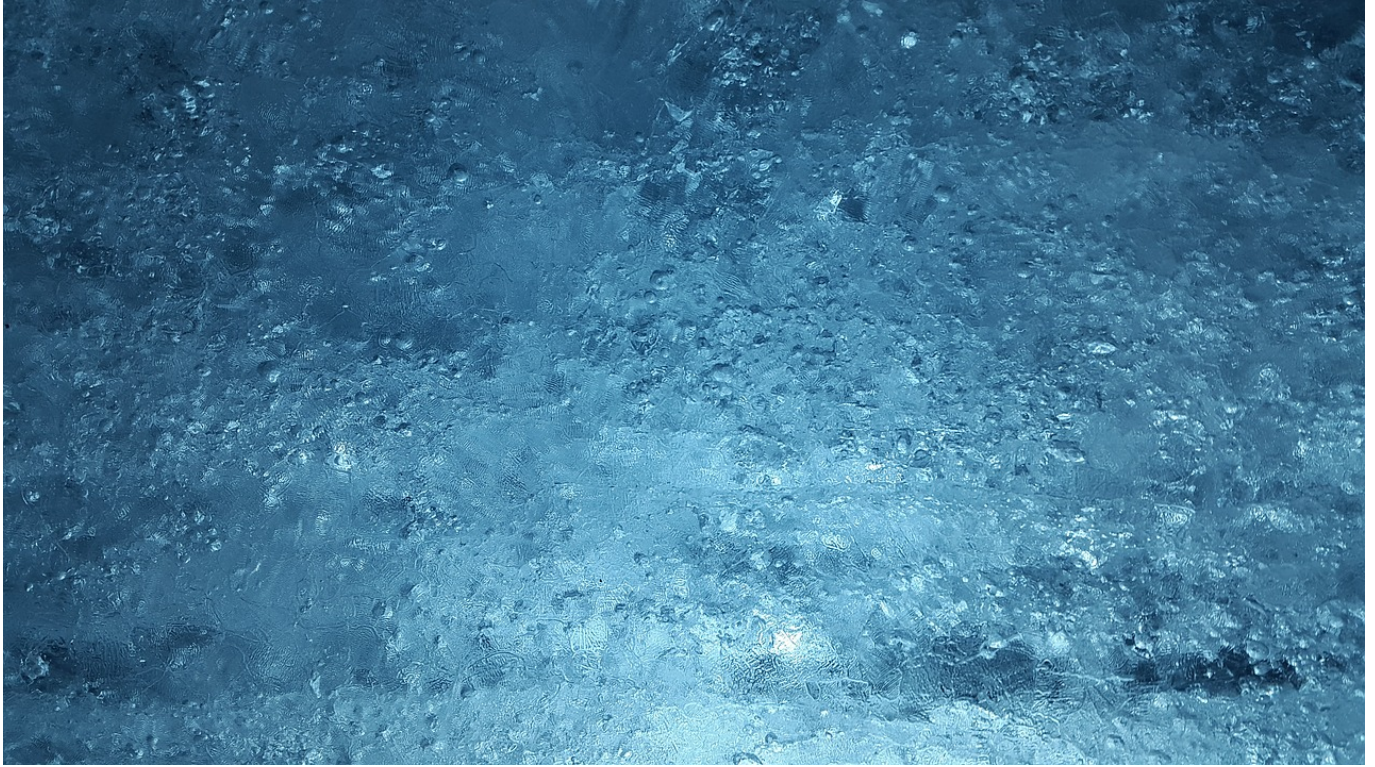


Shimmer as a Verb

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



Usage Examples of "Shimmer" as a verb

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



Associations of "Shimmer" (30 Words)

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

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

