

1. [laɪt] *n*

1) свет

the light of the sun [of the moon, of a candle] - свет солнца [луны, свечи]

northern /polar/ lights - северное сияние

light bath - *мед.* световая ванна

light therapy - *мед.* светолечение

light gun /pen/ - *вчт.* световое перо

to stand in smb.'s light - заслонять кому-л. свет [*см. тж.* ◇]

2) освещённость, видимость

light line - *воен.* граница затемнённого района

in a good light - хорошо видный, хорошо освещённый; при хорошем освещении

to read in poor light - читать при плохом свете /при слабом освещении/

there is enough light for reading - для чтения здесь достаточно светло

hang the picture in a good light - повесьте картину так, чтобы она была хорошо освещена /видна/

3) (*обыкн.* the light) дневной свет, день, дневное время

to rise with the light - вставать с рассветом

as soon as there was light - как только рассвело

the light began to fail - надвигались сумерки

before the light fails - до того, как стемнеет, засветло

4) *pl иск.* светлые части картины (*тж.* high lights)2) 1) источник света; огонь, лампа *и т. п.*

to put the light on - включить свет

to put out the light - погасить свет [*ср. тж.* ◇]

lights were burning in every room - во всех комнатах горел огонь

lights out! - отбой! (*команда*)

2) *воен.* прожектор3) *pl* светофор

to stop for the lights - останавливаться у светофора

to cross [to drive] against the lights - переходить [проезжать] при красном сигнале

4) маяк

floating light - плавучий маяк

5) *pl театр. проф.* рампа, огни рампы

before the lights - у рампы, на сцене

3) 1) огонь, пламя, искра

to strike a light - зажечь спичку

can you give me a light? - не дадите ли мне прикурить?

to put a light to the lamp - зажечь лампу

2) огонёк, свет (*глаз*); отражение душевного волнения (*на лице*)

4) 1) информация новые сведения, данные

we need more light on the subject - нам нужны дополнительные сведения /данные/ по этому вопросу

these facts throw /shed/ (a) new light on the matter - эти данные проливают новый свет на дело

2) гласность

to come to light - обнаруживаться, выявляться

to bring to light - обнаружить, раскрыть; вывести на чистую воду; вытащить на свет божий

new evidence has come to light - обнаружили новые факты/данные/

5) аспект, вид; восприятие

in the light of past events - в свете прошлых /имевших место/ событий

to view smth. in a favourable light - смотреть на что-л. благосклонно, одобрять что-л.

to put things in a favourable[false, unfavourable] light - представлять /выставлять/ что-л. в выгодном [ложном, невыгодном] свете

I can't see the affair in that light - я не могу смотреть на это дело таким образом

in whatever light we view it - с какой бы стороны ни рассматривать это

6) знаменитость, светило; светоч

he was one of the shining /leading/ lights of his age - он был одним из самых выдающихся людей своего времени

7) *pl* убеждения, взгляды; уровень

to do one's best according to one's lights - сделать всё в меру своих способностей /возможностей/

to worship according to one's lights - молиться в соответствии со своими убеждениями /со своей верой/

he acted according to his lights - он действовал, как ему казалось правильным /в соответствии со своими убеждениями/

8) просвет; окно; стекло (*в крыше или стене оранжереи*)9) 1) *поэт.* зрение2) *pl разг.* глаза

◇ to stand in smb.'s light - мешать кому-л., стоять у кого-л. на дороге [*см. тж.* 1, 1)]

to stand in one's own light - вредить самому себе, нарушать собственные интересы, ≅ сам себе враг

get out of the light - не мешай(те), уходи(те) с дороги, не стойте на моём пути

green light - зелёная улица (*чему-л.*)

the light of my eyes - свет очей моих

to see the light - а) увидеть свет, родиться; б) увидеть свет, выйти из печати; в) прозреть, понять в чём дело; г) *реп.*

(духовно) прозреть; обратиться (в какую-л. веру)

to put out smb.'s light - убить /ликвидировать/ кого-л. [*ср. тж.* 2, 1]]

out like a light - а) без сознания (*особ. от удара по голове*); б) крепко спящий; ≅ спит без задних ног

light at the end of the tunnel - просвет (*в кризисном положении*); надежда на близкую победу; намечающийся успех

by the light of nature - интуитивно, инстинктивно, естественно (*без указаний, обучения и т. п.*)

the light of smb.'s countenance - а) чья-л. благосклонность, чьё-л. расположение; б) чьё-л. одобрение, чья-л. поддержка

the light of the countenance - *библ.* свет лица твоего

the greater and the lesser light - *библ.* светило большее и светило меньшее; солнце и луна

2. а

1. светлый

light room - светлая комната

light day - светлый /не пасмурный/ день

2. 1) светлый, светлого цвета; бледный (о цвете)

light hair - светлые волосы

light complexion - белая кожа

light beer /ale/ - светлое пиво

2) с молоком или сливками (о кофе)

