

stare

1. [steə] *n*

пристальный взгляд

to give smb. a stare - уставиться на кого-л.

2. [steə] *v*

1. 1) пристально смотреть, уставиться

to stare into smb.'s eyes - пристально смотреть кому-л. в глаза

to stare smb. in the face - дерзко /вызывающе/ смотреть на кого-л. [*см. тж.* 2]

to stare straight before /in front of/ one - смотреть прямо перед собой

to stare into vacancy - смотреть невидящим взглядом

to stare into the darkness - вперить взор в темноту

he stared the stranger up and down - он смерил незнакомца пристальным взглядом

don't stare (at me)! - не пяль (на меня) глаза!

2) взглядом привести в какое-л. состояние

to stare smb. into confusion /out of countenance/ - смутить кого-л. пристальным взглядом

to stare smb. dumb /into silence/ - пристальным взглядом заставить кого-л. замолчать

3) смотреть в изумлении

to make people stare - поражать /изумлять/ всех

2. бросаться в глаза

to stare in the face - а) быть очевидным /явным/; her lie stared him in the face - её ложь была для него очевидна; б) угрожать, грозить, надвигаться; ruin [disgrace] stares him in the face - ему грозит разорение [позор]; [*см. тж.* 1, 1])

the error stared from the page - ошибка бросалась в глаза

3. 1) зиять

rows of empty windows stared from the house - дом зиял рядами пустых окон

2) выступать, проступать

the white benches stared against the green of the grass - на зелёной траве выделялись белые пятна скамеек

4. вставать дыбом (о шерсти, волосах)

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stare [stare stares stared staring] *verb, noun* BrE [steə(r)][Ⓜ] NAmE [ster][Ⓜ]

verb intransitive ~ (at sb/sth)

to look at sb/sth for a long time

- I screamed and everyone stared.
- I stared blankly at the paper in front of me.
- They stared up at the hole in the ceiling.
- He sat **staring into space** (= looking at nothing) .
- She looked at them with dark staring eyes.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	stare
	BrE /steə(r)/
	NAmE /ster/
he / she / it	stares
	BrE /steəz/
	NAmE /sterz/
past simple, past participle	stared
	BrE /sted/
	NAmE /sterd/
-ing form	staring
	BrE /steərɪŋ/
	NAmE /stərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English starian, of Germanic origin, from a base meaning 'be rigid'.

Thesaurus:

stare *verb* I

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glare • **gaze** • **peer** • **look** • |informal **gawk** •

stare/glare/gaze/peer/look/gawk **at** sb/sth

stare/gaze/gawk **in** surprise/amusement, etc.

stare/glare/peer/look **suspiciously**

Synonyms:

stare

gaze • peer • glare

These words all mean to look at sb/sth for a long time.

stare • to look at sb/sth for a long time, especially with surprise or fear, or because you are thinking: ▪ I screamed and everyone stared.

gaze • (rather formal) to look steadily at sb/sth for a long time, especially with surprise or love, or because you are thinking: ▪ We all gazed at Marco in amazement.

peer • to look closely or carefully at sth, especially when you cannot see it clearly
glare • to look angrily at sb/sth for a long time: ▪ I looked at her and she glared stonily back.
to stare/gaze/peer/glare **at** sb/sth
to stare/gaze/peer/glare **suspiciously**
to stare/gaze/peer **anxiously/intently**
to stare/gaze/glare **wildly/fiercely**

Example Bank:

- Everyone in the room turned to stare at her.
- For a long moment they just stared at each other.
- He just stared at her with disbelief.
- He stared at me bleakly and said nothing.
- He stared straight ahead and did not move.
- He was still staring at himself in the mirror.
- His party was staring into the abyss.
- I could see a man staring at me intently.
- I sat staring at the ruins of the building.
- I stared at him open-mouthed, unable to speak.
- I stared in horror at his bloody mouth.
- It was too cold to stand and stare.
- She could only stare at him with pain in her eyes.
- She stalked off, leaving them all staring after her.
- She stared at him stonily as he came in.
- She stared back at him.
- She stared blankly at the brick wall in front of her.
- She was just sitting there, staring into space.
- He sat for hours just staring into space.
- Peter stared in disbelief at the message on the screen.
- The builder stared up at the crack in the ceiling with a thoughtful expression.
- The passengers stared wide-eyed as the hijacker took out a grenade.

Idioms: ↑ **staring somebody in the face** ▪ ↑ **staring something in the face**

Derived ↑ **stare somebody out**

noun

an act of looking at sb/sth for a long time, especially in a way that is unfriendly or that shows surprise

- She gave him a blank stare.
- He fixed the interviewer with a penetrating stare.

Word Origin:

Old English starian, of Germanic origin, from a base meaning **'be rigid'**.

Thesaurus:

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- He fixed the officer with a hard stare.

look • • **glare** • • **gaze** •

a/an **hard/angry** stare/look/glare

a **cold/penetrating/piercing/curious/quizzical** stare/look/gaze

fix sb with a stare/look/glare

Synonyms:

look

glance • gaze • stare • glimpse • glare

These are all words for an act of looking, when you turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • an act of looking at sb/sth: ▪ Here, have a look at this.

glance • a quick look: ▪ She stole a glance at her watch.

gaze • a long steady look at sb/sth: ▪ She felt embarrassed under his steady gaze.

stare • a long look at sb/sth, especially in a way that is unfriendly or that shows surprise: ▪ She gave the officer a blank stare and shrugged her shoulders.

glimpse • a look at sb/sth for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely: ▪ He caught a glimpse of her in the crowd.

glare • a long angry look at sb/sth: ▪ She fixed her questioner with a hostile glare.

a look/glance **at** sb/sth

a **penetrating/piercing** look/glance/gaze/stare

a **long** look/glance/stare

a **brief** look/glance/glimpse

to **have/get/take** a look/glance/glimpse

to **avoid** sb's glance/gaze/stare

Example Bank:

- She gave the officer a blank stare and shrugged her shoulders.

