

1. [kliə] **a**

1. ясный, светлый

clear day - ясный день

clear sky - чистое /ясное, безоблачное/ небо

2. 1) чистый, прозрачный

clear water of the lake - чистая /прозрачная/ вода озера

clear glass - прозрачное стекло

2) зеркальный (о поверхности)

3. отчётливый ясный

clear outline - ясное /отчётливо/ очертание

clear sight - хорошее зрение

clear reflection in the water - ясное отражение в воде

clear view - хорошая видимость

4. 1) звонкий, отчётливый чистый (о звуке)

clear tone - чистый звук

clear voices of the children - звонкие детские голоса

2) отчётливый внятный, чёткий

his delivery was clear and distinct - он говорил внятно и отчётливо

5. ясный, понятный не вызывающий сомнений

clear conclusion - ясный вывод

a clear case of murder - явное /несомненное/ убийство

to make a clear statement - высказаться ясно и определённо

to have a clear idea - иметь ясное представление

it is clear to me what he is driving at - **разг.** мне понятно, к чему он клонит

I am not clear on the point - мне этот вопрос не ясен

I am not clear (about) ... - я не уверен, что ...

6. светлый, ясный, логический (об уме)

clear intellect - ясный /светлый/ ум

clear head - светлая голова

7. 1) свободный, незанятый, беспрепятственный

clear passage - свободный проход /проезд/

clear line - **ж.-д.** свободный путь; свободный перегонclear opening - **тех.** просвет; свободное сечениеclear way - **мор.** фарватер

next week is clear, let's meet then - будущая неделя у меня не занята, давай тогда и встретимся

2) **тел.** свободный, незанятый (о линии)

8. чистый; здоровый

clear conscience - чистая совесть

clear skin - чистая кожа (**без прыщей и т. п.**)

9. (of) свободный (от чего-л.)

clear of debt [of worry] - не обременённый долгами [заботами]

clear of suspicion - вне подозрений

he is clear of all bad intentions - у него нет дурных намерений

roads clear of traffic - закрытая для движения дорога

clear of strays - **радио** свободный от атмосферных помех

we are clear of danger now - мы сейчас вне опасности

10. 1) полный, целый, весь

clear month - целый /весь/ месяц

2) чистый (о доходе и т. п.)

a hundred pounds clear profit - сто фунтов чистой прибыли

I get a clear £50 a week - я получаю 50 фунтов в неделю чистыми

11. абсолютный, совершенный, полный

a clear victory - полная победа

he obtained a clear majority - он получил явное /убедительное/ большинство (**голосов**)12. **тех.** незадевающий; свободно проходящий13. **фон.** светлый

clear l sound - светлый оттенок звука l

14. **в грам. знач. суц.** клер, нешифрованный текст

in clear - клером, в незашифрованном виде, открытым текстом

◇ to be in the clear - быть вне подозрений, снять с себя обвинение

the coast is clear - путь свободен, препятствий нет

all clear - а) путь свободен; б) **воен.** противник не обнаруженall clear signal - сигнал отбоя (**после тревоги**)

