

Need another word that means the same as “twinkle”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “twinkle” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Twinkle” are: scintillate, winkle, blink, flash, wink, glitter, sparkle, shine, glimmer, shimmer, glint, gleam, glisten, flicker, glimmering, glinting, winking, run lightly, dart, dance, skip, flit, glide, light, spark, scintillation, sparkling, twinkling, dazzle, brightness, glow, beam, flare, glare, radiance, illumination, luminescence, luminosity, incandescence, phosphorescence, fluorescence

Twinkle as a Noun

Definitions of "Twinkle" as a noun

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

- *Merriment expressed by a brightness or gleam or animation of countenance.*
- *A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash.*
- *A sparkle or gleam in a person's eyes.*
- *A light which appears continually to grow brighter and fainter.*



Synonyms of "Twinkle" as a noun (29 Words)

beam

An oscillating shaft which transmits the vertical piston movement of a beam engine to the crank or pump.

*They sighted land on the port **beam**.*

blink

A reflex that closes and opens the eyes rapidly.

*He was observing her every **blink**.*

brightness

Success and happiness.

*There had been some **brightness** in her life.*

dazzle

Brightness that blinds someone temporarily.

*I screwed my eyes up against the **dazzle**.*

flare

A sudden brief burst of bright flame or light.

*A distress **flare**.*

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| flash | A newsflash. <i>A short man with the black flashes of the tank units.</i> |
| flicker | A brief feeling or indication of emotion. <i>The flicker of a candle flame caught our eyes.</i> |
| fluorescence | The visible or invisible radiation produced from certain substances as a result of incident radiation of a shorter wavelength such as X-rays or ultraviolet light. |
| glare | Oppressive public attention. <i>When Congress investigates it brings the full glare of publicity to the agency.</i> |
| gleam | An appearance of reflected light. <i>The gleam of a silver tray.</i> |
| glimmer | A slight suggestion or vague understanding. <i>There is one glimmer of hope for Becky.</i> |
| glint | A momentary flash of light. <i>She saw the glint of excitement in his eyes.</i> |
| glisten | The quality of shining with a bright reflected light. <i>There was a glisten of perspiration across her top lip.</i> |
| glitter | The occurrence of a small flash or spark. <i>The scathing glitter in his eyes.</i> |
| glow | Light from nonthermal sources. <i>With a glow of pride Mildred walked away.</i> |
| illumination | A condition of spiritual awareness divine illumination. <i>These books form the most sustained analysis and illumination of the subject.</i> |
| incandescence | The phenomenon of light emission by a body as its temperature is raised. |
| light | Understanding of a problem or mystery enlightenment. <i>Although he saw it in a different light he still did not understand.</i> |
| luminescence | Light from nonthermal sources. <i>Honey fungus produces a ghostly greenish luminescence.</i> |
| luminosity | The quality of being luminous; emitting or reflecting light. <i>Its luminosity is measured relative to that of our sun.</i> |
| phosphorescence | The emission of radiation in a similar manner to fluorescence but on a longer timescale, so that emission continues after excitation ceases. <i>The stones overhead gleamed with phosphorescence.</i> |

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| radiance | An attractive combination of good health and happiness. <i>The radiance of the sunset dwindled and died.</i> |
| scintillation | The twinkling of the stars caused when changes in the density of the earth's atmosphere produce uneven refraction of starlight. <i>Scintillations of diamond hard light.</i> |
| <u>shimmer</u> | A soft, slightly wavering light. <i>The shimmer of colors on iridescent feathers.</i> |
| spark | A small fiery particle thrown off from a fire, alight in ashes, or produced by striking together two hard surfaces such as stone or metal. <i>Angry sparks were flashing in her eyes.</i> |
| <u>sparkle</u> | Vivacity and wit. <i>She s got a kind of sparkle.</i> |
| <u>sparkling</u> | A rapid change in brightness; a brief spark or flash. |
| <u>twinkling</u> | A very short time (as the time it takes the eye to blink or the heart to beat). |
| <u>wink</u> | An act of winking. <i>Barney gave him a knowing wink.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Twinkle" as a noun

- *The distant twinkle of the lights.*
- *There's a perpetual twinkle in his eyes.*
- *She looked at me with a grin and a twinkle in her eye.*



Twinkle as a Verb

Definitions of "Twinkle" as a verb

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

- *(of a star or light, or a shiny object) shine with a gleam that changes constantly from bright to faint.*
- *Gleam or glow intermittently.*
- *(of a person's feet) move lightly and rapidly.*
- *(of a person's eyes) sparkle, especially with amusement.*
- *Emit or reflect light in a flickering manner.*
- *Smile so that one's eyes sparkle.*



Synonyms of "Twinkle" as a verb (23 Words)

- blink** Keep back by blinking.
*I **blinked** in astonishment.*
- dance** Move in a pattern usually to musical accompaniment do or perform a dance.
*Sheila **danced** in gaily.*
- dart** Shoot an animal with a dart typically in order to administer a drug.
*She **darted** a glance across the table.*
- flash** (of a man) show one's genitals briefly in public.
*The oncoming car **flashed** its lights.*
- flicker** (of a flame) burn fitfully, alternately flaring up and dying down.
*Amusement **flickered** briefly in his eyes.*
- flit** Move along rapidly and lightly; skim or dart.
*The idea had **flitted** through his mind.*
- gleam** Be shiny, as if wet.
*Her eyes **gleamed** with satisfaction.*

