

glimpse

1. [glimps] *n*
- мелькание; проблеск
to see by glimpses - видеть мельком
 - мимолётное впечатление (*зрительное*); быстро промелькнувшая перед глазами картина
to have/to get, to catch, to obtain/ a glimpse of smb., smth. - увидеть кого-л., что-л. мельком
I only caught a glimpse of the parcel - мне удалось только одним глазком взглянуть на этот свёрток
from this point you will get the last glimpse of the sea - с этого места вы в последний раз увидите море
 - быстрый взгляд
at a glimpse - с первого взгляда
 - некоторое представление, намёк
when I saw how worried he was, I had a glimpse of his true feelings - когда я увидел, как он беспокоится, я понял /осознал/, что он на самом деле чувствует
a glimpse of Byron - немного о Байроне
2. [glimps] *v*
- мельком взглянуть
he just glimpsed at the newcomer - он лишь мельком взглянул на вошедшего
she glimpsed at the picture I drew - она бросила быстрый взгляд на мою картину
 - мелькать, промелькнуть (*тж. перен.*)
 - увидеть мельком
I glimpsed her among the crowd - я мельком увидел её в толпе
 - поэт., уст.* начинаться; пробуждаться

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glimpse [glimpse glimpses glimpsed glimpsing] **noun, verb** BrE [gɪmɪps] ¹NAme [gɪmɪps] ¹**noun usually singular**

- ~ (of sb/sth) | ~ (at sb/sth) a look at sb/sth for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely
 - He **caught a glimpse** of her in the crowd.
 - I came up on deck to get my first glimpse of the island.
 - Fans crowded the street outside waiting for a glimpse of their hero.
- a short experience of sth that helps you to understand it
 - ~ (**into sth**) a fascinating glimpse into life in the ocean
 - ~ (**of sth**) The programme gives us a rare glimpse of a great artist at work.

Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'shine faintly'): probably of Germanic origin; related to Middle High German **glimsen**, also to †**glimmer**.Synonyms:**look**

glance • gaze • stare • glimpse • glare

These are all words for an act of looking, when you turn your eyes in a particular direction.

look • an act of looking at sb/sth: ▫ Here, have a look at this.**glance** • a quick look: ▫ She stole a glance at her watch.**gaze** • a long steady look at sb/sth: ▫ She felt embarrassed under his steady gaze.**stare** • a long look at sb/sth, especially in a way that is unfriendly or that shows surprise: ▫ She gave the officer a blank stare and shrugged her shoulders.**glimpse** • a look at sb/sth for a very short time, when you do not see the person or thing completely: ▫ He caught a glimpse of her in the crowd.**glare** • a long angry look at sb/sth: ▫ She fixed her questioner with a hostile glare.a look/glance **at** sb/stha **penetrating** /**piercing** look/glance/gaze/starea **long** look/glance/starea **brief** look/glance/glimpseto **have/get/take** a look/glance/glimpseto **avoid** sb's glance/gaze/stareSynonyms:**see**

spot • catch • glimpse

These words all mean to become aware of sb/sth by using your eyes, especially suddenly or when it is not easy to see them/it.

see • to become aware of sb/sth by using your eyes: ▫ She looked for him but couldn't see him in the crowd. ◇ ▫ He could see (that) she had been crying.**spot** • to see or notice sb/sth, especially suddenly or when they are not easy to see or notice: ▫ I've just spotted a mistake on the front cover.**catch** • to see or notice sth for a moment, but not clearly or completely: ▫ She ▫ caught sight ▫ of a car in the distance. ◇ ▫ He ▫ caught a glimpse ▫ of himself in the mirror.**glimpse** • (*literary*) to see sb/sth for a moment, but not clearly or completely: ▫ He'd glimpsed her through the window as he passed.

to see/spot **that/how/what/where/who...**
to **suddenly** see/spot/catch/glimpse sb/sth

Example Bank:

- Later we caught our first glimpse of the sea.
- She got a glimpse of a very different way of life.
- Take a glimpse into the future of rail travel.
- That smile afforded her a brief glimpse of the other side of Adam Burns.
- The exhibition offers a fascinating glimpse at life beneath the waves.
- They caught occasional glimpses of great birds circling.
- This scene may give a rare glimpse of Charles's personal style as king.
- This was my first tantalizing glimpse of the islands.
- Thousands of people had gathered, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Queen.
- We got just a brief glimpse of the car as it rushed by.
- We only had a fleeting glimpse of the sun all day.

verb

1. ~ **sb/sth** to see sb/sth for a moment, but not very clearly

Syn: catch sight of, **Syn:** ↑spot

- He'd glimpsed her through the window as he passed.

2. ~ **sth** to start to understand sth

- Suddenly she glimpsed the truth about her sister.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	glimpse
	BrE /glɪmps/
	NAme /glɪmpz/
he / she / it	glimpses
	BrE /glɪmpsɪz/
	NAme /glɪmpsɪz/
past simple, past participle	glimpsed
	BrE /glɪmpst/
	NAme /glɪmpst/
-ing form	glimpsing
	BrE /glɪmpsnɪŋ/
	NAme /glɪmpsnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Anne is glimpsed briefly at the beginning of the film.
- He'd glimpsed her through the window as he passed.

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I. **glimpse**¹ /glɪmps/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

1. a quick look at someone or something that does not allow you to see them clearly

glimpse of

^ˈ They caught a glimpse of a dark green car.

brief/fleeting/quick glimpse (=a very short look)

^ˈ We only had a fleeting glimpse of the river.

2. a short experience of something that helps you begin to understand it

glimpse of/into/at

^ˈ a glimpse of what life might be like in the future

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- **look** an act of looking at something: Let me have a look at the map. | I took a quick look around the room.
- **glance** a quick look at something before looking away again: Susan cast a quick glance at me (=she looked quickly at me). | He could not resist a sidelong glance (=quickly looking to the side) to see what was happening on the other side of the road.
- **glimpse** a short look at someone or something in which you do not see them very clearly: Fans were hoping to catch a glimpse of the singer as he left the hotel. | I had only a fleeting glimpse (=a very quick look) of the two men as they ran away.
- **gaze** a long steady look: Eddie fixed his gaze on the floor. | She looked up and met his gaze (=looked at him when he was looking at her).
- **stare** a long direct look, especially in an unfriendly way or in a way that shows you are surprised: He was watching me with a cold stare. | My cheery 'Good Morning' was met with a blank stare (=a stare which shows no emotion).
- **glare** an angry look at someone: She gave him a hostile glare as he entered the room.
- **frown** a confused or annoyed look: 'Anyway,' she said with a frown, 'I don't see how there could be a connection.'

II. **glimpse**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Perhaps from an unrecorded Old English **glimsian**]

1. to see someone or something for a moment without getting a complete view of them **SYN catch sight of:**

I glimpsed a figure at the window.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people often say **catch sight of somebody/something** rather than **glimpse somebody/something**:

- I caught sight of him as he was getting into his car.

2. to begin to understand something for a moment:

- For the first time she glimpsed the truth about her sister.

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