3. (light-) как компонент сложных слов светло-

light-blue - светло-голубой, бледно-голубой

a light-skinned mulatto - светлокожий мулат

3. [laɪt] v (*lit, lighted* [-{laɪt}ɪd]) (*тж. light up*)

1. 1) зажигать

to light a lamp - зажечь лампу

to light fire - затопить печку /камин/

2) зажигаться, загораться

3) освещать

our houses are lighted /lit/ (up) by electricity - наши дома освещаются электричеством

all the streets were brightly lit (up) - все улицы были залиты светом

light ship! - *мор.* включить освещение! (*команда*)

4) освещаться

all the windows lit up - во всех окнах вспыхнул свет

5) прикуривать (*сигарету, папиросу и т. п.*)

to light (up) a cigarette - закурить сигарету

2. светить (кому-л.)

to light (up) a person on his way - посветить кому-л., осветить кому-л. дорогу

she lit him up the stairs with the candle - пока он поднимался по лестнице, она светила ему свечкой

3. 1) освещать, озарять

a smile lit up her face - улыбка озарила её лицо

2) (with) освещаться, озаряться; светиться, сиять (о глазах, лице)

to light (up) with a smile - озариться улыбкой

to light (up) with pleasure - сиять от радости, светиться счастьем

◇ to be lit up - напиться

II

1. [laɪt] а

1. 1) лёгкий, нетяжёлый

light box [burden] - лёгкий ящик [-ая ноша]

light shoes - лёгкие туфли

light clothing - лёгкая /летняя/ одежда

(as) light as a feather /as air/ - лёгкий как пух; невесомый

light alloy - *метал.* лёгкий сплав

light oil - *спец.* маловязкое масло; лёгкий нефтепродукт

light sails - верхние летучие паруса

2) лёгкий на ногу; проворный

light walk /footsteps/ [movements] - лёгкая походка [-ие движения]

light of foot - проворный, быстроногий

light on one's feet - лёгкий на подъём, подвижный

3) лёгкий, рассчитанный на небольшую нагрузку

light car - малолитражный автомобиль

light railway - узкоколейная *или* временная железная дорога; подъездной путь

4) *воен.* лёгкий, облегчённого типа

light automatic gun - ручной пулемёт

light bomb - авиабомба небольшого калибра

light machine-rifle - автоматическая винтовка

light machine-gun - ручной пулемёт, облегчённый станковый пулемёт

light warning radar - лёгкая радиолокационная станция обнаружения

light load - уменьшенный заряд

5) *воен.* имеющий лёгкое вооружение

light (horse) brigade - *уст.* кавалерийская бригада

light artillery [infantry] - лёгкая артиллерия [пехота]

light bomber - лёгкий бомбардировщик
light cruiser - лёгкий крейсер
light tank - лёгкий танк
in light marching order - с облегчённым походным снаряжением

2. **неполновесный, неправильного веса**

light coin - неполновесная монета
to give light weight - недовешивать, обвешивать

3. 1) **лёгкий, несильный, слабый**

light touch - лёгкое /мягкое/ прикосновение
a light print - слабый /еле видный/ отпечаток

2) **тонкий, деликатный**

light vein of humour - тонкий юмор
light persiflage - деликатное подшучивание

4. 1) **лёгкий, некрепкий (о вине, пиве)**

2) **лёгкий (о пище)**

light supper - лёгкий ужин

3) **неплотный, негустой**

light soil - лёгкая /рыхлая/ почва
light clouds - лёгкие /перистые/ облака

4) **лёгкий, воздушный, хорошо поднявшийся (о тесте)**

5. 1) **несерьёзный; незначительный, несущественный**

light remarks - несерьёзные /несущественные/ замечания
to one's lightest word [wish] - по чьему-л. малейшему слову [желанию]
to make light of smth. - а) недооценивать что-л.; не воспринимать серьёзно; to make light of danger - недооценивать опасность; he makes light of his illness - он не обращает достаточно внимания на свою болезнь; б) принижать, преуменьшать (*заслуги и т. п.*)
this is no light matter - это дело нешуточное

2) **лёгкий, несложный, развлекательный**

light music - лёгкая музыка (*в противоп. классической*)
light reading - лёгкое чтение, развлекательная литература
light opera - а) комическая опера; б) оперетта
light comedy - лёгкая комедия
light comedian - актёр лёгкого комедийного жанра

3) **лёгкий, небольшой, несильный**

a light attack of illness - лёгкий приступ болезни
light wind - лёгкий ветерок
light frost - небольшой /лёгкий/ мороз
light rain - дождик, небольшой дождь
light applause - непродолжительные /жидкие/ аплодисменты
light smoker - незаядлый курильщик
light eater - человек с плохим аппетитом, малоежка

6. 1) **нетрудный, необременительный**

light work - нетрудная /лёгкая/ работа
light duties - необременительные /несложные/ обязанности
light household tasks - мелкая работа по дому
to make light work of smth. - быстро управляться с чем-л.

