### clarity

# clar·ity AW [clarity clarities] BrE ['klærəti] NAmE ['klærəti] noun uncountable

## **1.** the quality of being expressed clearly

- a lack of clarity in the law
- The brilliant clarity of his argument could not be faulted.
- 2. the ability to think about or understand sth clearly

### clarity of thought/purpose/vision

- 3. if a picture, substance or sound has clarity, you can see or hear it very clearly, or see through it easily
- the clarity of sound on a CD

### Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'glory, divine splendour'): from Latin claritas, from clarus 'clear'. The current sense dates from the early 17th cent.

### Example Bank:

- She expressed herself with great clarity.
- With painful clarity she remembered the day he had died.
- clarity of thought
- There's still no clarity about what sort of programme it's going to be.

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[Word Family: noun:  $\uparrow$ clarity,  $\uparrow$ clearance,  $\uparrow$ clearing,  $\uparrow$ clarification,  $\uparrow$ clearness; verb:  $\uparrow$ clear,  $\uparrow$ clearify; adverb:  $\uparrow$ clear,  $\uparrow$ clearly; adjective:  $\uparrow$ clear  $\neq \uparrow$ unclear]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: claritas, from clarus;  $\Rightarrow$  <sup>†</sup>clear<sup>1</sup>]

1. the clarity of a piece of writing, law, argument etc is its quality of being expressed clearly ⇒ clear:

- Letters may be edited for length and clarity.
- a lack of clarity in the law on property rights
- 2. the ability to think, understand, or remember something clearly 
   ⇒ clear:
   He had only visited the village once, but remembered it with surprising clarity.

## clarity of vision/purpose/thought etc

- Churchill's clarity of vision impressed all who knew him.
- 3. the quality of being clear and easy to see or hear ⇒ clear: The picture was of such clarity that it could have been a photograph.

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