

Need another word that means the same as “skim”? Find 74 synonyms and 30 related words for “skim” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Skim” are: glance over, rake, run down, scan, skim over, skip, skitter, plane, cream, cream off, skim off, remove, take off, scoop off, spoon off, ladle off, misappropriate, steal, rob, thief, pilfer, appropriate, abstract, defraud someone of, siphon off, pocket, take, take for oneself, help oneself to, line one's pockets with, line one's purse with, glide, move lightly, slide, sail, scud, skate, float, coast, touch, touch lightly, brush, brush against, rub lightly, shave, kiss, caress, sweep, scrape, glance off, clip, throw, toss, fling, cast, pitch, glance through, flick through, flip through, leaf through, thumb through, read quickly, look through, have a quick look at, run one's eye over, dip into, browse through, mention briefly, make only brief mention of, pass over quickly, skate over, gloss over, skimmed, skimming**

## Skim as a Noun

### Definitions of "Skim" as a noun

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

- *A thin layer covering the surface of a liquid.*
- *An act of reading something quickly or superficially.*
- *Reading or glancing through quickly.*
- *A thin layer of a substance on the surface of a liquid.*



### Synonyms of "Skim" as a noun (1 Word)

The act of brushing against while passing.

**skimming** *Although the incidence of card **skimming** is low you should observe precautions.*







## Usage Examples of "Skim" as a noun

- *A skim of ice.*
- *There was a thin skim of oil on the water.*
- *A quick skim through the pamphlet.*



## Skim as a Verb

### Definitions of "Skim" as a verb

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

- *Cause to skip over a surface.*
- *Fraudulently copy (credit or debit card details) with a card swipe or other device.*
- *Coat (a liquid) with a layer.*

- *Travel on the surface of water.*
- *Pass over (a surface), nearly or lightly touching it in the process.*
- *Steal or embezzle (money), especially in small amounts over a period of time.*
- *Move or pass swiftly and lightly over the surface of.*
- *Examine hastily.*
- *Remove from the surface.*
- *Throw (a flat stone) low over an expanse of water so that it bounces on the surface several times.*
- *Deal with or treat (a subject) briefly or superficially.*
- *Read superficially.*
- *Remove a substance from the surface of (a liquid).*
- *Read (something) quickly so as to note only the important points.*
- *Go or move quickly and lightly over or on a surface or through the air.*
- *Remove (a substance) from the surface of a liquid.*





## Synonyms of "Skim" as a verb (72 Words)

<a href="#"><u>abstract</u></a>	Give an abstract of. <i>As our relationship deepened you seemed to <b>abstract</b> yourself.</i>
<b>appropriate</b>	Take possession of by force, as after an invasion. <i>The accused had <b>appropriated</b> the property.</i>
<b>browse through</b>	Shop around; not necessarily buying.
<b>brush</b>	Apply a liquid to a surface with a brush. <i><b>Brush</b> the dust from the jacket.</i>
<b>brush against</b>	Touch lightly and briefly.
<a href="#"><u>caress</u></a>	Touch or stroke lightly in a loving or endearing manner. <i>A gentle breeze <b>caressed</b> his skin.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cast</u></a>	Make a moulded object by casting metal. <i>He <b>cast</b> the book down on to the chair angrily.</i>
<a href="#"><u>clip</u></a>	Fasten or be fastened with a clip or clips. <i>She <b>clipped</b> on a pair of diamond earrings.</i>
<a href="#"><u>coast</u></a>	Sail along the coast especially in order to carry cargo. <i>They were <b>coasting</b> down a long hill.</i>
<a href="#"><u>cream</u></a>	Put on cream as on one's face or body. <i>Madge was <b>creaming</b> her face in front of the mirror.</i>
<b>cream off</b>	Remove from the surface.
<b>defraud someone of</b>	Deprive of by deceit.
<b>dip into</b>	Dip into a liquid.
<b>flick through</b>	Throw or toss with a quick motion.
<b>fling</b>	Throw or cast away. <i><b>Fling</b> the frisbee.</i>
<b>flip through</b>	Move with a flick or light motion.
<a href="#"><u>float</u></a>	Convert from a fixed point notation to a floating point notation. <i>He <b>floated</b> the logs down the river.</i>
<b>glance off</b>	Hit at an angle.
<b>glance over</b>	Hit at an angle.
<b>glance through</b>	Hit at an angle.
<a href="#"><u>glide</u></a>	Fly in or as if in a glider plane. <i>A few gondolas <b>glided</b> past.</i>