2) **лёгкий, несуровый**

light punishment - лёгкое наказание
light sentence - мягкий приговор

7. 1) **легкомысленный, ветреный, непостоянный**

light opinions - неустойчивые убеждения
a person of light character - весьма легкомысленный человек

2) **фривольный, распущенный**

light woman - женщина лёгкого поведения /нестрогих правил/

3) **весёлый, беззаботный, беспечный**

light laughter - весёлый /беззаботный/ смех
light jest - весёлая шутка
light chatter - беседа о том о сём

8. **лёгкий, чуткий (о сне)**

a light sleeper - спящий чутко

9. **фон.**

1) **неударный (о слоге)**

2) **слабый (об удареии)**

◇ with a light heart - с лёгким сердцем

light hand - а) ловкость; умение; she has a light hand for pastry - она мастерица печь пирожные; б) тактичность; деликатность

light fingers = light-fingered

light in the head - а) чувствующий /испытывающий/ головокружение; б) глупый

2. [laɪt] **adv**

легко

- to tread light - легко ступать
- to sleep light - некрепко /чутко/ спать
- to travel light - путешествовать налегке
- to get off light - *разг.* легко /дешево/ отделаться
- ◇ light come, light go - *полсл.* ≅ легко нажито, легко прожито

II

[laɪt] *v* (*lighted* [-{laɪt}ɪd], *lit*)

- 1) (on, upon) неожиданно, случайно натолкнуться (*на что-л.*)
to light on a rare book in a second-hand shop - случайно найти/увидеть/ редкую книгу в букинистическом магазине
we lit upon a solution - мы неожиданно нашли решение
- 2) обрушиться (*об ударе и т. п.*)
misfortune lighted upon him - на него свалилось горе
- 2) 1) сходить, выходить (*обыкн.* light down, light off, light from)
to light off a horse - спешиться, сойти с лошади
to light down from the bus - выйти из автобуса
to light at one's door - сойти у своего дома
- 2) (on, upon) опускаться, садиться; падать
to light on one's feet - а) стать на ноги (*после падения или прыжка*); б) счастливо отделаться
the bird lit upon the bough - птица села на сук
my eye lighted on a familiar face among the crowd - мой взгляд упал на знакомое лицо в толпе
3. (into) нападать, накидываться
we lit into the food - мы набросились на еду

light

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light [light lights lit lighted lighting] *noun, adjective, verb, adverb* BrE [laɪt]

NAme [laɪt]

noun



FROM SUN/LAMPS

1. **uncountable** the energy from the sun, a lamp, etc. that makes it possible to see things

- **bright/dim light**
- a room with good **natural light**
- in the fading light of a summer's evening
- The light was beginning to fail (= it was beginning to get dark) .
- She could just see **by the light of** the candle.
- Bring it **into the light** so I can see it.
- a **beam/ray of light**
- The knife gleamed as it **caught the light** (= as the light shone on it) .

see also ↑first light

2. **countable** a particular type of **light** with its own colour and qualities

- A cold grey light crept under the curtains.

see also ↑Northern Lights

LAMP

3. **countable** a thing that produces light, especially an electric light

- to **turn/switch the lights on/off**
- to **turn out the light(s)**
- Suddenly all the **lights went out** .
- It was an hour before the **lights came on** again.
- to **turn down/dim the lights**
- A light was still burning in the bedroom.
- **ceiling/wall lights**
- Keep going— the lights (= traffic lights) are green.
- Check your car before you drive to make sure that your lights are working.

see also ↑brake light, ↑green light, ↑headlight, ↑leading light, ↑red light

FOR CIGARETTE

4. **singular** a match or device with which you can light a cigarette: (BrE) Have you got a light?

- (NAme, BrE) Do you have a light?

EXPRESSION IN EYES

5. **singular** an expression in sb's eyes which shows what they are thinking or feeling
- There was a soft light in her eyes as she looked at him.

IN PICTURE

6. **uncountable** light colours in a picture, which contrast with darker ones
- the artist's use of light and shade

WINDOW

7. **countable** (**architecture**) a window or an opening to allow light in
- leaded lights

see also ↑skylight

more at the bright lights **at** ↑bright adj., in the cold light of day **at** ↑cold adj., hide your light under a bushel **at** ↑hide v., jump the lights **at** ↑jump v., be (all) sweetness and light **at** ↑sweetness

Word Origin:

n. and v. adj. senses 1 to 2 Old English lēoht līht līhtan Germanic Dutch licht German Licht Indo-European Greek leukos 'white' Latin lux 'light'

adj. senses 3 to 17 Old English lēocht līht lēohte Germanic Dutch licht German leicht Indo-European ↑lung

Thesaurus:

light **noun**

1. **U, sing.**

- She could just see by the light of the candle.

brightness • • **lighting** •

Opp: darkness, Opp: the dark, Opp: shade

light/brightness **from** sth

in the light/brightness

good/bright/strong/poor/electric light/lighting

give light/brightness to sth

2. **C**

- Turn on the lights!

lamp • • **candle** • • **lantern** • |BrE torch • |especially AmE flashlight •

switch on/off a light/lamp/torch/flashlight

shine a light/lantern/torch/flashlight on sth

a light/lamp/lantern/torch/flashlight **shines**

Which Word?:

light / lighting

The noun light has several different meanings and is used in many phrases. Lighting can only be used to talk about the type of light in a place or how lights are used to achieve a particular effect: ▫ the lighting system ◇ ▫ the movie's interesting lighting effects ◇ ▫ The lighting at the disco was fantastic.