(as) clear as day - ясно как день

(as) clear as that two and two make four - ясно как дважды два четыре

(as) clear as a bell - ясно слышный, отчётливый

2. [kliə] **adv**

1. ясно

2. **эмоц.-усил.** совсем, совершенно; целиком; начисто
three feet clear - целых три фута
3. (of) в стороне от (чего-л.)
to steer clear (of) - избегать, сторониться
keep clear of pickpockets! - остерегайтесь воров!
keep clear of the traffic! - соблюдайте осторожность при переходе улиц
4. **спорт.** чисто
(to be) clear abreast [ahead, astern] - (быть) чисто в стороне [впереди, позади] (о яхте в соревновании)
◇ to see one's way clear to do smth. - не видеть препятствий к чему-л.
to get clear away - а) удрать, не оставив следов; б) отделаться, разделаться; ≅ выйти сухим из воды
to get clear of = to get clear away б)
to keep clear of smth. - держаться вдали /в стороне/ от чего-л., сторониться чего-л.
3. [клие] **v**
1. 1) очищать
thunder has cleared the air - после грозы воздух стал чистым
to clear the table - убирать со стола
- 2) очищаться, становиться ясным, чистым; делаться прозрачным:
the sky is clearing - небо очищается от туч
the weather is clearing - погода проясняется
the wine will clear if the sediment is allowed to settle - вино становится прозрачным, если дать ему отстояться
2. объяснить, разъяснить, пролить свет
to clear one's meaning - разъяснить смысл /значение/ своих слов
to clear smb. in regard to a matter - разъяснить кому-л. вопрос
3. освобождать, очищать; убирать, устранять препятствия
to clear the stones from the road - убрать с дороги камни
to clear the snow from the walk - очистить дорожку от снега
to clear a way [a passage] - освободить /очистить/ дорогу [проход]
to clear the way - открыть путь
to clear the way for future action - расчистить путь /подготовить почву/ для дальнейших действий
to clear the ground - расчистить участок земли (под пашню)
land cleared for cultivation - земля, расчищенная для посева
to clear the room [the court] of people - освободить /очистить/ комнату [зал суда] (от людей)
clear the way! - разойдитесь!, освободите дорогу!; посторонись!, берегись!
to clear one's mind of doubts [suspicions] - отбросить сомнения [отделаться от подозрений]
4. оправдывать; очищать от подозрений
to clear one's character [one's name] - восстановить свою репутацию [свое доброе имя]
to clear oneself of a charge - оправдаться
5. 1) взять, преодолеть препятствие
to clear a hedge - перемахнуть /перепрыгнуть/ через изгородь
to clear the hurdle - **спорт.** преодолеть препятствие
to clear the bar /the height/ - **спорт.** брать высоту
he cleared the bar at six feet - **спорт.** он взял высоту в шесть футов
- 2) едва не задеть, избежать
to clear an iceberg at sea - (еле-еле) избежать столкновения с айсбергом
our bus just managed to clear the truck - наш автобус едва не столкнулся с грузовиком
a tree with branches that barely clear the roof - дерево, ветки которого почти касаются крыши
6. **воен.** вывозить, эвакуировать
to clear casualties - эвакуировать раненых
to clear the enemy - очистить от противника (район и т. п.)
7. распутывать (верёвку и т. п.)
to clear a hawser [a fishing-line] - распутать трос [лесу]
8. разгружать
to clear a ship of her cargo - разгрузить корабль
9. 1) заплатить долг, произвести расчёт; оплатить (расходы и т. п.)
this sum will clear all his debts - эта сумма покроет все его долги
to clear an encumbered estate - очистить имение от долгов
- 2) **банк.** производить клиринг чеков или векселей; производить расчёт по вексялям или чекам через расчётную палату
10. **ком.** очищать (товары, груз) от пошлин; выполнять таможенные формальности
to clear a ship at the custom-house - произвести очистку судна на таможне
11. **ком.** получать чистую прибыль
the firm cleared £300 000 - фирма получила триста тысяч фунтов стерлингов чистой прибыли
12. распродавать, устраивать распродажи
to clear goods - распродавать товары
13. дать допуск к (совершенно) секретной работе
14. **спорт.** отбить (мяч и т. п.)
to clear a corner - отбить угловой в поле (футбол)
to clear the puck - выбить шайбу из зоны защиты (хоккей)
15. **спец.** осветлять; очищать
16. **тел.** разъединять (абонентов)

17. (with) *амер.* согласовать (с кем-л.)

you must clear your plan with the headquarters - насчёт своего плана вы должны договориться с руководством

18. расшифровывать, декодировать

◇ to clear an examination paper - ответить на все вопросы по экзаменационному билету

to clear the coast - расчистить путь, устранить препятствия

to clear one's throat /voice/ - откашляться

to clear the decks (for action) - а) *мор.* приготовиться к бою; б) приготовиться к действиям /к борьбе/

to clear the air /the atmosphere/ - разрядить атмосферу, устранить недоразумения

to clear the skirts of smb. - смыть позорное пятно с кого-л.; восстановить чью-л. репутацию

to clear a score /scores/ - расквитаться

clear

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clear [clear clears cleared clearing clearer clearest] adjective, verb, adverb

noun *BrE* [kɪə(r)]^m *NAmE* [kɪr]^m

adjective (clear-er, clear-est)

WITHOUT CONFUSION/DOUBT

1. easy to understand and not causing any confusion

- She gave me clear and precise directions.
- Are these instructions clear enough?
- Your meaning needs to be clear.
- You'll do as you're told, is that clear?
- This behaviour must stop— do I **make myself clear** (= express myself clearly so there is no doubt about what I mean) ?
- I hope I **made it clear** to him that he was no longer welcome here.

2. obvious and leaving no doubt at all

- This is a clear case of fraud.
- She won the election by a clear majority.
- His height gives him a clear advantage
- a clear warning of the risks
- ~ **(to sb) (that)... It was** quite **clear** to me **that** she was lying.
- It is clear from the graph that sales have dropped sharply.
- ~ **what, how, whether, etc...** It is not clear what they want us to do.
- How he got there was not clear.

3. having or feeling no doubt or confusion

- ~ **about/on sth** Are you clear about the arrangements for tomorrow?
- My memory is not clear on that point.
- ~ **what, how, whether, etc...** I'm still not clear what the job involves
- We need a **clear understanding** of the problems involved

MIND

4. thinking in a sensible and logical way, especially in a difficult situation

- a clear thinker
- You'll need to **keep a clear head** for your interview.

