

**sleek**

1. [sli:k] *a*
- 1) лоснящийся (о волосах, шерсти)
  - 2) прилизанный (о волосах)
  2. гладкий; глянцевитый, глянцевый
  3. 1) откормленный  
a body sleek with health - здоровое тело  
sleek pigeons - откормленные голуби
  - 2) холёный, ухоженный; хорошо одетый, элегантный
  4. *разг.* ловкий; ≅ пальца в рот не клади
  5. елейный, льстивый; вкрадчивый  
sleek manner - вкрадчивая манера
  6. *редк.* спокойный (о море и т. п.)  
◇ as sleek as a cat - а) гладкий как кот; б) вкрадчивый

2. [sli:k] *v*

1. наводить лоск, глянец; лощить
2. разглаживать, расправлять; приглаживать, прилизывать
3. сглаживать, ослаблять впечатление (от действия, проступка)  
to sleek her ruffled peace of mind - вернуть ей душевный покой

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**sleek** [sleek sleeks sleeked sleeking sleeker sleekest] *adjective, verb* BrE [sli:k]

*AmE* [sli:k]

*adjective* (sleek·er, sleek·est)

1. (approving) smooth and shiny  
**Syn:** †glossy  
• sleek black hair  
• the sleek dark head of a seal
2. (approving) having an elegant smooth shape  
• a sleek yacht  
• the **sleek lines** of the new car
3. (often disapproving) (of a person) looking rich, and dressed in elegant and expensive clothes  
• a sleek and ambitious politician  
• sleek businessmen

Word Origin:

late Middle English: a later variant of †**slick** (adjective and verb).

Derived Words: †sleekly ▪ †sleekness

**verb ~ sth (back/down)**

to make sth, especially hair, smooth and shiny  
• His glossy hair was sleeked back over his ears.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	sleek
	BrE /sli:k/
	NAme /sli:k/
he / she / it	sleeks
	BrE /sli:ks/
	NAme /sli:ks/
past simple, past participle	sleeked
	BrE /sli:kt/
	NAme /sli:kt/
-ing form	sleeking
	BrE /sli:kɪŋ/
	NAme /sli:kɪŋ/

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1. **sleek**<sup>1</sup> /sli:k BrE <sup>AmE</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: †**slick**<sup>1</sup>]

1. a vehicle or other object that is sleek has a smooth attractive shape:  
the sleek lines of the new Mercedes
2. sleek hair or fur is straight, shiny, and healthy-looking
3. someone who is sleek looks rich and is well dressed

—sleekly *adverb*

—sleekness *noun* [uncountable]

## THESAURUS

- **shiny** looking bright and smooth, and reflecting light: Her hair was now washed and shiny. | A shiny limousine pulled in front of the building. | His face was shiny with sweat. | shiny metal objects
- **glossy** used about hair or fur that looks shiny and healthy. **Glossy** magazines and books use expensive shiny paper: My hair seemed much thicker and more glossy. | His fur is all glossy. | The plant's leaves were still glossy. | He was flicking through a glossy magazine. | glossy brochures advertising skiing vacations
- **sleek** shiny and smooth in a way that looks very attractive – used especially about hair, fur, a car or machine, or about someone's body : the cat's sleek fur | His sleek dark-blue Mercedes was parked outside. | I looked at the sleek brown bodies resting beside the pool. | the sleek lines of a Bang and Olufsen television | A small jet waited like a sleek silver bird beside the runway.
- **silky** very soft and smooth to touch, like silk – used about hair, fur, skin, or material: Her skirt and jacket were made of smooth, silky fabric. | Fernando stroked her silky hair and kissed her forehead. | her silky skin
- **gleaming** very shiny and clean – used especially about something that has just been polished: A gleaming motorcycle stood parked outside the bar. | his gleaming white teeth | gleaming black shoes | The tourist brochures show gleaming white sand.
- **glistening** *literary* something that is glistening is shiny, especially because it is wet: her glistening eyes | I recognized his dark glistening skin. | We stared at the glistening expanse of the sea. | the glistening white of the dome | the glistening black heads of the seals
- **lustrous** *literary* shining in a soft gentle way – used about hair, eyes, lips, or material: Her hair was thick and lustrous. | His eyes were dark and lustrous. | her lustrous lips | the fabric's smooth lustrous surface
- **polished** polished shoes, floors, tables etc are shiny because they have been rubbed until they shine: a highly polished floor

## II. sleek<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>+</sup> AmE<sup>+</sup> verb [transitive always + adverb/preposition]

to make hair or fur smooth and shiny by putting water or oil on it

sleek something back/down etc

\* His hair was sleeked back with oil.

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