

dim

1. [dim] *n*
 1. темнота, сумерки
to sit in the dim - сидеть в темноте, сумерничать
 2. *авт.* ближний свет фар
2. [dim] *a*
 1. 1) тусклый; неяркий, слабый (о свете)
dim candle - свеча, горящая слабым светом
dim bulb - тусклая лампочка
the dim ball of the sun - тусклый диск солнца
the reading-lamp was so dim that you could hardly read - свет (от) настольной лампы был так слаб, что почти нельзя было читать
 - 2) плохо освещённый
dim room - неосвещённая /полутёмная/ комната
 2. 1) неясный, смутный, туманный; трудноразличимый
the dim outline of buildings - неясные очертания зданий
to grow dim - исчезать /таять/ вдали
a dim island in an infinite dark sea - едва различимый остров в безграничном мраке моря
her eyes wandered over the dim landscape - её взор блуждал по погружённому в полутьму ландшафту
her eyes were dim with tears - слёзы затуманили её взор
 - 2) туманный, с неясными перспективами
the outlook is pretty dim - рассчитывать /надеяться/ особенно не на что
 - 3) слабый (зрении)
dim eyes - плохое зрение
 - 4) слабый, приглушённый (о звуке)
the dim roar of a great city - неясный /приглушённый/ гул огромного города
 3. матовый; мутный, тусклый
 4. 1) смутный, неясный
dim idea - неясная мысль
dim remembrance - смутное воспоминание
his fears have grown dim - его страхи рассеялись
 - 2) слабо разбирающийся
 5. 1) *разг.* бесцветный, серый, скучный
a dim sort of joke - пресная /глупая/ шутка
 - 2) *разг.* тупой, глупый
don't be so dim! - ≅ нельзя ли придумать что-нибудь поумнее?
he's pretty dim on - изрядный тупица
◇ from the dim and distant past - с незапамятных времён
to take a dim view of smth. - не ждать ничего хорошего от чего-л., недоверчиво относиться к чему-либо
3. [dim] *v*
 1. 1) делать тусклым, затуманивать; лишать яркости
to dim a mirror - затуманивать зеркало
her eyes were dimmed with tears - слёзы затуманили её глаза /взор/
 - 2) тускнеть, затуманиваться; терять яркость; затягиваться дымкой
the lights dimmed perceptibly - яркость освещения заметно упала
 2. 1) затенять
the light of a candle is dimmed by that of the sun - при ярком солнце пламя свечи почти незаметно
 - 2) ослаблять, притуплять
to dim feelings - притуплять чувства
 - 3) ослабляться, притупляться
 3. *авт.* переходить на «ближний свет» (*мж.* to dim the lights)

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dim [dim dims dimmed dimming dimmer dimmest] *adjective, verb* BrE [dɪm] ⁴NAme [dɪm] ⁴*adjective* (dim·mer , dim·mest)**LIGHT**

1. not bright
 - the dim glow of the fire in the grate
 - This light is too dim to read by.

PLACE

2. where you cannot see well because there is not much light
 - a dim room/street

SHAPE

3. that you cannot see well because there is not much light
 - the dim outline of a house in the moonlight
 - I could see a dim shape in the doorway.

EYES

4. not able to see well
- His eyesight is getting dim.

MEMORIES

5. that you cannot remember or imagine clearly
- Syn:** †vague
- dim memories
 - She had a dim recollection of the visit.
 - (humorous) in the **dim and distant** past

PERSON

6. (informal, especially BrE) not intelligent
- He's very dim.

SITUATION

7. not giving any reason to have hope; not good
- Her future career prospects look dim.

Word Origin:

Old English dim, dimm, of Germanic origin; related to German dialect **timmer**.

Thesaurus:

dim adj.

1.

- The light was too dim to read by.

faint • • **weak** • • **soft** • |literary **thin** •

Opp: bright

dim/faint/weak/soft/thin **light**

a dim/faint/soft **glow**

a dim/faint **outline**

Dim, faint or weak? **Dim** describes light in a room or place when it is not bright enough to see clearly; **faint** describes a particular point of light which is hard to see; **weak** usually describes sunlight that is not bright.

2.