See also: ↑stare somebody down

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I. **stare**¹ **S3 W2** /steə \$ ster/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: starian]

1. to look at something or someone for a long time without moving your eyes, for example because you are surprised, angry, or bored

stare at

What are you staring at?

stare (at somebody) in disbelief/amazement/horror etc

She stared at me in disbelief.

She sat there staring into space (=looking for a long time at nothing).

2. **be staring somebody in the face**

a) *informal* if something is staring you in the face, it is very clear or easy to notice but you have not noticed it:

The solution was staring me right in the face all along.

b) to seem impossible to avoid:

Defeat was staring us in the face.

⇒ **stark staring mad** at ↑stark²(2)

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COLLOCATIONS

adverbs

- **stare hard/intently** (=very steadily, with a lot of attention) She stared hard at him for a moment.
- **stare fixedly** (=without moving your head or eyes) Harry stared fixedly out of the window.
- **stare blankly** (=without emotion, understanding, or interest) Lucy stared blankly at the teacher.
- **stare unseeingly/blindly** *literary* (=not noticing anything, although your eyes are open) She sat down on the bed and stared unseeingly at the wall.
- **stare vacantly** (=seeming not to notice or be thinking anything) Mum was staring vacantly at the fire.
- **stare moodily** (=rather unhappily) He was staring moodily into his glass.

phrases

- **stare in disbelief/horror/amazement etc** Hilary stared in disbelief at the kitchen clock.
- **stare into space** (=look for a long time at nothing) Jo's always lying on the sofa staring into space.

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- **look** to turn your eyes towards someone or something, so that you can see them: You should never look directly at the sun. | After a while, he turned and looked at me.
- **have/take a look** *especially spoken* to look at something quickly, especially in order to find or check something: I'll have a look in my desk. | Take a look at this!
- **glance** to look at someone or something for a short time and then look quickly away: Damien glanced nervously at his watch.
- **peek/peep** (also **take a peek/peep**) to look quickly at something. Used especially when you are not supposed to look, or when you are looking through a small gap: The door was open so he peeked inside. | Katy peeped at her birthday present on the table.
- **peer** to look very carefully, especially because you cannot see well: Kenji was peering at the screen.
- **glare** to look at someone in an angry way: She glared at me as I got up to leave.
- **stare** to look at someone or something for a long time without moving your eyes: It's rude to stare. | She stared straight into the camera.
- **gaze** to look at someone or something for a long time, often without realizing that you are doing it: She gazed out of the window. | He lay on his bed gazing at the ceiling.
- **gape** to look at someone or something for a long time, usually with your mouth open, because you are very shocked or surprised: People gaped at him with wide-open mouths.
- **regard** *formal* to look at someone or something, especially in a particular way: He regarded her steadily.

stare somebody out *British English*, **stare somebody down** *American English* *phrasal verb*

to look at someone for so long that they start to feel uncomfortable and look away

II. **stare**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable]

when you look at something for a long time in a steady way:

She gave him a long hard stare.

She laughed, ignoring the stares of everyone around her.

His pleas were met by a blank stare (=a stare with no expression, understanding, or interest).

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COLLOCATIONS

verbs

- **give somebody a stare** Doyle gave her a long stare.
- **fix somebody with a stare** *literary* (=stare at someone) He fixed her with a cool stare.
- **return sb's stare** (=stare back at them) I returned his stare and he looked away.
- **meet sb's stare** (=look back at them) Alan met Susan's outraged stare calmly.

adjectives

- **a hard stare** (=very steady, with a lot of attention) As he passed, he gave us a hard stare.
- **a long stare** The man fixed him with a long, deliberate stare.
- **a blank stare** (=showing no emotion, understanding, or interest) Mention his name, and you get mostly blank stares.

- **a vacant stare** (=seeming not to notice or be thinking anything) She was gazing out of the window with a vacant stare.
- **a fixed/unwavering/unblinking stare** (=with your eyes not moving at all) His unwaveringstare was making me feel pretty uneasy.
- **a cold/stony stare** (=unfriendly) I smiled and said "hello" but only got a cold stare.
- **a cool stare** (=calm) When I expressed surprise, he responded with a cool stare.
- **curious stares** They ignored the curious stares directed at them.

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- **look** an act of looking at something: Let me have a look at the map. | I took a quick look around the room.
- **glance** a quick look at something before looking away again: Susan cast a quick glance at me (=she looked quickly at me). | He could not resist a sidelong glance (=quickly looking to the side) to see what was happening on the other side of the road.
- **glimpse** a short look at someone or something in which you do not see them very clearly: Fans were hoping to catch a glimpse of the singer as he left the hotel. | I had only a fleeting glimpse (=a very quick look) of the two men as they ran away.
- **gaze** a long steady look: Eddie fixed his gaze on the floor. | She looked up and met his gaze (=looked at him when he was looking at her).
- **stare** a long direct look, especially in an unfriendly way or in a way that shows you are surprised: He was watching me with a cold stare. | My cheery 'Good Morning' was met with a blank stare (=a stare which shows no emotion).
- **glare** an angry look at someone: She gave him a hostile glare as he entered the room.
- **frown** a confused or annoyed look: 'Anyway,' she said with a frown, 'I don't see how there could be a connection.'

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