Example Bank:

- A warning light goes on when the battery is running low.
- Bring it into the light and we'll have a look at it.
- Could you give me a light?
- For the first time since the start of his treatment, we can now see light at the end of the tunnel.
- He flashed his lights to warn the oncoming cars.
- In full light, you could see Alison was well over forty.
- Light from a tall lamp fell in a pool on the desk.
- Nothing can travel faster than the speed of light.
- She held up the letter against the light.
- Some cars already had their lights on.
- Some of his paintings never even saw the light of day.
- Someone shone a light in my face.
- The blue light was flashing.
- The car was stopped at the side of the road with its hazard lights flashing.
- The lamp was the only source of light in the room.
- The light flickered a couple of times then went out.
- The light reflecting off the snow was dazzling.
- The pilot could just make out the runway landing lights.
- The place looked calm in the golden evening light.
- The warning light came on.
- There was a flash of light followed by an explosion.
- They managed to see where the door was by the light of the moon.
- We could hardly see the ball in the failing light.
- We were momentarily blinded by the light of the sun.
- You could see the imperfections in the repair when the light caught it.
- film that is sensitive to ultraviolet light

- in the cold light of morning
- light emitted by a star
- the bright lights of the city
- the light from the kitchen window
- Check your car before you drive to make sure that your lights are working.
- Examine the artist's use of light and shade.
- He squinted in the bright light.
- It was getting dark and the street lights had come on.
- Keep going— the lights are green.
- Suddenly all the lights went out.
- The light was beginning to fail.
- The lights dimmed and the curtain rose.
- Turn on the lights!
- We could only just make out the path in the dim light.
- a beam/ray of light

Idioms: ↑according to somebody's lights ▪ ↑bring something to light ▪ ↑cast light on something ▪ ↑come to light ▪ in a good/bad/favourable light ▪ ↑in somebody's light ▪ ↑in the light of something ▪ ↑light at the end of the tunnel ▪ ↑light dawned ▪ ↑light of somebody's life ▪ ↑light on something ▪ ↑light touch ▪ ↑lights are on but nobody's home ▪ ↑make light of something ▪ ↑make light work of something ▪ out like a light ▪ ↑run a light ▪ ↑run the lights ▪ ↑see the light ▪ ↑set light to something

Derived Word ↑lightness

Derived ↑light on something ▪ ↑light something up ▪ ↑light up

adjective (light-er, light-est)

WITH NATURAL LIGHT

1. full of light; having the natural light of day
 - We'll leave in the morning as soon as **it's light**.
 - It **gets light** at about 5 o'clock.
 - It was a light spacious apartment at the top of the building.
- Opp:** ↑dark

COLOURS

2. pale in colour
 - light blue eyes
 - Lighter shades suit you best.
 - People with pale complexions should avoid wearing light colours.
- Opp:** ↑dark

WEIGHT

3. easy to lift or move; not weighing very much
 - Modern video cameras are light and easy to carry.
 - Carry this bag— it's the lightest.
 - He's lost a lot of weight— he's three kilos lighter than he was.
 - The little girl was **as light as a feather** .
 - The aluminium body is 12% lighter than if built with steel.
- Opp:** ↑heavy
4. usually before noun of less than average or usual weight
 - light summer clothes
 - Only light vehicles are allowed over the old bridge.
- Opp:** ↑heavy
5. used with a unit of weight to say that sth weighs less than it should do
 - The delivery of potatoes was several kilos light.

GENTLE

6. usually before noun gentle or delicate; not using much force
 - She felt a light tap on her shoulder.
 - the sound of quick light footsteps
 - You only need to apply light pressure.
 - As a boxer, he was always **light on his feet** (= quick and elegant in the way he moved) .
- Opp:** ↑heavy

WORK/EXERCISE

7. usually before noun easy to do; not making you tired
 - After his accident he was moved to lighter work.
 - some light housework
 - You are probably well enough to take a little light exercise.

NOT GREAT

8. not great in amount, degree, etc

- light traffic
- The forecast is for light showers.
- light winds
- Trading on the stock exchange was light today.

Opp: ↑heavy

NOT SEVERE/SERIOUS

9. not severe

- He was convicted of assaulting a police officer but he got off with a **light sentence** .

10. entertaining rather than serious and not needing much mental effort

- **light reading** for the beach
- a concert of light classical music
- We were just making light conversation.

