

**lightning****1. [ˈlaɪtnɪŋ] n****1. молния**

summer /heat/ lightning - зарница  
 sheet lightning - сплошная молния  
 chain(ed) lightning - зигзагообразная молния  
 forked lightning - разветвлённая молния  
 ball lightning, globular lightning - шаровая молния  
 bead lightning - чёточная молния

**2. сл. джин****2. [ˈlaɪtnɪŋ] а****1) молниеносный**

with lightning speed - с быстротой молнии, молниеносно

**2) экстренный; имеющий большую срочность**

lightning express - *амер.* сверхскорый поезд, экспресс  
 lightning priority - (телеграмма-)молния сообщение, передаваемое вне всякой очереди  
 lightning strike - забастовка без предварительного предупреждения (*нанимателей*)

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**light-ning** noun, adjective *BrE* [ˈlaɪtnɪŋ] <sup>а</sup> *NAmE* [ˈlaɪtnɪŋ] <sup>а</sup>

noun uncountable

a flash, or several flashes, of very bright light in the sky caused by electricity

- a **flash of lightning**
- a violent storm with **thunder and lightning**
- He was **struck by lightning** and killed.
- **Lightning strikes** caused scores of fires across the state.

Word Origin:

Middle English: special use of lightening (verbal noun from <sup>↑</sup>lighten in the sense 'to become lighter' or 'brighter').

Collocations:**The weather***Good weather*

be bathed in/bask in/be blessed with/enjoy bright/brilliant/glorious sunshine  
 the sun shines/warms sth/beats down (on sth)  
 the sunshine breaks/streams through sth  
 fluffy/wispy clouds drift across the sky  
 a gentle/light/stiff/cool/warm/sea breeze blows in/comes in off the sea  
 the snow crunches beneath /under sb's feet/boots

*Bad weather*

thick/dark/storm clouds form/gather/roll in/cover the sky/block out the sun  
 the sky darkens/turns black  
 a fine mist hangs in the air  
 a dense/heavy/thick fog rolls in  
 the rain falls/comes down (in buckets/sheets)/pours down  
 snow falls/comes down/covers sth  
 the wind blows/whistles/howls/picks up/whips through sth/sweeps across sth  
 strong/gale-force winds blow/gust (up to 80 mph)  
 a storm is approaching /is moving inland /hits/strikes/rages  
 thunder rolls/rumbles/sounds  
 (forked/sheet) lightning strikes/hits/flashes  
 a (blinding/snow) blizzard hits/strikes/blows/rages  
 a tornado touches down/hits/strikes/destroys sth/rips through sth  
 forecast/expect/predict rain/snow/a category-four hurricane  
 (*NAmE*) pour (down)/ (*BrE*) pour (down) with rain  
 get caught in/seek shelter from/escape the rain  
 be covered/shrouded in mist/a blanket of fog  
 be in for/brave/shelter from a/the storm  
 hear rolling/distant thunder  
 be battered/buffed by strong winds  
 (*BrE*) be blowing a gale  
 battle against/brave the elements

*The weather improves*

the sun breaks through the clouds  
 the sky clears/brightens (up)/lightens (up)  
 the clouds part/clear  
 the rain stops/lets up/holds off  
 the wind dies down  
 the storm passes

the mist/fog lifts/clears

Example Bank:

- Forked lightning flickered across the sky.
- He jumped out of the car like greased lightning.
- He was struck by lightning.
- Lightning flashed outside.
- Lightning hit the tree.
- Lightning lit up the night sky.
- Lightning strikes caused scores of fires across the state.

Idioms: ↑lightning never strikes twice ▪ ↑like lightning

adjective only before noun

very fast or sudden

- to move at **lightning speed**

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I. **lightning**<sup>1</sup> /'laɪtnɪŋ/ BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: lighten 'to become less dark']

1. a powerful flash of light in the sky caused by electricity and usually followed by ↑thunder:

- Two farmworkers were struck by lightning (=hit by lightning).
- Lightning flashed overhead.

2. **like lightning** extremely quickly:

- Mitch moved like lightning and caught the little girl before she fell.

3. **lightning never strikes twice** something bad or unpleasant is not likely to happen to the same people or in the same place twice

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**COLLOCATIONS**

■ **phrases**

- **a flash of lightning/a lightning flash** (=a sudden light from lightning) Suddenly there was a flash of lightning and a roll of thunder. | A series of lightning flashes crackled overhead.
- **a bolt of lightning/a lightning bolt** (=lightning that appears as a long white line) The tree was struck by a lightning bolt.
- **a lightning strike** (=an occasion when lightning hits something) A lightning strike sent a surge through the electricity supply system.
- **a lightning storm** A lightning storm lit up the night sky.
- **thunder and lightning** After a few minutes, the thunder and lightning moved further away.

■ **verbs**

- **lightning flashes** Lightning flashed in the sky, and there was a loud crash of thunder.
- **lightning hits/strikes something** The house had been hit by lightning.
- **lightning lights (up) something** Lightning lit up the room briefly.

■ **adjectives**

- **forked lightning** (=lightning that appears as lines connected to each other) Forked lightning spread across the sky.
- **sheet lightning** (=lightning that appears as a sudden flash of brightness covering a large area of sky) Thunder rumbled and sheet lightning flashed ominously among the clouds.

II. **lightning**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " adjective [only before noun]

very fast, and often without warning:

- a lightning attack
- **at/with lightning speed** (=extremely quickly)

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