- They stepped into the dim and cluttered shop.

gloomy • • **dreary** • • **dingy** •

Opp: bright

a dim/gloomy/dreary/dingy **room**

a dim/gloomy **corridor/interior/street**

a dim/gloomy/dreary **place/day**

Example Bank:

- He seems incredibly dim sometimes!
- He was good-natured but rather dim.
- The living room looked dim and shadowy.
- A dim lamp swung in the entrance.
- A voice came from the dim interior.
- It was hard to see in the dim glow of the streetlights.
- Owls' eyesight is good in dim light.
- She was a pleasant but rather dim young woman.
- The light is too dim to read by.
- The room was dim because the curtains were half drawn.
- The room was very dim with a murky greenish light.
- They stepped into the dim and cluttered little shop.

Idiom: †take a dim view of somebody

Derived Word †dimness

verb (-mm-)

LIGHT

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if a light dims or if you dim it, it becomes or you make it less bright
- The lights in the theatre dimmed as the curtain rose.

FEELING/QUALITY

2. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** if a feeling or quality dims, or if sth dims it, it becomes less strong
- Her passion for dancing neverdimmed over the years.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	dim
	BrE /dɪm/
	NAmE /dɪm/
he / she / it	dims
	BrE /dɪmz/
	NAmE /dɪmz/
past simple, past participle	dimmed
	BrE /dɪmd/
	NAmE /dɪmd/
-ing form	dimming
	BrE /dɪmɪŋ/
	NAmE /dɪmɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The electric light flickered and dimmed slightly.
- We dimmed the lights in the room.
- Dim the lights to create some atmosphere.

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I. **dim**¹ /dɪm/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **dimmer**, superlative **dimmest**)

[Language: Old English]

- DARK** fairly dark or not giving much light, so that you cannot see well **OPP** bright:
 - in the dim light of the early dawn
 - a dim glow
- SHAPE** a dim shape is one which is not easy to see because it is too far away, or there is not enough light:
 - The dim outline of a building loomed up out of the mist.
- take a dim view of something** to disapprove of something:
 - Miss Watson took a dim view of Paul's behaviour.
- dim recollection/awareness etc** a memory or understanding of something that is not clear in your mind **SYN** vague:
 - Laura had a dim recollection of someone telling her this before.
- EYES** *literary* dim eyes are weak and cannot see well:
 - Isaac was old and his eyes were dim.
- FUTURE CHANCES** if your chances of success in the future are dim, they are not good:
 - Prospects for an early settlement of the dispute are dim.
- in the dim and distant past** a very long time ago – used humorously
- NOT INTELLIGENT** *informal* not intelligent:
 - You can be really dim sometimes!

—dimly *adverb*:

- a dimly lit room
- She was only dimly aware of the risk.

—dimness *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **dark** if a place is dark, there is little or no light: The room was very dark. | No, you can't play outside, it's too dark. | It was a dark night with clouds covering the moon.
- **dimly-lit** a dimly-lit building or place is fairly dark because the lights there are not very bright: a dimly-lit restaurant | The church was dimly lit.
- **dim** a dim light is fairly dark: The camera can take good pictures even in dim lighting. | The evening sky grew dim.
- **darkened** a darkened room or building is darker than usual, especially because its lights have been turned off or the curtains have been drawn: The prisoner lay in a darkened room. | The play starts with a darkened stage, and the sound of a woman singing softly.
- **gloomy** a gloomy place or room is not at all bright or cheerful: The bar was gloomy and smelled of stale cigar smoke.
- **murky** dark and difficult to see through – used especially about water: the murky waters of the lake | I could hardly see him in the murky light of the bar.
- **pitch-dark/pitch-black** completely dark, so that nothing can be seen: It was pitch-dark inside the shed.
- **shady** a shady place is cooler and darker than the area around it, because the light of the sun cannot reach it: It was nice and shady under the trees. | They found a shady spot for a picnic.

II. **dim**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **dimmed**, present participle **dimming**)

- [intransitive and transitive] if a light dims, or if you dim it, it becomes less bright:
 - The lights in the theatre began to dim.
- [intransitive and transitive] if a feeling, quality etc dims or is dimmed, it grows weaker or less:
 - Even the rain could not dim their enthusiasm.
 - Hopes of a peaceful settlement have dimmed.
- dim your headlights/lights** *American English* to lower the angle of the front lights of your car, especially when someone is driving towards you **SYN** **dip** *British English*

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