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| <u>glide</u> | Fly in or as if in a glider plane. <i>A few gondolas glided past.</i> |
| glimmer | Shine faintly with a wavering light. <i>The moonlight glimmered on the lawn.</i> |
| glimmering | Shine brightly, like a star or a light. |
| glint | Be shiny, as if wet. <i>His eyes glinted angrily.</i> |
| glinting | Be shiny, as if wet. |
| glisten | Be shiny, as if wet. <i>His eyes were glistening.</i> |
| <u>glitter</u> | Be shiny, as if wet. <i>Her eyes glittered with excitement.</i> |
| run lightly | Continue to exist. |
| scintillate | Emit or reflect light in a flickering manner. <i>A zinc sulphide screen scintillated when it was struck by an alpha particle.</i> |
| <u>shimmer</u> | Give off a shimmering reflection as of silk. <i>The sea shimmered in the sunlight.</i> |
| shine | Make a surface shine. <i>His shoes were shined to perfection.</i> |
| <u>skip</u> | Cause to skip over a surface. <i>He skipped a row in the text and so the sentence was incomprehensible.</i> |
| <u>sparkle</u> | Emit or produce sparks. <i>Her earrings sparkled as she turned her head.</i> |
| <u>wink</u> | Signal by winking. <i>He winked at Nicole as he passed.</i> |
| winking | Signal by winking. |
| winkle | Emit or reflect light in a flickering manner. <i>I swore I wasn't going to tell her but she winkled it all out of me.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Twinkle" as a verb

- *'Aha!' he said, twinkling at her.*
- *The smile made her face crease and her eyes twinkle.*
- *Does a constellation twinkle more brightly than a single star?*
- *His sandalled feet twinkled over the ground.*
- *The lights twinkled in the distance.*



Associations of "Twinkle" (30 Words)

beam

An oscillating shaft which transmits the vertical piston movement of a beam engine to the crank or pump.

*The cottage boasts a wealth of exposed **beams**.*

blink

Keep back by blinking.

*Elizabeth **blinked** back tears.*

bright

With brightness.

*A **bright** tie.*

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| fizz | The quality of being fizzy effervescence. <i>The fizz of 300 sparklers.</i> |
| flicker | Shine unsteadily. <i>Her alert hazel eyes flickered around the room.</i> |
| flickering | Shining unsteadily. <i>The flickering flames cast long shadows.</i> |
| froth | Become bubbly or frothy or foaming. <i>Users found it easy to froth milk for cappuccino.</i> |
| furor | An interest followed with exaggerated zeal. |
| gleam | (of a smooth surface or object) reflect light because well polished. <i>Affection gleamed in her large green eyes.</i> |
| glimmer | A faint sign of a feeling or quality, especially a desirable one. <i>The moonlight glimmered on the lawn.</i> |
| glint | Give out or reflect small flashes of light. <i>His eyes glinted angrily.</i> |
| glisten | Be shiny, as if wet. <i>His cheeks glistened with tears.</i> |
| glistening | Shining with a sparkling light. <i>The glistening golden dome.</i> |
| glitter | An attractive and exciting but superficial quality. <i>He avoids the glitter of show business.</i> |
| glow | The amount of electromagnetic radiation leaving or arriving at a point on a surface. <i>A glow of regret.</i> |
| ignition | The mechanism for bringing about ignition in an internal combustion engine typically activated by a key or switch. <i>She turned off the ignition.</i> |
| illumine | Light up; brighten. <i>He moved her lamp so that her face was illuminated.</i> |
| light | A device for lighting or igniting fuel or charges or fires. <i>He stopped the car and turned off the lights.</i> |
| polish | A preparation used in polishing. <i>They performed with great polish.</i> |
| pyrotechnics | The art of making or displaying fireworks. <i>He thrilled his audience with vocal pyrotechnics.</i> |
| rekindle | Arouse again. <i>He tried to rekindle their friendship.</i> |

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| shine | Make a surface shine. <i>His talent shines.</i> |
| <u>shiny</u> | Having a shiny surface or coating. Shiny black shoes. |
| spark | Produce sparks at the point where an electric circuit is interrupted. <i>A high tension wire brought down by a storm can continue to spark.</i> |
| <u>sparkle</u> | The quality of shining with a bright reflected light. <i>Unquarried marble sparkled on the hillside.</i> |
| <u>sparkling</u> | (of a drink) effervescent; fizzy. <i>Her sparkling blue eyes.</i> |
| tinder | Material for starting a fire. <i>He lit it with a tinder.</i> |
| trigger | Release or pull the trigger on. <i>He pulled the trigger of the shotgun.</i> |
| <u>twinkling</u> | Shining with a gleam that changes from bright to faint. Twinkling harbour lights. |
| <u>wink</u> | Signal by winking. <i>Barney gave him a knowing wink.</i> |