11. not serious

- She kept her tone light.
- This programme looks at the **lighter side** of politics.
- We all needed a little **light relief** at the end of a long day (= something amusing or entertaining that comes after sth serious or boring) .
- The job does have its lighter moments.
- Let's talk about lighter things, shall we?
- **On a lighter note** , we end the news today with a story about a duck called Quackers.

CHEERFUL

12. usually before noun free from worry; cheerful

- I left the island with a light heart.

FOOD

13. (of a meal) small in quantity

- a **light supper/snack**.
- I just want something light for lunch.

Opp: ↑heavy

14. not containing much fat or not having a strong flavour and therefore easy for the stomach to ↑digest

- Stick to a light diet.

see also ↑lite

15. containing a lot of air

- This pastry is so light.

DRINK

16. low in alcohol

- a light beer

17. (IndE) (of tea or coffee) containing a lot of water

Syn: ↑weak

- I don't like my coffee too light.
- I think I'll have a light tea.

Opp: ↑strong

SLEEP

18. only before noun a person in a light sleep is easy to wake

- She drifted into a light sleep.
- I've always been a light sleeper.

Opp: ↑deep

see also ↑lightly

more at many hands make light work at ↑hand _{n.}

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adj. senses 3 to 17 Old English *lēoht* *līht* *lēohte* Germanic Dutch *licht* German *leicht* Indo-European ↑lung

Thesaurus:

light adj.

1.

- Light colours suit you best.

pale • • soft • • pastel • • neutral • |usually approving cool •

Opp: dark

a light/pale/soft/pastel/neutral/cool colour/shade

light/pale/soft/pastel/cool blue/green

light/pale/soft/pastel **pink**

light/soft/pale **yellow/brown/red**

Light or pale? Both words can be used to describe colours. **Pale** is also used to describe a kind of light that contains a lot of white and is not bright:

- a pale light/glow/sky

~~x~~ a light light/glow/sky

2.

- The forecast is for light showers.

gentle • • **mild** •

Opp: heavy

(a) **light/gentle** breeze/wind/rain

light/gentle **work/exercise**

light/mild **punishment**

Light, gentle or mild? **Light** is used especially to describe weather, work, exercise and punishments. **Gentle** is used especially to describe weather, temperature, work and exercise. **Mild** is used especially to describe weather, diseases, drugs, criticism and punishment.

Example Bank:

- As soon as it grew light, we got up and dressed.
- It stays light for so long on these summer evenings.
- It was almost light outside.
- It was barely light yet.
- It was not light enough to see things clearly.
- It was starting to get light.
- The bottle felt strangely light between my fingers.
- The punishment can be remarkably light.
- The sky turned light once more.
- The tent is light enough for backpacking and touring.
- The traffic is usually fairly light in the afternoons.
- The whole house was beautifully light and airy.
- Trading volume remains light.
- We'll set out as soon as it's completely light.
- a deliciously light alternative to cake
- wearing only very light clothes
- Do you need some light reading for the beach?
- He was convicted of assaulting a police officer but he got off with a light sentence.
- He's got light blue eyes.
- It gets light at about 5 o'clock.
- People with pale complexions should avoid wearing light colours.
- We'll leave in the morning as soon as it's light.
- a pale light/glow/sky
- light reading/fiction/entertainment/comedy/music/opera
- pale/light blue/green/yellow/orange/red/pink/purple/grey/brown
- pale/light colours/shades/tones

verb (**lit**, **lit** *BrE* [lɪt] ^m ; *NAmE* [lɪt] ^m **Lighted** is also used for the past tense and past participle, especially in front of nouns.)

START TO BURN

1. transitive ~ sth to make sth start to burn

- She lit a candle.
- The candles were lit.
- I put a lighted match to the letter and watched it burn.
- Steve took out a cigarette and lit it.

2. intransitive to start to burn

- The fire wouldn't light.

GIVE LIGHT

3. transitive, usually passive ~ sth to give light to sth or to a place

- The stage was lit by bright spotlights.
- **well/badly lit** streets
- the lighted windows of the house

4. transitive ~ sth (literary) to guide sb with a light

- Our way was lit by a full moon.

Verb forms:

present simple	
I / you / we / they	light
	BrE /laɪt/
	NAmE /laɪt/
he / she / it	lights
	BrE /ˈlaɪts/
	NAmE /ˈlaɪts/
past simple, past participle	lit
	BrE /lɪt/
	NAmE /lɪt/
-ing form	lighting
	BrE /ˈlaɪtɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˈlaɪtɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

light verb

1. T

• The explorers lit a fire to keep warm.

set fire to sth/set sth on fire • • **torch** • |formal **ignite** •

Opp: put sth out, **Opp:** extinguish

light/ignite a fire/a flame/the gas

a spark lights sth/sets fire to sth/ignites sth

Light, set fire to sth or ignite? **Light** is used especially when sb makes sth burn that is supposed to burn. **Set fire to sth** is used about bigger fires, especially about sth that is not supposed to burn. Sth is usually **ignited** by a **spark** or **flame**, rather than a person

• He lit a candle.

