

shimmer

1. [ˈʃɪmə] *n*
 мерцание; мерцающий свет
 the first shimmer of the moonlight - первые блики лунного света
 shimmer of the truth - проблеск истины

2. [ˈʃɪmə] *v*
 мерцать; блестеть
 the stars shimmered through the mist - звёзды мерцали сквозь туман
 the frozen ponds shimmered like polished steel - замёрзшие пруды блестели как полированная сталь

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shim·mer [shimmer shimmers shimmered shimmering] *verb, noun BrE*

[ˈʃɪmə(r)] ¹ *NAmE* [ˈʃɪmə] ²

verb intransitive

- to shine with a soft light that seems to move slightly
- The sea was shimmering in the sunlight.
 - The surface of the road shimmered in the midday heat.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	shimmer
	BrE / ˈʃɪmə(r) /
	NAmE / ˈʃɪmə /
he / she / it	shimmers
	BrE / ˈʃɪməz /
	NAmE / ˈʃɪməz /
past simple, past participle	shimmered
	BrE / ˈʃɪməd /
	NAmE / ˈʃɪməd /
-ing form	shimmering
	BrE / ˈʃɪmə(r)ɪŋ /
	NAmE / ˈʃɪmə(r)ɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Old English scymrian, of Germanic origin; related to German *schimmern*, also to **↑shine**. The noun dates from the early 19th cent.

Synonyms:

shine
 gleam • glow • sparkle • glisten • shimmer • glitter • twinkle • glint

These words all mean to produce or reflect light.

- shine** • to produce or reflect light, especially brightly: ▫ The sun was shining and the sky was blue.
- gleam** • to shine with a clear bright or pale light, especially a reflected light: ▫ Moonlight gleamed on the water.
- glow** • (often of sth hot or warm) to produce a dull steady light: ▫ The end of his cigarette glowed red.
- sparkle** • to shine brightly with small flashes of light: ▫ The diamonds sparkled in the light.
- glisten** • (of sth wet) to shine: ▫ The road glistened wet after the rain.
- shimmer** • to shine with a soft light that seems to shake slightly: ▫ Everything seemed to shimmer in the heat.
- glitter** • to shine brightly with small flashes of reflected light: ▫ The ceiling of the cathedral glittered with gold.

sparkle or glitter?

There is very little difference in meaning between these two words. **Glitter** can sometimes suggest a lack of depth, but this is more frequent in the figurative use of **glitter** as a noun: ▫ the superficial glitter of show business. **Sparkle** is also often used to talk about light reflected off a surface, but things that produce light can also sparkle: ▫ Stars sparkled in the sky.

- twinkle** • to shine with a light that changes rapidly from bright to faint to bright again: ▫ Stars twinkled in the sky.
- glint** • to give small bright flashes of reflected light: ▫ The blade of the knife glinted in the darkness.

- to shine/gleam/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **on** sth
- to shine/gleam/glow/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/twinkle/glint **with** sth
- to shine/gleam/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **in the sunlight**
- to shine/gleam/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **in the moonlight**
- the **stars** shine/sparkle/glitter/twinkle
- sb's **eyes** shine/gleam/glow/sparkle/glisten/glitter/twinkle/glint
- to shine/gleam/glow/glitter **brightly**
- to shine/gleam/glow/shimmer **softly**

Example Bank:

- Everything seemed to shimmer in the heat.
- She was wearing a shimmering white gown.
- The coral reefs shimmered under the clear water.

noun uncountable, singular

- a shining light that seems to move slightly
- the shimmer of silk
 - a shimmer of moonlight in the dark sky

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Example Bank:

- the shimmer of silk in the candlelight

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[*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: scimerian]

to shine with a soft light that looks as if it shakes slightly:

[#] The lake shimmered in the moonlight.

—**shimmer** *noun* [singular, uncountable]

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