

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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