EASY TO SEE/HEAR

5. easy to see or hear

- The photo wasn't very clear.
- The voice on the phone was clear and strong.
- She was in Australia but I could hear her voice **as clear as a bell** .

TRANSPARENT

6. that you can see through

- The water was so clear we could see the bottom of the lake.
- clear glass
- a clear colourless liquid
- a sheet of clear cellophane

SKY/WEATHER

7. without cloud or ↑mist

- a clear blue sky
- On a clear day you can see France.

SKIN

8. without spots or marks

- clear skin
- a clear complexion

EYES

9. bright and lively

NOT BLOCKED

10. ~ (of sth) free from things that are blocking the way or covering the surface of sth

- The road was clear and I ran over.
- All exits must be kept clear of baggage.
- You won't get a clear view of the stage from here.
- I always leave a clear desk at the end of the day.
- Most roads are now clear of snow.

CONSCIENCE

11. if you have a clear ↑conscience or your ↑conscience is clear, you do not feel guilty

FREE FROM STH BAD

12. ~ of sth free from sth that is unpleasant

- They were still not clear of all suspicion.
- We are finally clear of debt.

NOT TOUCHING/NEAR

13. not before noun ~ (of sb/sth) not touching sth; a distance away from sth

- The plane climbed until it was clear of the clouds.
- Make sure you park your car clear of the entrance.

PERIOD OF TIME

14. only before noun whole or complete

- Allow three clear days for the letter to arrive.
- You must give seven clear days' notice of the meeting.

SUM OF MONEY

15. only before noun remaining when taxes, costs, etc. have been taken away

Syn: ↑net

- They had made a clear profit of £2 000.

PHONETICS

16. (of a speech sound) produced with the central part of the tongue close to the top of the mouth. In many accents of English, clear /[ɹ]/ is used before a vowel, as in leave.

Opp: ↑dark

more at leave the field clear for sb at ↑field _{n.}, keep a clear/cool head at ↑head _{n.}, loud and clear at ↑loud _{adv.}

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French *cler*, from Latin *clarus*.

Thesaurus:

clear *adj.*

1.

- She gave clear and precise directions.

plain • • explicit • • unambiguous • • accessible • • intelligible • |formal comprehensible • • express • |written lucid •

Opp: unclear, Opp: confusing

clear/explicit/unambiguous about sth

clear/plain/intelligible/comprehensible language /English

make sth clear/plain/explicit/unambiguous/intelligible/comprehensible (to sb)

2.

- It's clear to me that she's lying.

plain • • obvious • • apparent • • evident • • self-evident • • noticeable • • distinct • • definite • • decided • • conspicuous • • unmistakable • |especially written marked • • pronounced • |formal discernible •

Opp: unclear

clear/plain/obvious/apparent/evident/self-evident/noticeable/discernible to/from/in sb/sth

clear/plain/obvious/apparent/evident who/how/where /why...

clear/plain/obvious/apparent/evident/noticeable/distinct/definite/marked/pronounced/discernible difference

Which word? You make sth clear or plain deliberately, but you make sth obvious without meaning to:

- I hope I make myself clear/plain.

✗ I hope I make myself obvious:

- Try not to make your dislike so obvious.

✗ Try not to make it so clear/plain. Apparent and evident are rather formal and can be replaced by obvious.

3.

- I'm still not clear what the job entails.

sure • • certain •

Opp: vague

clear/sure/certain about sth

clear/sure/certain that...

clear/sure/certain **who/what/how**, etc.

4.

- Items must be carried in a clear plastic bag.
- The beach was perfect— white sand and clear blue water.

transparent • • **see-through** • |BrE **colourless** • |AmE **colorless** • |written **translucent** •

Opp: opaque, **Opp:** cloudy

clear/transparent/translucent **glass**

clear/transparent/see-through **plastic**

clear/transparent/colourless **varnish**

Clear or transparent? **Clear** is the word most often used to describe water. **Transparent** is used to describe solid things or materials, not liquids (except **varnish**).

Word Family:

clear adjective (≠unclear)

clearly adverb

clarity noun

clarify verb

Language Bank:

evidence

Giving proof

There is clear evidence that ▪ TV advertising influences what children buy.

It is clear ▪ from numerous studies **that** ▪ TV advertising influences what children buy.

▪ Recent research **demonstrates** ▪ that TV advertising influences children's spending habits.

▪ Many parents think that TV advertising influences their children. This view **is supported by** ▪ the findings of a recent study, which **show** ▪ a clear link between television advertisements and children's spending habits.