<b>gloss over</b>	Give a deceptive explanation or excuse for.
<b>have a quick look at</b>	Undergo.
<b>help oneself to</b>	Be of use.
<b>kiss</b>	(of a ball) lightly touch (another ball) in passing. <i>The blossoms were <b>kissed</b> by the soft rain.</i>
<b>ladle off</b>	Put (a liquid) into a container by means of a ladle.
<b>leaf through</b>	Produce leaves, of plants.
<b>line one's pockets with</b>	Make a mark or lines on a surface.
<b>line one's purse with</b>	Mark with lines.
<b>look through</b>	Have faith or confidence in.
<b>make only brief mention of</b>	Make or cause to be or to become.
<b>mention briefly</b>	Commend.
<b>misappropriate</b>	Dishonestly or unfairly take (something, especially money, belonging to another) for one's own use. <i>The report revealed that department officials had <b>misappropriated</b> funds.</i>
<b>move lightly</b>	Give an incentive for action.
<b>pass over quickly</b>	Disappear gradually.
<b>pilfer</b>	Steal (things of little value). <i>She produced the handful of coins she had managed to <b>pilfer</b>.</i>
<b><u>pitch</u></b>	Set to a certain pitch. <i>He crumpled the page up and <b>pitched</b> it into the fireplace.</i>
<b><u>plane</u></b>	Cut or remove with or as if with a plane. <i><b>Plane</b> the top of the door.</i>
<b>pocket</b>	Enclose as though in a pocket. <i>She watched him lock up and <b>pocket</b> the key.</i>
<b>rake</b>	Draw together with a rake or similar implement. <i>The gunfire <b>raked</b> the coast.</i>
<b>read quickly</b>	To hear and understand.
<b>remove</b>	Remove something concrete as by lifting pushing or taking off or remove something abstract. <i>He <b>removed</b> to Wales and began afresh.</i>
<b>rob</b>	Deprive someone of (something needed or deserved). <i>Bob thinks my suit cost 70 and even then he thinks I was <b>robbed</b>.</i>

<b>rub lightly</b>	Scrape or rub as if to relieve itching.
<b>run down</b>	Move along, of liquids.
<b>run one's eye over</b>	Pursue for food or sport (as of wild animals).
<b>sail</b>	Travel in a boat with sails especially as a sport or recreation. <i>We <b>sailed</b> the Atlantic.</i>
<b><u>scan</u></b>	Look at all parts of (something) carefully in order to detect some feature. <i>She <b>scanned</b> the newspaper headlines while waiting for the taxi.</i>
<b>scoop off</b>	Take out or up with or as if with a scoop.
<b>scrape</b>	Move with or make a harsh scraping sound. <i>All search engines <b>scrape</b> content from sites without permission and display it on their own sites.</i>
<b>scud</b>	Move fast in a straight line because or as if driven by the wind. <i>Three small ships were <b>scudding</b> before a brisk breeze.</i>
<b>shave</b>	Cut (a thin slice or slices) from the surface of something. <i>The machine <b>shaved</b> off fine layers from the piece of wood.</i>
<b>siphon off</b>	Convey, draw off, or empty by or as if by a siphon.
<b>skate</b>	Perform a specified figure on skates. <i>She seemed to <b>skate</b> over the next part of her story.</i>
<b>skate over</b>	Move along on skates.
<b>skim off</b>	Examine hastily.
<b>skim over</b>	Move or pass swiftly and lightly over the surface of.
<b><u>skip</u></b>	Cause to skip over a surface. <i><b>Skip</b> town.</i>
<b>skitter</b>	Twitch the hook of a fishing line through or along the surface of water. <i>Her mind <b>skittered</b> back to that day at the office.</i>
<b><u>slide</u></b>	Move (something) smoothly along a surface. <i>I quickly slid into a seat at the back of the hall.</i>
<b>spoon off</b>	Scoop up or take up with a spoon.
<b>steal</b>	Move stealthily. <i>She was found guilty of <b>stealing</b> from her employers.</i>
<b>sweep</b>	Clean by sweeping. <i>They were trying to get the Lewis gun up behind some trees from where they would <b>sweep</b> the trench.</i>



<b>take</b>	Of a plant or seed take root or begin to grow germinate. <i><b>Take</b> an aspirin and lie down.</i>
<b>take for oneself</b>	Lay claim to; as of an idea.
<b>take off</b>	Obtain by winning.
<b>thieve</b>	Take by theft. <i>They began <b>thieving</b> again.</i>
<b>throw</b>	Throw a die out onto a flat surface. <i>The stewards had <b>thrown</b> a cordon across the fairway.</i>
<b>thumb through</b>	Look through a book or other written material.
<b>toss</b>	Throw or toss with a light motion. <i>The yachts were <b>tossed</b> around like toys in the harbour.</i>
<b>touch</b>	Make a more or less disguised reference to. <i>Andrew <b>touched</b> him on the shoulder.</i>
<b>touch lightly</b>	Cause to be in brief contact with.



