

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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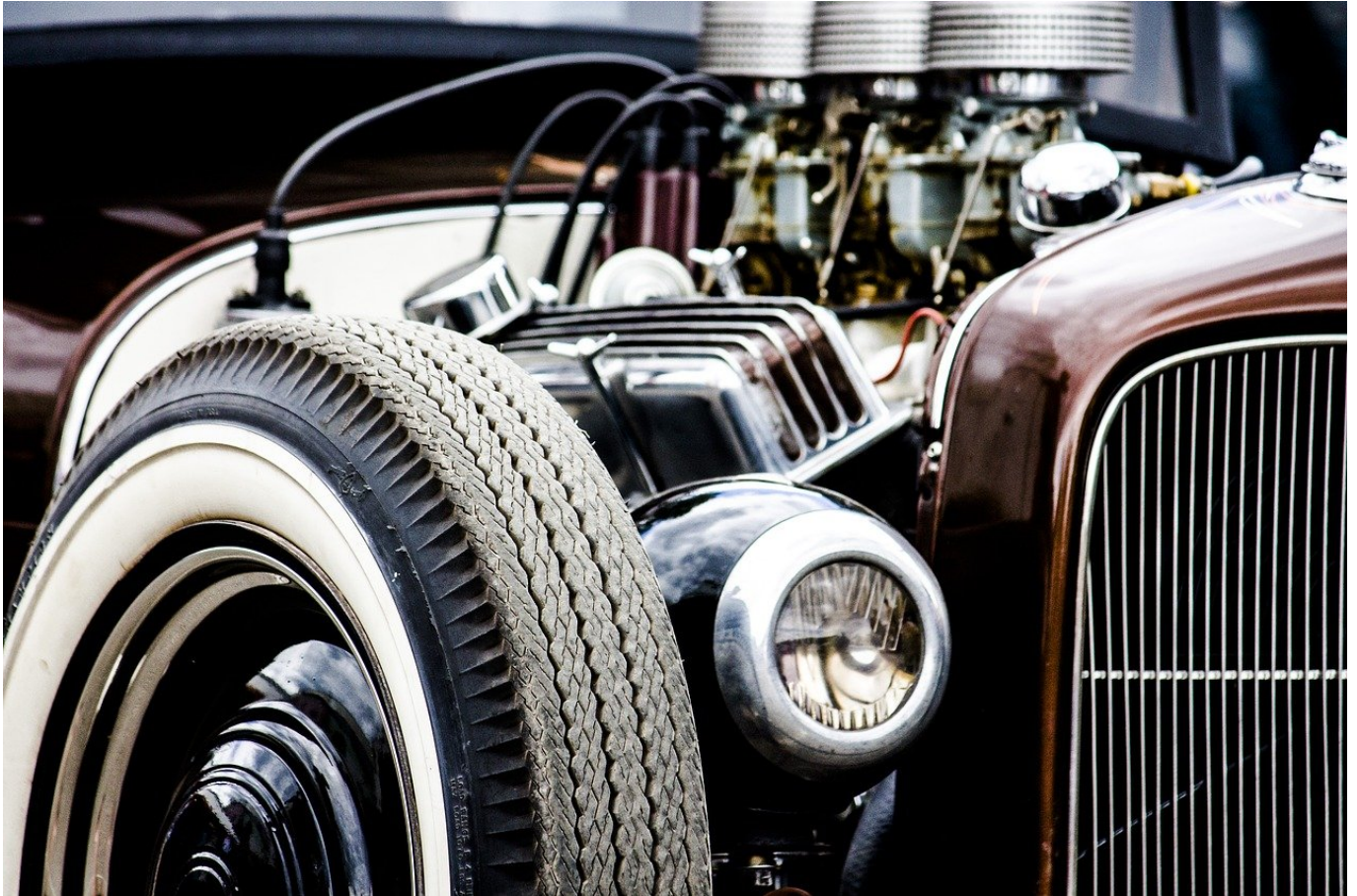
The synonyms of “Spotlight” are: spot, glare, limelight, public eye, the public eye, the glare of publicity, the limelight, foreground, highlight, play up, focus attention on, point up, call attention to, draw attention to, accentuate, accent, make conspicuous, underline, underscore, give prominence 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)

glare	A fierce or angry stare. <i>When Congress investigates it brings the full glare of publicity to the agency.</i>
limelight	Intense white light obtained by heating lime, formerly used in theatres. <i>The shock win has thrust him into the limelight.</i>
public eye	People in general considered as a whole.
spot	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 spot with his friends.</i>
the glare of publicity	A light within the field of vision that is brighter than the brightness to which the eyes are adapted.
the limelight	A lamp consisting of a flame directed at a cylinder of lime with a lens to concentrate the light; formerly used for stage lighting.
the public eye	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.

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

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

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