• She accidentally set fire to the sofa.

• A spark must have ignited the gas.

2. T, usually passive

• The stage was lit by spotlights.

light (sth) up • • **brighten** • • **flood** • |formal **illuminate** •

be lit/lit up/flooded/illuminated **with** sth

light/brigten/flood/illuminate a room

well/brightly/dimly/softly lit/illuminated

Example Bank:

- A gleam of humour momentarily lit his face.
- Her face lit up with pleasure.
- She paused to light another cigarette.
- Stacey's face immediately lit up.
- The room was dark now, lit only by a single candle.
- a brightly lit room
- a dimly lit street
- Come in, I'll light a fire and you can get warmed up.
- Make sure you always park your car in busy, well lit streets.
- They installed gas apparatus to light the factory.
- to light a match/cigarette/candle

adverb

see travel light **at** ↑travel _{v.}

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See also: ↑in light of something ▪ ↑jump the lights

light

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I. light¹ **S1 W1** /laɪt/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ² **noun**

[Word Family: **noun:** ↑light, ↑lighter, ↑lighting, ↑lightness; **adjective:** ↑light, ↑lighted, ↑unlit; **verb:** ↑light, ↑lighten; **adverb:** ↑lightly, ↑light]

[Language: Old English; Origin: leoht]

1. NATURAL/ARTIFICIAL LIGHT

a) [uncountable] the energy from the Sun, a flame, a lamp etc that allows you to see things:

" We saw a flash of light.

in/by the light of something

" Everything looked grey in the dim light of the oil lamp.

" I read by the light of the fire.

in/into the light

" The man moved forward into the light.

b) [countable] a particular type of light, with its own particular colour, level of brightness etc:

" The colours look different in different lights.

2. LAMP/ELECTRIC LIGHT ETC [countable]

a) something that produces light, especially electric light, to help you to see:

" Ahead of us we could see the lights of the city.

" We're having a mixture of wall lights and ceiling lights in different parts of the house.

turn/switch/put on a light

" I switched on the light in the bedroom.

turn/switch/put off a light

" Don't forget to switch the lights off when you go out.

turn/switch/put out a light

" Can you turn the light out downstairs?

a light is/comes/goes on

" The lights in the office were still on.

" The street lights were just beginning to come on.

" He left a light on in the kitchen.

a light is off/out

" Make sure all the lights are off when you leave.

" Suddenly all the lights in the house went out.

" Can you turn the light down (=make it less bright) a bit? ⇒ the bright lights at ↑bright(13)

b) something such as a lamp that you can carry to give you light:

" Shine a light over here, will you?

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL [countable usually plural] one of a set of red, green, and yellow lights used for controlling traffic SYN traffic lights:

" We waited for the lights to change.

" Eventually the lights turned green.

" The driver had failed to stop at a red light. ⇒ ↑green light, ↑red-light district

4. ON A VEHICLE [countable usually plural] one of the lights on a car, bicycle etc that help you to see at night:

" He was dazzled by the lights of oncoming traffic.

" You've left your lights on. ⇒ ↑brake light, ↑headlight, ↑parking light

5. first light literary the time when light first appears in the morning sky:

" We set out at first light the next day.

6. be/stand in sb's light to prevent someone from getting all the light they need to see or do something:

" Could you move to the left a little – you're standing in my light.

7. FOR A CIGARETTE a light a match or something else to light a cigarette:

" Have you got a light, please?

8. IN SB'S EYES [singular] literary an expression in someone's eyes that shows an emotion or intention SYN gleam :

" There was a murderous light in his eyes.

9. set light to something to make something start burning:

" The candle fell over and set light to the barn.

10. come to light/be brought to light if new information comes to light, it becomes known:

" This evidence did not come to light until after the trial.

" The mistake was only brought to light some years later.

11. throw/shed/cast light on something to provide new information that makes a difficult subject or problem easier to understand:

" Melanie was able to shed some light on the situation.

" These discoveries may throw new light on the origins of the universe.

12. in the light of something British English, in light of something American English if you do or decide something in the light of something else, you do it after considering that thing:

" In light of this tragic event, we have canceled the 4th of July celebrations.

13. in a new/different/bad etc light if someone or something is seen or shown in a particular light, people can see that particular part of their character:

" I suddenly saw my father in a new light.

" This incident will put the company in a very bad light.

14. see the light

a) to suddenly understand something:

" At last doctors have seen the light!

b) to begin to believe in a religion very strongly

15. see the light (of day)

a) if an object sees the light of day, it is taken from the place where it has been hidden, and becomes publicly known:

" Some of these documents will probably never see the light of day.

b) if a law, decision etc sees the light of day, it comes into existence for the first time

16. light at the end of the tunnel something that gives you hope for the future after a long and difficult period:

It's been a hard few months, but we're finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

17. **have your name in lights** *informal* to be successful and famous in theatre or films

18. **go/be out like a light** *informal* to go to sleep very quickly because you are very tired:

" I went straight to bed and went out like a light.