▪ The findings also **reveal** ▪ that most children are unaware of the persuasive purpose of advertising.

There is little evidence that ▪ children understand the persuasive intent of advertising.

▪ The results **contradict** ▪ claims that advertising is unrelated to children's spending habits.

▪ Manufacturers argue that it is difficult to **prove** ▪ that advertising alone influences what children buy.

Language Banks at ↑**argue**, ↑**e.g.**, ↑**illustrate**

Language Bank:

impersonal

Giving opinions using impersonal language

It is vital that ▪ more is done to prevent the illegal trade in wild animals. ◇▪ (Compare: **We have to do more to stop people trading wild animals illegally.** ▪)

It is clear that ▪ more needs to be done to protect biodiversity. ◇▪ (Compare: **We clearly need to do more to protect biodiversity.** ▪)

It is unfortunate that ▪ the practice of keeping monkeys as pets still continues. ◇▪ (Compare: **It's absolutely terrible that people still keep monkeys as pets.** ▪)

It is difficult ▪ for many people **to** ▪ understand the reasons why certain individuals choose to hunt animals for sport. ◇▪ (Compare: **I can't understand why anyone would want to kill animals for fun.** ▪)

▪ Unfortunately, **it would seem that** ▪ not enough is being done to support tiger conservation. ◇▪ (Compare: **Governments aren't doing enough to help tiger conservation.** ▪)

There is no doubt that ▪ the greatest threat to polar bears comes from global warming. ◇▪ (Compare: **I believe that the greatest threat...** ▪)

Language Banks at ↑**opinion**, ↑**perhaps**, ↑**vital**

Synonyms:

clear

obvious • apparent • evident • plain

These words all describe sth that is easy to see or understand and leaves no doubts or confusion.

clear • easy to see or understand and leaving no doubts: ▪ It was quite clear to me that she was lying.

obvious • easy to see or understand: ▪ It's obvious from what he said that something is wrong.

apparent • [not usually before noun] (rather formal) easy to see or understand: ▪ It was apparent from her face that she was really upset.

evident • (rather formal) easy to see or understand: ▪ The orchestra played with evident enjoyment.

plain • easy to see or understand: ▪ He ▪ made it ▪ very ▪ plain ▪ that he wanted us to leave.

which word?

These words all have almost exactly the same meaning. There are slight differences in register and patterns of use. If you **make sth clear/plain**, you do so deliberately because you want people to understand sth; if you **make sth obvious**, you usually do it without meaning to: I hope I make myself obvious. ◇ Try not to make it so clear/plain. In the expressions **clear majority**, **for obvious reasons**, **for no apparent reason** and **plain to see**, none of the other words can be used instead. You can have a **clear/an obvious/a plain case of sth** but not: an evident case of sth.

clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain **to** sb/sth

clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain **that/what/who/how/where/why...**

to seem/become/make sth clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain

perfectly/quite/very clear/obvious/apparent/evident/plain

Synonyms:

sure

confident • **convinced** • **certain** • **positive** • **clear**

These words all describe sb who knows without doubt that sth is true or will happen.

sure • [not before noun] without any doubt that you are right, that sth is true, that you will get sth or that sth will happen: ▪ 'Is that John over there?' 'I'm not sure.' ◇ ▪ Are you sure about that? ◇ ▪ England must win this game to be sure of qualifying.

Sure is often used in negative statements and questions, because there is some doubt or anxiety over the matter. If there is no doubt, people often say **quite sure**: ▪ I'm quite sure (that) I left my bag here ▪ (= I have no doubt about it) ▪.

confident • completely sure that sth will happen in the way that you want or expect: ▪ I'm quite confident that you'll get the job. ◇
▪ The team feels confident of winning.

Confident is a stronger and more definite word than **sure** and is more often used in positive statements, when you feel no anxiety.

convinced • [not before noun] completely sure that sth is true or right, especially because the evidence seems to prove it or sb else has persuaded you to believe it: ▪ I'm convinced that she's innocent.

certain • [not usually before noun] sure that you are right or that sth is true: ▪ Are you absolutely certain about this?

sure or certain?

Like **sure**, **certain** is often used in negative statements and questions. It is slightly more formal than **sure**; **sure** is more frequent, especially in spoken English.

positive • [not before noun] (**rather informal**) completely sure that sth is true: ▪ She was positive that he'd been there. ◇ ▪ 'Are you sure?' 'Positive.'

clear • (often used in negative statements and questions) having no doubt or confusion about sth: ▪ My memory isn't really clear on that point.

