

Need another word that means the same as “spotlight”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “spotlight” in this overview.

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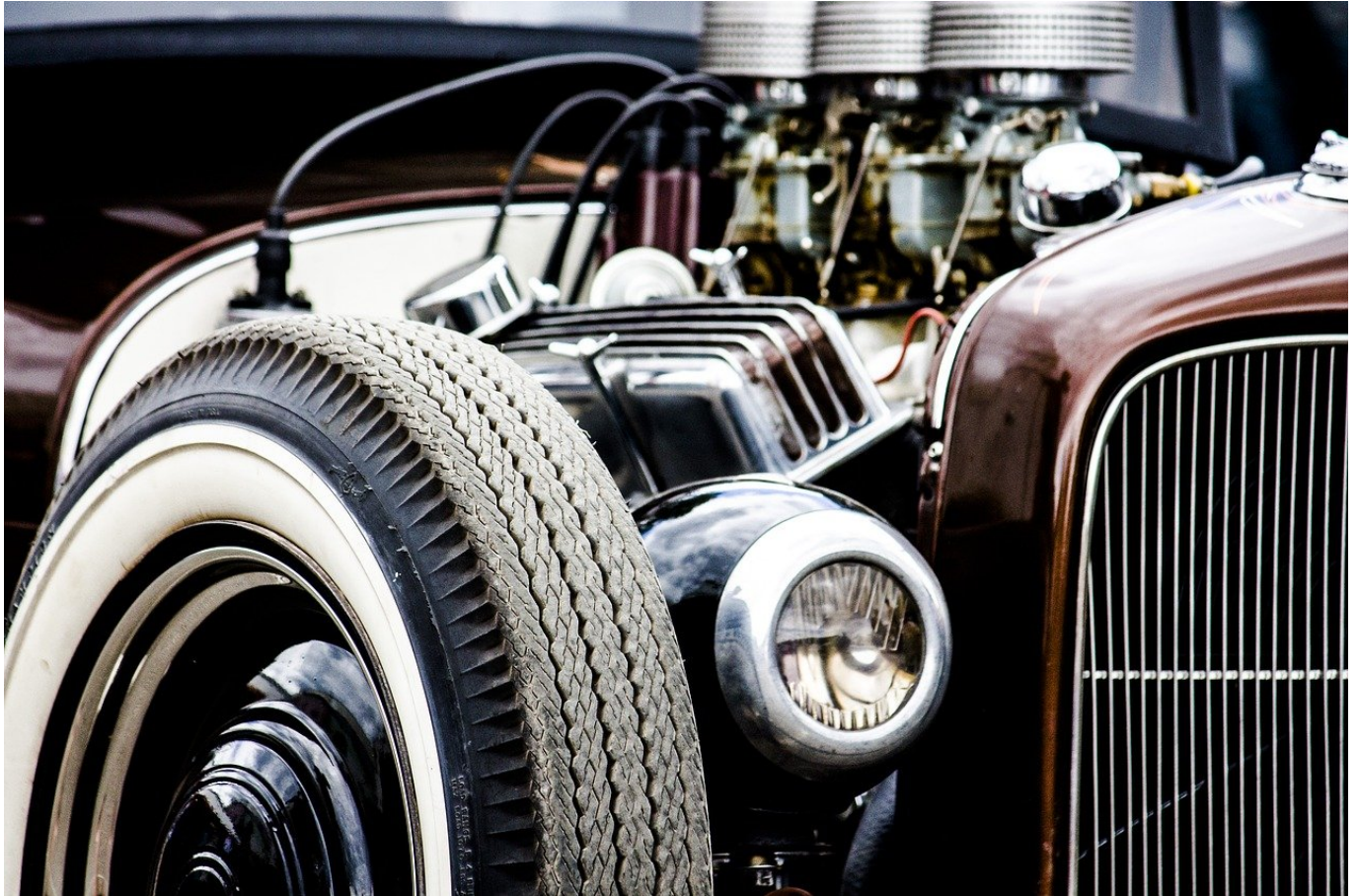
**The synonyms of “Spotlight” are: spot, glare, limelight, public eye, the public eye, the glare of publicity, the limelight, foreground, highlight, play up, focus attention on, point up, call attention to, draw attention to, accentuate, accent, make conspicuous, underline, underscore, give prominence to, throw into relief, turn the spotlight on, bring to the fore, bring home**

