

## peer

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1. [pɪə] *n*
- ровня, равный  
groups of peers - группы равных по положению  
you will not find his peer - вы не найдёте ему равного  
he has no peers in his profession - в его профессии ему нет равных  
without peer - несравненный  
to be judged /tried/ by one's peers - быть судимым равными себе по положению
  - пэр, лорд  
peer of the realm - пэр Англии  
a life [hereditary] peer - пожизненный [наследный] пэр  
to make (a man) peer - *разг.* вознести кого-л.
2. [pɪə] *a*
- равный  
peer group - группа равных (*по положению, возрасту и т. п.*)
  - исходящий от равных, от членов своей группы  
peer pressure - давление со стороны членов своего круга, *особ.* сверстников, одноклассников *и т. п.*  
peer tuition - взаимное обучение (*иностранным языкам и т. п.*)
3. [pɪə] *v*
- разг.* делать пэром; возвести в пэры
  - уст.* быть равным, равней

II

[pɪə] *v*

- 1) **вглядываться, всматриваться**  
to peer into smb.'s face - всматриваться в чьё-л. лицо  
she peered through the mist trying to find the right path - она всматривалась в туман, пытаясь разглядеть дорогу
- 2) **заглядывать**  
he peered into the room - он заглянул в комнату  
to peer round the corner - заглянуть за угол
- 2) **показываться, проглядывать, выглядывать**  
a vast white cloud, through which the sun peered - большое белое облако, из-за которого выглядывало солнце

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

peer [peer peers peered peering] *noun, verb* *BrE* [pɪə(r)]<sup>Ⓜ</sup> *NAmE* [pɪr]<sup>Ⓜ</sup>*noun*

- usually plural** a person who is the same age or who has the same social status as you
    - She enjoys the respect of her peers.
    - A peer review system is being introduced to help teachers who are experiencing difficulty.
    - Children are worried about failing in front of their peers.
    - Peer pressure** is strong among young people (= they want to be like other people of the same age).
  - (in Britain) a member of the ↑nobility
- see also** ↑life peer, ↑peeress

Word Origin:*v.* late 16th cent. *pire* ↑*appear**n.* Middle English Old French *peer* Latin *par* 'equal'Example Bank:

- Children often take up smoking because of peer pressure.
- Peer acceptance is particularly important for teenagers.
- Research data will be subjected to peer review.
- She is highly respected by her professional peers.
- She was rejected by her peer group.
- Some children fail to develop normal peer relations.
- The Act made it possible for a woman to be created a life peer.
- They adopt attitudes that are more socially acceptable among their peers.
- We have seen several women who can outperform their male peers physically.
- an extended family and peer network
- teenagers trying to impress their peers
- Conservative peers are expected to criticize the scheme.
- MPs and peers from all parties met to discuss the issue.
- Peer pressure is strong among young people.
- She described the incident as 'unbecoming behaviour for a peer of the realm'.
- She is the American-born wife of a Scottish peer.
- The former athlete and MP Sebastian Coe was created a life peer in 2000 as Baron Coe of Ranmore.
- Two-thirds of the Lords were hereditary peers who succeeded to their title automatically.

*verb intransitive (+ adv./prep.)*

to look closely or carefully at sth, especially when you cannot see it clearly

- We peered into the shadows.
- He went to the window and peered out.
- She kept peering over her shoulder.
- He peered closely at the photograph.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	peer
	BrE /pɪə(r)/
	NAmE /paɪr/
he / she / it	peers
	BrE /pɪəz/
	NAmE /paɪz/
past simple, past participle	peered
	BrE /pɪəd/
	NAmE /paɪrd/
-ing form	peering
	BrE /pɪərɪŋ/
	NAmE /paɪrɪŋ/

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n. Middle English Old French peer Latin par 'equal'

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:

- A face was peering down at him.
- He peered into the darkness.
- His pale blue eyes peered anxiously at Vic.
- I peered through the letter box.
- She peered around the corner.
- She peered out of the window.
- She peered round into the farmyard.
- She tried to peer over her shoulder.
- peering short-sightedly at the book

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **peer**<sup>1</sup> /pɪə \$ paɪr/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: per, from Latin par 'equal'; ⇒ ↑par]

1. [usually plural] **formal** your peers are the people who are the same age as you, or who have the same type of job, social class etc:

▪ American children did less well in math than their peers in Japan.

▪ Staff members are trained by their peers. ⇒ ↑peer group, ↑peer pressure

2. a member of the British ↑nobility ⇒ **House of Lords, peerage**

⇒ ↑life peer

II. **peer**<sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> verb [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Perhaps from appear]

to look very carefully at something, especially because you are having difficulty seeing it:

▪ He was peering through the wet windscreen at the cars ahead.

▪ Philippa peered into the darkness.

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## THESAURUS

▪ **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.

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15000 **1880**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** **PEER** 19706

peer <sup>9388</sup>

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peers <sup>10066</sup>

peerless <sup>191</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

2270 **6372**<sup>5694</sup> *nn1*

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986 **20161**<sup>1078</sup> *vvi*

12 **201669**<sup>16</sup> *np1*

7 **314213**<sup>7</sup> *jj*