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **about** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain **of** sth

sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear **that...**

sure/certain/clear **who/what/how**, etc.

to **feel** sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive

quite/absolutely/completely/fairly/pretty sure/confident/convinced/certain/positive/clear

not altogether sure/confident/convinced/certain/clear

Example Bank:

- It was clear to us that there was a problem.
- It wasn't entirely clear whether she wanted us to help.
- Make sure you keep all gutters and drainpipes clear of leaves.
- She was quite clear about her reasons for leaving.
- The photograph wasn't very clear.
- The roads are reasonably clear of snow.
- The water was fairly clear.
- You have to make your intentions crystal clear to them.
- Are the instructions clear enough?
- I hope I made it clear to him that he's not welcome here.
- I'm still not clear what the job entails.
- It was quite clear to me that she was lying.
- It's likely to be a clear night, with temperatures dropping to freezing.
- Items must be carried in a clear plastic bag.
- My memory isn't really clear on that point.
- On a clear day, you can see the mountains in the distance.
- Our policy on pensions is perfectly clear.
- She has a clear, simple writing style.
- The beach was perfect— white sand and clear blue water.
- The water comes out of the spring crystal clear and totally pure.
- The weather was bright and clear.
- They made their intentions abundantly clear.
- This behaviour must stop! Do I make myself clear?.
- You'll do as you're told. Is that clear?
- Your meaning needs to be crystal clear.
- a crisp, clear autumn morning

Idioms: ↑clear as day ▪ ↑clear as mud ▪ ↑clear sailing ▪ ↑clear the air ▪ ↑clear the decks ▪ ↑clear the way ▪ ↑clear your throat ▪

↑in the clear ▪ ↑keep clear

Derived ↑clear away ▪ ↑clear off ▪ ↑clear out ▪ ↑clear something away ▪ ↑clear something out ▪ ↑clear something up ▪ ↑clear up

verb

REMOVE STH/SB

1. transitive to remove sth that is not wanted or needed from a place

- ~ **sth/sb** I had cleared my desk before I left.
- It was several hours before the road was cleared after the accident.
- It's your turn to **clear the table** (= to take away the dirty plates, etc. after a meal) .

- She **cleared a space** on the sofa for him to sit down.
- ~ **A (of B)** I cleared my desk of papers.
- The streets had been cleared of snow.
- ~ **B (from/off A)** Clear all those papers off the desk.
- The remains of the snow had been cleared from the streets.

see also ↑clear away

2. transitive ~ sth to make people leave a place

- After the bomb warning, police cleared the streets.

NOT BE BLOCKED

3. intransitive to move freely again; to no longer be blocked

- The traffic took a long time to clear after the accident.
- The boy's lungs cleared and he began to breathe more easily.

OF LIQUID

4. intransitive when a liquid clears, it becomes transparent and you can see through it

- The muddy water slowly cleared.

OF SMOKE, ETC.

5. intransitive ~ (away) when smoke, ↑fog, etc. clears, it disappears so that it is easier to see things

- The mist will clear by mid-morning.
- As the dust cleared, we saw that the whole ceiling had come down.

OF SKY/WEATHER

6. intransitive when the sky or the weather clears, it becomes brighter and free of cloud or rain

- The sky cleared after the storm.
- The rain is clearing slowly.

YOUR HEAD/MIND

7. intransitive, transitive if your head or mind clears, or you clear it, you become free of thoughts that worry or confuse you or the effects of alcohol, a blow, etc. and you are able to think clearly

- As her mind cleared, she remembered what had happened.
- ~ **sth** I went for a walk to clear my head.

OF FACE/EXPRESSION

8. intransitive if your face or expression clears, you stop looking angry or worried

PROVE SB INNOCENT

9. transitive ~ sb (of sth) to prove that sb is innocent

- She was cleared of all charges against her.
- Throughout his years in prison, he fought to **clear his name** .

GIVE OFFICIAL PERMISSION

10. transitive to give or get official approval for sth to be done

- ~ **sth** His appointment had been cleared by the board.
- ~ **sth with sb/sth** I'll have to **clear it** with the manager.

11. transitive ~ sth to give official permission for a person, a ship, a plane or goods to leave or enter a place

- The plane had been cleared for take-off.
- to clear goods through customs

12. transitive ~ sb to decide officially, after finding out information about sb, that they can be given special work or allowed to see secret papers

- She hasn't been cleared by security.

MONEY

13. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) if a cheque that you pay into your bank account clears, or a bank clears it, the money is available for you to use

- Cheques usually take three working days to clear.

14. transitive ~ sth to gain or earn a sum of money as profit

- She cleared £1 000 on the deal.

15. transitive ~ sth if you clear a debt or a loan, you pay all the money back

GET OVER/PAST

16. transitive ~ sth to jump over or get past sth without touching it

- The horse cleared the fence easily.
- The car only just cleared (= avoided hitting) the gatepost.