## Spotlight as a Noun

### Definitions of "Spotlight" as a noun

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

- *A lamp that produces a strong beam of light to illuminate a restricted area; used to focus attention of a stage performer.*
- *A focus of public attention.*
- *Intense scrutiny or public attention.*
- *A beam of light projected from a spotlight.*
- *A lamp projecting a narrow, intense beam of light directly on to a place or person, especially a performer on stage.*



## Synonyms of "Spotlight" as a noun (7 Words)

<b>glare</b>	A fierce or angry stare. <i>When Congress investigates it brings the full <b>glare</b> of publicity to the agency.</i>
<b>limelight</b>	Intense white light obtained by heating lime, formerly used in theatres. <i>The shock win has thrust him into the <b>limelight</b>.</i>
<b>public eye</b>	People in general considered as a whole.
<b>spot</b>	A bar or other drinking establishment (usually in a private home in a township) that operates without an official permit. <i>Her father was at the <b>spot</b> with his friends.</i>
<b>the glare of publicity</b>	A light within the field of vision that is brighter than the brightness to which the eyes are adapted.
<b>the limelight</b>	A lamp consisting of a flame directed at a cylinder of lime with a lens to concentrate the light; formerly used for stage lighting.
<b>the public eye</b>	People in general considered as a whole.



## Usage Examples of "Spotlight" as a noun

- *The knife flashed in the spotlight.*
- *She was constantly in the media spotlight.*





## Spotlight as a Verb

### Definitions of "Spotlight" as a verb

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

- *Illuminate with a spotlight.*
- *Illuminate with a spotlight, as in the theater.*
- *Direct attention to (a problem or situation.*
- *Move into the foreground to make more visible or prominent.*



## Synonyms of "Spotlight" as a verb (17 Words)

### accent

Put stress on utter with an accent.  
*In Farsi you **accent** the last syllable of each word.*

### accentuate

To stress, single out as important.  
*His jacket unfortunately **accentuated** his paunch.*

### **bring home**

Induce or persuade.

### **bring to the fore**

Bestow a quality on.

### **call attention to**

Utter a sudden loud cry.

### **draw attention to**

Move or go steadily or gradually.

### **focus attention on**

Cause to converge on or toward a central point.

### **foreground**

Move into the foreground to make more visible or prominent.  
*Sexual relationships are **foregrounded** and idealized.*

### **give prominence to**

Afford access to.



<b>highlight</b>	Apply a highlighter to one's cheeks or eyebrows in order to make them more prominent. <i>The issues <b>highlighted</b> by the report.</i>
<b>make conspicuous</b>	Behave in a certain way.
<b>play up</b>	Perform on a stage or theater.
<b>point up</b>	Be a signal for or a symptom of.
<b>throw into relief</b>	Utter with force; utter vehemently.
<b>turn the spotlight on</b>	Undergo a transformation or a change of position or action.
<u><b>underline</b></u>	Draw a line under (a word or phrase) to give emphasis or indicate special type. <i>Certain phrases had been <b>underlined</b>.</i>
<u><b>underscore</b></u>	Give extra weight to (a communication). <i>The company <b>underscored</b> the progress made with fuel cells.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Spotlight" as a verb

- *The dancers are spotlighted from time to time throughout the evening.*
- *The protest spotlighted the overcrowding in British prisons.*





