

**gleam**1. [gli:m] *n*

## 1. слабый свет, проблеск, луч

the gleam of a distant light-house - луч далёкого маяка

gleams of sunshine came through the cloud - сквозь тучу пробивались лучи солнца

2. отблеск, отсвет (*лучей заходящего солнца и т. п.*)

the red gleam of the firelight - отсвет костра

3. проблеск, вспышка (*надежды и т. п.*)

not a gleam of hope - ни тени надежды

a gleam of intelligence - проблеск разума

an unexpected gleam of joy - неожиданная вспышка радости

a gleam of interest came into his eyes - в его глазах вспыхнул интерес

she had a dangerous gleam in her eyes - в её глазах вспыхивали опасные огоньки

## 4. прозрачность

gleam of egg - просвечиваемость яйца

2. [gli:m] *v*1. светиться; мерцать (*тж. перен.*)

a light gleamed in the distance - вдали светился огонёк

courage gleamed in his eyes - его глаза светились отвагой

amusement gleamed in his eyes - по его глазам /по выражению его глаз/ было видно, что ему интересно

## 2. 1) отражать свет; блестеть

the furniture gleamed after being polished - мебель блестела после того, как её натёрли/отполировали

2) отражаться (*от какого-л блестящего предмета*)

the distant stars gleamed on the still surface of the lake - далёкие звёзды слабо отражались на спокойной глади озера

**gleam**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**gleam** [gleam gleams gleamed gleaming] **verb, noun** BrE [gli:m] <sup>1</sup> NAmE[gli:m] <sup>1</sup>**verb**1. **intransitive** to shine with a pale clear light

• The moonlight gleamed on the water.

• Her eyes gleamed in the dark.

2. **intransitive** to look very clean or bright

• ~ **(with sth)** The house was gleaming with fresh white paint.

• **+ adj.** Her teeth gleamed white against the tanned skin of her face.

3. **intransitive** if a person's eyes gleam with a particular emotion, or an emotion gleams in a person's eyes, the person shows that emotion

• ~ **(with sth)** His eyes gleamed with amusement.

• ~ **(in sth)** Amusement gleamed in his eyes.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	gleam
	BrE /gli:m/
	NAmE /gli:m/
he / she / it	gleams
	BrE /gli:mz/
	NAmE /gli:mz/
past simple, past participle	gleamed
	BrE /gli:md/
	NAmE /gli:md/
-ing form	gleaming
	BrE /gli:mɪŋ/
	NAmE /gli:mɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English glæm 'brilliant light', of Germanic origin.

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:

- The knife's blade gleamed dully in the dark.
- The long oak table gleamed with polish.
- The pebble beach gleamed white in the moonlight.
- A light gleamed faintly from a first floor window.
- Laughter gleamed in his eyes.
- Moonlight gleamed on the water.
- The evening light gleamed softly through the window.

**noun usually singular**

1. a pale clear light, often reflected from sth
  - the gleam of moonlight on the water
  - a gleam of light from a lamp
  - A few gleams of sunshine lit up the gloomy afternoon.
  - I saw the gleam of the knife as it flashed through the air.
2. a small amount of sth
  - a faint gleam of hope
  - a serious book with an occasional gleam of humour
3. an expression of a particular feeling or emotion that shows in sb's eyes

**Syn:** ↑glint

- a gleam of triumph in her eyes
- a mischievous gleam in his eye
- The gleam in his eye made her uncomfortable (= as if he was planning sth secret or unpleasant) .

Word Origin:

Old English glæ◊m 'brilliant light', of Germanic origin.

Example Bank:

- A sudden gleam came into her eye as she remembered that tomorrow was her day off.
- He had a speculative gleam in his eyes.
- a faint gleam of light from the doorway
- the distant gleam of the sea
- We could see the gleam of moonlight on the water.

**gleam**

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **gleam** <sup>1</sup> /gli◊m BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive]

1. to shine softly **SYN glimmer** :

" His teeth gleamed under his moustache.

**gleam with**

" The wooden panelling was gleaming with wax polish.

2. if your eyes or face gleam with a feeling, they show it **SYN glint**

**gleam with**

" He laughed, his eyes gleaming with amusement.

**—gleaming adjective:**

" gleaming white walls  
. . .

**THESAURUS**

■ **to shine by reflecting light**

- **sparkle/glitter** if something sparkles, it shines with many small bright points when light is on it: The sea sparkled in the sunlight. | Jewels glittered around her neck.
- **gleam** to shine by reflecting the light – used especially about smooth clean surfaces, or about someone's eyes or teeth: The sword's blade gleamed. | a gleaming sports car | His blue eyes gleamed with amusement.
- **glint** to shine with quick flashes of light: The knife glinted in the sunlight.
- **glisten literary** to shine – used about wet or oily surfaces. Used especially when saying that someone's eyes are full of tears, or someone's skin is covered in sweat: As they were leaving, her eyes glistened with tears. | His forehead was glistening with sweat. | The wet chairs glistened in the afternoon sun.

- **catch the light** if something catches the light, it shines because it is reflecting light: Her diamond ring caught the light.

II. **gleam** <sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: glæm]

1. a small pale light, especially one that shines for a short time **SYN glimmer**

**gleam of**

" They saw a sudden gleam of light.

2. the brightness of something that shines **SYN glint**

**gleam of**

" the gleam of gold and diamonds

3. an emotion or expression that appears for a moment on someone's face

**gleam of**

" She saw a gleam of amusement in his eyes.

" Rose looked at me with a furious gleam in her eyes.

4. **something is a gleam in sb's eye** used to say that something is being planned or thought about, but does not yet exist:

" In those days, CD-ROMs were still just a gleam in the eye of some young engineer.

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