IN SPORT

17. transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) (in football (↑soccer) and some other sports) if you clear a ball, or a ball clears, it is kicked or hit away from the area near your own goal

more at the coast is clear at ↑coast n., blow/clear the cobwebs away at ↑cobweb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	clear
	BrE /kɪə(r)/
	NAmE /kɪr/
he / she /it	clears
	BrE /kɪəz/
	NAmE /kɪrz/
past simple, past participle	cleared
	BrE /kɪəd/
	NAmE /kɪrd/
-ing form	clearing
	BrE /kɪərɪŋ/
	NAmE /kɪrɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

clear verb

1. T

- You should be able to clear the building within three minutes.

evacuate •

clear/evacuate a **place/building**

police clear/evacuate a place

2. I

- As the smoke cleared, a plane came into view.

disappear • • **vanish** • • **fade** • • **dissolve** •

cloud/smoke/mist clears/disappears

clear/disappear/fade/dissolve **gradually**

Word Family:

clear adjective (≠unclear)

clearly adverb

clarity noun

clarify verb

Example Bank:

- Can you clear away all your toys now?
- Clear those papers off the desk.
- Correct breathing helps to clear the mind and reduce tension.
- Four men accused of assault have been cleared of all charges.
- His face suddenly cleared as understanding dawned.
- I want you to clear all this mess up.
- I went for a walk to try to clear my head.
- She hastily cleared a space for him to sit down.
- The site must be completely cleared and made safe for children.
- The three defendants were formally cleared by the judge.
- They cleared the mud from the steps.
- We cleared the path of leaves.
- After spending more than ten years on death row, the two men were finally cleared of a crime they did not commit.
- As the smoke cleared, two fighter planes came into view.
- At the next station the train was cleared and the body was removed
- He was acquitted/cleared of murder.
- I cleared my desk of papers and got down to work.
- I'll have to clear it with the manager before I can refund your money.
- In case of emergency, you should be able to clear the building within three minutes.
- It's time your toys were cleared away.
- It's your turn to clear the table.
- Police were still clearing the streets when the bomb went off.
- She hasn't been cleared by security.
- The clouds had not yet cleared.
- The goods had been cleared through customs.
- They sold \$25 million in holdings in order to clear colossal bank debts.
- Throughout his years in prison, he fought to clear his name.
- We are economizing for a few months to try to clear our overdraft

adverb

NOT NEAR/TOUCHING

1. ~ (of sth) away from sth; not near or touching sth
 - Stand clear of the train doors.
 - He injured his arm as he jumped clear of the car.
 - By lap two Walker was two metres clear of the rest of the runners.

ALL THE WAY

2. (especially NAmE) all the way to sth that is far away

- She could see clear down the highway into the town.

more at see your way (clear) to doing sth/to do sth **at** ↑way n.

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I. **clear**¹ **S1 W1** /kliə \$ kliɪ/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ **adjective** (comparative **clearer**, superlative **clearest**)

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑clarity, ↑clearance, ↑clearing, ↑clarification, ↑clearness; **verb**: ↑clear, ↑clarify; **adverb**: ↑clear, ↑clearly; **adjective**: ↑clear ≠ ↑unclear]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: cler, from Latin clarus 'clear, bright']

1. EASY TO UNDERSTAND expressed in a simple and direct way so that people understand ⇒ **clarity, clearly**:

- clear instructions
- The question wasn't very clear.
- It's the clearest guide I've used.

clear about

- The school is clear about its policy on bullying.

clear about what/when/how etc

- Be very clear about what jobs should be completed, and by when.

clear on

- The rules are quite clear on the point.

clear to

- It was clear to him that Tolkien was a literary genius.

make something clear

- The bishop made his views clear in a letter to the publisher.
- How can you make the meaning clearer?

make it clear that

- Make it clear that you will not take sides.

absolutely/abundantly clear

- Can I make it absolutely clear that we did not intend this to happen?
- Perhaps I tried to cover too much and didn't make myself clear (=express myself well).
- If you don't understand, it's best to say so and get things clear.
- If I catch you smoking again, you're grounded. Do I make myself clear (=used when you are angry)?

clear picture/idea (=a good understanding)

- The report gave a clear picture of the property's condition.
- He writes crystal clear (=very easy to understand) prose.

2. IMPOSSIBLE TO DOUBT impossible to doubt, question, or make a mistake about ⇒ **clearly**:

- clear evidence of guilt
- They won by a clear majority.

it is clear whether/why/how etc

- It's not clear whether he shares her views.

it is clear (that)

- It's clear that the drug does benefit some patients.