19. **a leading light in/of something** *informal* someone who is important in a particular organization:

" She's one of the leading lights of the local dramatic society.

20. **the light of sb's life** the person that someone loves more than anyone else:

" Her son was the light of her life.

21. **WINDOW** [countable] a window in a roof or wall that allows light into a room

⇒ **hide your light under a bushel** at ↑bushel, ⇒ **be all sweetness and light** at ↑sweetness(3), ⇒ **in the cold light of day** at ↑cold¹(9)

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COLLOCATIONS

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + light

- **bright/strong** The light was so bright he had to shut his eyes.
- **blinding/dazzling** (=extremely bright) The white buildings reflected a blinding light.
- **dim** (=not bright) Gradually her eyes became accustomed to the dim light.
- **good** (=bright enough) Stand over here where the light is good.
- **poor/bad** (=not bright enough) The light was too poor for me to read.
- **soft/warm** (=light that seems slightly yellow or orange) the soft light of the candles
- **cold/harsh** (=light that seems slightly blue) the cold light of the moon
- **the morning/dawn light** The flowers glowed brightly in the morning light.
- **natural light** (=light produced by the sun) The only natural light came from two high windows.
- **artificial light** (=light produced by lamps) The office was windowless, lit only by artificial light.

verbs

- **light shines** The light from the streetlamp shone through the curtains.
- **light comes from somewhere** The only light came from the fire.
- **light streams/floods in** (=a large amount of light comes in) Light streamed in through the window.
- **light falls on/across etc something** The light fell on her book.
- **light illuminates something** *formal* (=makes it bright or able to be seen) The light from the screen illuminated the people gathered round it.
- **the light is fading** (=it is getting darker as the sun is going down)
- **produce light** (also **emit light** *technical*) the light produced by the sun
- **cast light** (=send light onto something) the gold circle of light cast by the lamp
- **reflect light** Snow reflects a lot of light.
- **something is bathed in light** *literary* (=something has a lot of light shining on it) The fields and woods were bathed in golden light.

phrases

- **a beam/ray/shaft of light** (=a thin line of light) There was a shaft of light from the doorway.
- **a flash of light** (=a bright light that appears suddenly for a very short time) A flash of light caught his attention.
- **a pool/circle of light** (=an area of light) They stood in the pool of light cast by the streetlamp.

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THESAURUS (for Meaning 2)

- **light** something that produces light, especially electric light, to help you to see: She switched the kitchen light on. | The lights in the house were all off.
- **lamp** an object that produces light by using electricity, oil, or gas - often used in names of lights: a bedside lamp | a street lamp | a desk lamp | a table lamp | an old oil lamp | a paraffin lamp
- **lantern** a lamp that you can carry, consisting of a metal container with glass sides that surrounds a flame or light: The miners used lanterns which were lit by candles.
- **torch** *British English*, **flashlight** *American English* a small electric lamp that you carry in your hand: We shone our torches around the cavern.
- **candle** a stick of wax with a string through the middle, which you burn to give light: The restaurant was lit by candles.
- **bulb** the glass part of an electric light, that the light shines from: a 100 watt bulb | an energy-saving light bulb

on a car

- **headlight** (also **headlamp**) one of the two large lights at the front of a vehicle: It was getting dark so she switched the headlights on.
- **sidelight** *British English*, **parking light** *American English* one of the two small lights next to the main lights, at the front and back of a car
- **tail light** one of the two red lights at the back of a vehicle
- **indicator** *British English*, **turn signal** *American English* one of the lights on a car that flash to show which way the car is turning

II. **light**² **S1 W1** *BrE* ^{AmE} *adjective* (comparative **lighter**, superlative **lightest**)

[Word Family: noun: ↑light, ↑lighter, ↑lighting, ↑lightness; adjective: ↑light, ↑lighted, ↑unlit; verb: ↑light, ↑lighten; adverb: ↑lightly, ↑light]

[Language: Old English; Origin: leoht]

1. **COLOUR** a light colour is pale and not dark:

" You look nice in light colours.

light blue/green/grey etc

" She had blue eyes and light brown hair.

I wanted a lighter yellow paint for the walls.

2. **DAYLIGHT it is/gets light** if it is light, there is the natural light of day **OPP dark**:

" We'll keep on looking while it's still light.

" It was seven o'clock and just starting to get light.

3. **ROOMS** a room that is light has plenty of light in it, especially from the sun **OPP dark**:

" The kitchen was light and spacious.

" The office was a big light room at the back of the house.

4.



NOT HEAVY not very heavy:

" You can carry this bag – it's fairly light.

" You should wear light, comfortable shoes.

" The truck was quite light and easy to drive.