## Associations of "Spotlight" (30 Words)

<b>accentuate</b>	Make more noticeable or prominent. <i>His jacket unfortunately <b>accentuated</b> his paunch.</i>
<b>beam</b>	An oscillating shaft which transmits the vertical piston movement of a beam engine to the crank or pump. <i>The instructress <b>beamed</b> her approval.</i>
<b>bright</b>	With brightness. <i>The sun was dazzlingly <b>bright</b>.</i>
<b>brilliantly</b>	In an impressive or outstanding way; very well. <i>He seems to be coping <b>brilliantly</b>.</i>
<b>celebrity</b>	The state of being well known. <i>A <b>celebrity</b> chef.</i>
<b>dazzle</b>	To cause someone to lose clear vision, especially from intense light. <i>The dancer <b>dazzled</b> the audience with his turns and jumps.</i>
<b>emphasis</b>	Special importance, value, or prominence given to something. <i>His <b>emphasis</b> on civil rights.</i>
<b>emphasize</b>	Make (something) more clearly defined. <i>Dr Jones <b>emphasizes</b> exercise in addition to a change in diet.</i>
<b>emphatically</b>	Without doubt; clearly. <i>Jane though born in California feels <b>emphatically</b> English.</i>
<b>filament</b>	A very slender natural or synthetic fiber. <i>Each myosin <b>filament</b> is usually surrounded by 12 actin <b>filaments</b>.</i>
<b>flame</b>	Shine or glow like a flame. <i>The sky seemed to <b>flame</b> in the Hawaiian sunset.</i>
<b>flare</b>	Become flared and widen usually at one end. <i>The bonfire crackled and <b>flared</b> up.</i>
<b>flash</b>	A newsflash. <i>Red lights started to <b>flash</b> a warning.</i>
<b>floodlight</b>	The illumination provided by a floodlight. <i>We are <b>floodlighting</b> the building to highlight the structure.</i>
<b>foreground</b>	Move into the foreground to make more visible or prominent. <i>Sexual relationships are <b>foregrounded</b> and idealized.</i>
<b>gawk</b>	Stare openly and stupidly. <i>They were <b>gawking</b> at some pin up.</i>
<b>glare</b>	A fierce or angry stare. <i>The girl <b>glared</b> at the man who tried to make a pass at her.</i>

<b>gleam</b>	(of a smooth surface or object) reflect light because well polished. <i>Her eyes <b>gleamed</b> with satisfaction.</i>
<b>glower</b>	Look angry or sullen, wrinkle one's forehead, as if to signal disapproval. <i>His father s <b>glowering</b> face.</i>
<b>highlight</b>	Mark with a highlighter. <i>Gary Lineker presents the <b>highlights</b> of today s semi final.</i>
<b>illuminate</b>	Make (something) visible or bright by shining light on it; light up. <i>His face was <b>illuminated</b> by a smile.</i>
<b>illumine</b>	Make lighter or brighter. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was <b>illuminated</b>.</i>
<b>limelight</b>	A focus of public attention. <i>The shock win has thrust him into the <b>limelight</b>.</i>
<b>lurid</b>	Unpleasantly bright in colour, especially so as to create a harsh or unnatural effect. <i><b>Lurid</b> details of the accident.</i>
<b>shine</b>	Make a surface shine. <i>His talent <b>shines</b>.</i>
<b>splendor</b>	A quality that outshines the usual. <i>It is the university that gives the scene its stately <b>splendor</b>.</i>
<b>stress</b>	The relative prominence of a syllable or musical note especially with regard to stress or pitch. <i><b>Stress</b> is a vasoconstrictor.</i>
<b>sunlight</b>	The rays of the sun. <i>A shaft of <b>sunlight</b>.</i>
<b>underline</b>	Draw a line under (a word or phrase) to give emphasis or indicate special type. <i>She has a white tail and <b>underline</b>.</i>
<b>underscore</b>	Give extra weight to (a communication). <i>The company <b>underscored</b> the progress made with fuel cells.</i>