When it became clear that I was pregnant, he left me.

clear case/example of something

▪ a clear case of sexual discrimination

3. SURE ABOUT SOMETHING feeling certain that you know or understand something ⇒ **clearly**

clear about/on

▪ Are you all clear now about what you have to do?

clear whether/what/how etc

▪ I'm still not really clear how this machine works.

▪ Let me get this clear – you hadn't seen her in three days?

▪ a clearer understanding of the issues

4. THINKING able to think sensibly and quickly ⇒ **clarity, clearly** :

▪ She felt that her thinking was clearer now.

▪ In the morning, with a clear head, she'd tackle the problem.

5. SUBSTANCE/LIQUID easy to see through, rather than coloured or dirty **SYN transparent OPP cloudy, opaque** :

▪ clear glass bottles

▪ a crystal clear mountain lake

6. WEATHER clean and fresh, without clouds or mist:

▪ a clear June morning

▪ The skies were clear and blue.

7. EYES healthy, very pure in colour, and without any redness:

▪ clear blue eyes

8. SKIN smooth and without any red spots:

▪ a clear complexion

9. EASY TO SEE having details, edges, lines etc that are easy to see, or shapes that are easy to recognize ⇒ **clarity** :

▪ a TV with a clear picture and high-quality sound

10. EASY TO HEAR easy to hear, and therefore easy to understand ⇒ **clarity, clearly** :

▪ a clear speaking voice

▪ The radio reception isn't very clear.

▪ It's a good recording; the sound is as clear as a bell (=very clear).

11. AFTER TAX a clear amount of profit, wages etc is what is left after taxes have been paid on it **SYN net** :

▪ I get £200 a week clear.

▪ Sam makes a clear \$90,000 per year.

12. a clear conscience the knowledge that you have done the right thing and should not feel guilty:

▪ I don't think I could vote for him with a clear conscience.

▪ She had done what she could and her conscience was clear.

13. PERIOD OF TIME without any planned activities or events:

▪ Next Monday is clear; how about ten o'clock?

14. NOT BUSY complete or whole:

▪ Allow three clear days for delivery.

15. NOT BLOCKED/COVERED not covered or blocked by anything that stops you from doing or seeing what you want:

▪ The roads were fairly clear this morning.

clear view/look

▪ From the top floor you get a clear view of the bay.

clear of

▪ To prevent fires, the sides of the roads are kept clear of underbrush.

16. see your way clear (to doing something) *informal* to have the necessary time or willingness to be able to do something:

▪ We expect good results soon, if the board can see its way clear to continuing funding the project.

17. be clear of something to not be touching something, or to be past someone or something:

▪ Wait to cross until the street is clear of cars.

▪ The curtains should be a couple of inches clear of the floor.

18. as clear as mud *spoken* used humorously to say that something is very difficult to understand ⇒ ↑all clear, ⇒ the coast is clear at ↑coast¹(2)

—clearness *noun* [uncountable]

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

▪ **make something clear** Children may have difficulty in making their feelings clear.

▪ **get something clear** (=understand something properly) I was trying to get the idea clear in my mind.

■ adverbs

▪ **absolutely/perfectly clear** His answer was perfectly clear.

▪ **crystal clear** (=extremely clear) The instructions on the packet are crystal clear.

▪ **abundantly clear** *formal* (=extremely clear) By July the scale of the problem had become abundantly clear.

▪ **not entirely clear** Sam's reasons for leaving were not entirely clear.

■ nouns

▪ **a clear picture/idea** (=a good understanding) Some work experience should give you a clear idea of what the job involves.

■ phrases

▪ **make it clear that** The tone of her voice made it clear that she was very angry.

▪ **make yourself clear** (=express yourself in a way that is easy to understand) Please tell me if I'm not making myself clear.

▪ **be far from clear/be by no means clear** (=be very unclear) The directions she gave me were far from clear.

THESAURUS (for Meaning 5)

■ easy to see through

- **clear** easy to see through, rather than coloured or dirty: The table top is a piece of clear glass. | a clear liquid | The water was so clear that you could see down to the bottom of the lake.
- **transparent** clear - used especially about materials and solid things. **Transparent** is a little more formal than **clear**: Fill a transparent plastic bottle with water. | a piece of transparent film | Melt 2 ounces of butter in a large frying pan, and cook the onions until they are almost transparent.
- **see-through** made of a very thin material that you can see through - used especially about women's clothes: She wore a black see-through dress.
- **limpid** *literary* clear - used especially about water or other liquids. This is a very formal word which is used in novels and literature: limpid pools | She gave her a golden flask of limpid olive oil.

■ difficult to see through

- **opaque** difficult to see through: The shower has an opaque glass door.