" She was as light as a feather (=very light) to carry. ⇒ ↑lighten, ↑lightweight²

5. **NOT GREAT** if something is light, there is not very much of it or it is not very great **OPP heavy**:

" Traffic is lighter before 8 a.m.

" A light rain began to fall.

" She was wearing only light make-up.

" people who have suffered only light exposure to radiation

6. **CLOTHES** light clothes are thin and not very warm:

" She took a light sweater in case the evening was cool.

" a light summer coat

7. **WIND** a light wind is blowing without much force **OPP strong**:

" Leaves were blowing about in the light wind.

" There was a light easterly breeze.

8. **SOUND** a light sound is very quiet **OPP loud**:

" There was a light tap at the door.

" Her voice was light and pleasant.

9. **TOUCH** a light touch is gentle and soft:

" She gave him a light kiss on the cheek.

" He felt a light tap on his shoulder.

10. **WORK/EXERCISE** light work is not hard or tiring:

" I found him some light work to do.

" She only has a few light duties around the house.

" The doctor has advised me to take regular light exercise.

11. **FOOD**

a) food or drink that is light either does not have a strong taste or does not make you feel full very quickly, for example because it does not contain very much fat, sugar, or alcohol **OPP rich**:

" We had a light white wine with the fish.

" a light, refreshing dessert

" a new light cheese spread with virtually no fat

b) a light meal is a small meal **OPP big**:

" I had a light lunch in town.

" a delicious light snack

c) food that is light contains a lot of air:

" a type of light, sweet bread

" Beat the mixture until it is light and fluffy.

12. **PUNISHMENT** a light punishment is not very severe **OPP harsh**:

" a fairly light sentence

13. **a light smoker/drinker/eater etc** someone who does not smoke etc very much

14. **light sleep/doze** a sleep from which you wake up easily:

" I fell into a light sleep.

15. **a light sleeper** someone who wakes up easily if there is any noise etc:

" She's quite a light sleeper.

16. **NOT SERIOUS** not serious in meaning, style, or manner, and only intended to entertain people:

" His speech gradually became lighter in tone.

" an evening of light music

" It's a really good book if you want a bit of light reading.

" The show looks at some of the lighter moments from the world of politics.

17. **light relief** something that is pleasant and amusing after something sad or serious:

I'm glad you've arrived— we could all do with a little light relief!

18. **make light of something** to joke about something or treat it as not being very serious, especially when it is important:

She tried to make light of the situation, but I could tell that she was worried.

19. **on a lighter note/in a lighter vein** used when you are going to say something less sad or serious:

On a lighter note, the concert raised over £300 for school funds.

20. **make light work of something** to do something or deal with something quickly and easily:

A freezer and microwave oven can make light work of cooking.

21. **be light on your feet** to be able to move quickly and gracefully:

She's very agile and light on her feet.

22. **a light heart** *literary* someone who has a light heart feels happy and not worried:

I set off for work with a light heart. ⇒ ↑light-hearted

23. **SOIL** light soil is easy to break into small pieces **OPP heavy**:

Carrots grow well in light soils.

—**lightness** *noun* [uncountable]:

a lightness of touch

III. **light**³ **S2 W3 BrE** *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle **lit** or **lighted**)

[Word Family: *noun*: ↑light, ↑lighter, ↑lighting, ↑lightness; *adjective*: ↑light, ↑lighted, ↑unlit; *verb*: ↑light, ↑lighten; *adverb*: ↑lightly, ↑light]

[Language: Old English; Origin: lihtan]

1. [*intransitive and transitive*] to start to burn, or to make something start to burn:

He stopped to light a cigarette.

I lit the fire and poured a drink.

I couldn't get the candles to light.

2. [*transitive usually passive*] to provide light for a place:

The room was lit by one large, central light.

The porch is always well lit at night.

The kitchen was warm and brightly lit.

a poorly lit car park

3. **light the/sb's way** to provide light for someone while they are going somewhere:

We had only a few torches between us to light the way.

light on/upon something *phrasal verb literary*

1. to notice or find something by chance:

His eye lit on a ruby ring.

I thought I might have lit upon an ancient manuscript.

2. if a bird or insect lights on something, it stops flying and stands on it

light out *phrasal verb American English informal*

to run away, especially because you are afraid

light up *phrasal verb*

1. **light something** ↔ **up** to give light to a place or to shine light on something:

The flames lit up the sky.

The fountain is lit up at night.

2. to become bright with light or colour:

At night the harbour lights up.

As the screen lit up, he typed in his password.

3. a) if someone's face or eyes light up, they show pleasure, excitement etc

light up with

His eyes lit up with laughter.

Her face lit up with pleasure.

b) **light something** ↔ **up** to make someone's face or eyes show pleasure or excitement:

Suddenly a smile lit up her face.

A mischievous gleam lit up her eyes.

4. *informal* to light a cigarette:

I watched Paul light up again.

IV. **light**⁴ **BrE** *AmE* *adverb*

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⇒ **travel light** at ↑travel¹(1)

light

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