## Usage Examples of "Skim" as a verb

- *As the scum rises, skim it off.*
- *She skimmed through the newspaper.*
- *He let his fingers skim across her shoulders.*
- *Bring the stock to the boil, then skim it to remove any foam.*
- *She was skimming money from the household kitty.*
- *Skim cream from the surface of milk.*
- *He bent to pick up a small pebble, skimming it across the glittering water.*
- *She skimmed over her meeting with Roger—it had suddenly become rather difficult to speak of him.*
- *He skimmed the report.*
- *We stood on the bridge, watching swallows skimming the water.*





# Skim as an Adjective

## Definitions of "Skim" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "skim" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Used of milk and milk products from which the cream has been removed.*

## Synonyms of "Skim" as an adjective (1 Word)

**skimmed** Used of milk and milk products from which the cream has been removed.  
*She can drink **skimmed** milk but should avoid butter.*

## Usage Examples of "Skim" as an adjective

- *Yogurt made with skim milk.*
- *She can drink skimmed milk but should avoid butter.*

## Associations of "Skim" (30 Words)

<b>escalation</b>	An increase to counteract a perceived discrepancy. <i>Higher wages caused an <b>escalation</b> of prices.</i>
<b>examine</b>	Question or examine thoroughly and closely. <i>The customs agent <b>examined</b> the baggage.</i>
<b>grass</b>	Feed with grass. <i>Anglers <b>grassed</b> 294 trout.</i>
<b>grazing</b>	The act of grazing. <i>Large areas of rough <b>grazing</b>.</i>
<b>harrow</b>	Draw a harrow over land. <i>They ploughed and <b>harrowed</b> the heavy clay.</i>
<b>hay</b>	Convert plant material into hay. <i>The grass had all <b>hayed</b> off and gone to seed.</i>
<b>instantaneous</b>	Occurring or done instantly. <i>Measurement of the <b>instantaneous</b> velocity.</i>
<b>investigate</b>	Investigate scientifically. <i>The district attorney's office <b>investigated</b> reports of possible irregularities.</i>

<b>lea</b>	A unit of length of thread or yarn. <i>The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the <b>lea</b>.</i>
<b><u>meadow</u></b>	A piece of grassland, especially one used for hay. <i>143 acres of <b>meadow</b> and pasture.</i>
<b>microscope</b>	Magnifier of the image of small objects. <i>The invention of the <b>microscope</b> led to the discovery of the cell.</i>
<b>microscopy</b>	Research with the use of microscopes.
<b>nib</b>	Shelled and crushed coffee or cocoa beans. <i>Slide the tile into place until the <b>nibs</b> hook on.</i>
<b>nimble</b>	Quick and light in movement or action; agile. <i><b>Nimble</b> wits.</i>
<b>overhasty</b>	Excessively hasty. <i>Hard times are showing up <b>overhasty</b> mergers.</i>
<b>pasture</b>	Feed as in a meadow or pasture. <i>They <b>pastured</b> their cows in the water meadow.</i>
<b>prompt</b>	The time limit for the payment of an account stated on a prompt note. <i>She is always <b>prompt</b> to help her friends.</i>
<b>quick</b>	At a fast rate quickly. <i>Brian gave her a <b>quick</b> look.</i>
<b>rake</b>	An implement similar to a rake used for other purposes e.g. by a croupier drawing in money at a gaming table. <i>I sometimes <b>rake</b> over the allotment.</i>
<b><u>rapid</u></b>	A fast-flowing and turbulent part of the course of a river. <i>They made a <b>rapid</b> exit.</i>
<b>read</b>	Audition for a stage role by reading parts of a role. <i>I <b>read</b> the letter to her.</i>
<b><u>scan</u></b>	The act of scanning systematic examination of a prescribed region. <i>She <b>scanned</b> the newspaper headlines while waiting for the taxi.</i>
<b>scrape</b>	A place where soil has been scraped away especially a shallow hollow formed in the ground by a bird during a courtship display or for nesting. <i>She has to <b>scrape</b> by on Social Security.</i>
<b><u>scrutinize</u></b>	Examine or inspect closely and thoroughly. <i>He <b>scrutinized</b> his likeness in the mirror.</i>
<b>seek</b>	The movement of a read/write head to a specific data track on a disk. <i><b>Seek</b> an education.</i>

<b><u>snapshot</u></b>	An informal photograph taken quickly, typically with a small handheld camera. <i>A collection of family <b>snapshots</b>.</i>
<b><u>speedy</u></b>	Moving quickly. <i>A <b>speedy</b> recovery.</i>
<b>spry</b>	(especially of an old person) active; lively. <i>The old dog was so <b>spry</b> it was halfway up the stairs before we could stop it.</i>
<b><u>swift</u></b>	Swiftly. <i>The <b>swiftest</b> horse in his stable.</i>
<b>tine</b>	A prong or sharp point, such as that on a fork or antler.