II. clear² S1 W2 BrE² AmE² verb

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1. SURFACE/PLACE [transitive] to make somewhere emptier or tidier by removing things from it:

- Snowplows have been out clearing the roads.

clear something of something

- Large areas of land had been cleared of forest.

clear something from something

- Workers began clearing wreckage from the tracks.
- Dad cleared a space (=moved things so there was room) in the garage for Jim's tools.
- It's Kelly's turn to clear the table (=remove the dirty plates, forks etc).

2. REMOVE PEOPLE [transitive] to make people, cars etc leave a place:

- Within minutes, police had cleared the area.

clear somebody/something from something

- Crowds of demonstrators were cleared from the streets.

3. CRIME/BLAME ETC [transitive usually passive] to prove that someone is not guilty of something:

- Rawlings was cleared after new evidence was produced.

clear somebody of (doing) something

- Maya was cleared of manslaughter.
- a long-running legal battle to clear his name

4. PERMISSION [transitive]

a) to give or get official permission for something to be done:

- He was cleared by doctors to resume skating in August.

clear something with somebody

- Defence policies must often be cleared with NATO allies first.

b) to give official permission for a person, ship, or aircraft to enter or leave a country:

- The plane took off as soon as it was cleared.

5. clear your throat to cough in order to be able to speak with a clear voice

6. WEATHER [intransitive] (also clear up) if the weather, sky, mist etc clears, it becomes better and there is more sun:

- The haze usually clears by lunchtime.

7. LIQUID [intransitive] if a liquid clears, it becomes more transparent and you can see through it:

- Wait for the water to clear before adding any fish.

8. CHEQUE [intransitive and transitive] if a cheque clears, or if a bank clears it, the bank allows the money to be paid into the account of the person whose name is on the cheque

9. GO OVER/PAST [transitive] to go over a fence, wall etc without touching it, or to go past or through something and no longer be in it:

- The plane barely cleared the fence at the end of the runway.
- Edwards cleared 18 feet in the pole vault.
- The plane cleared Chinese airspace.

10. clear a debt/loan to get rid of a debt by paying what you owe

11. clear your head/mind to stop worrying or thinking about something, or get rid of the effects of drinking too much alcohol:

- A good walk might clear my head.

12. FACE/EXPRESSION [intransitive] literary if your face or expression clears, you stop looking worried or angry:

- She looked embarrassed, but then her face cleared.

13. clear the way for something written to make it possible for a process to happen:

- This agreement will clear the way for further talks.

14. SKIN [intransitive] (also clear up) if your skin clears, red marks on it disappear:

- The rash has finally cleared.

15. clear the air to do something to end an argument or bad situation, for example discuss a problem calmly

16. clear (something through) customs to be allowed to take things through ↑customs

17. clear the decks to do all the work that needs to be done before you can do other things:

- I'm trying to clear the decks before Christmas.

18. EARN [transitive] informal to earn a particular amount of money after taxes have been paid on it:

- Diane clears £20,000 a year.

clear something ↔ away phrasal verb

to make a place look tidier by removing things or putting things back where they belong:

" When dinner was done and cleared away, Auntie Lou made some tea.

" Homeowners are clearing away brush near their houses to prevent fires.

clear off *phrasal verb British English informal*

to leave a place quickly:

" They cleared off when they saw the police coming.

clear off! (=used to tell someone angrily to go away)

clear out *phrasal verb*

1. **clear something** ↔ **out** to make a place tidy by removing things from it and getting rid of them:

" I need to clear out my closet.

2. to leave a place or building quickly:

" Wait to get on the train until the people getting off have cleared out.

clear out! *British English* (=used to tell someone angrily to go away)

⇒ ↑clear-out

clear up *phrasal verb*

1. to make a place look tidier by putting things back where they belong:

" I don't mind you using the kitchen as long as you clear up afterwards.

clear something ↔ **up**

" Adam, clear up this mess before your father sees it.

clear up after

" I get really tired of clearing up after you (=tidying places that you have made untidy).

2. **clear something** ↔ **up** to explain or solve something, or make it easier to understand:

" The White House hopes these problems can be cleared up soon.

" There are a couple of points we need to clear up before the meeting begins.

3. if the weather clears up, it gets better

4. if an illness or infection clears up, it disappears

III. **clear**³ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adverb*

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1. away from something, or out of the way:

" Firefighters pulled her clear of the wreckage.

" Please stand clear of the doors.

2. **keep/stay/steer clear (of somebody/something)** to avoid someone or something because of possible danger or trouble:

" If you're a beginner, steer clear of resorts with reputations for difficult skiing.

3. **especially American English informal** used to emphasize a long distance:

" You can see clear to the hills.

⇒ **loud and clear** at ↑loud²(2)

IV. **clear**⁴ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

in the clear not guilty of something

clear

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