

twinkle

1. ['twɪŋk(ə)] *n*
 1. мерцание
the twinkle of the stars - мерцание звёзд
 2. мигание
 3. мелькание
a twinkle of feet /legs/ - мелькание ног
 4. огонёк (в глазах)
a humorous [a mischievous] twinkle in one's eye - насмешливый [озорной] огонёк в глазах
 5. мгновение
in a twinkle, in the twinkle of an eye - в мгновение ока

2. ['twɪŋk(ə)] *v*
 1. мерцать, сверкать
the lights of a big town twinkled in the distance - вдали мерцали огни большого города
sunbeams twinkled on the glass - солнечные лучи играли на стекле
his eyes twinkled like chips of coal - его глаза сверкали как горящие угольки
his eyes twinkled with amusement - его глаза весело поблёскивали
 2. моргать; мигать; подмигивать
to twinkle one's eyes - моргать глазами
to twinkle mischief at smb. - озорно подмигивать кому-л.
 3. мелькать; быстро двигаться
the dancer's feet twinkled - мелькали ноги танцовщицы
 4. 1) излучать (неровный свет)
2) *поэт.* освещать путь

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twinkle [twinkle twinkles twinkled twinkling] *verb, noun* BrE ['twɪŋkl] ^m NAmE ['twɪŋkl] ^m

verb
1. **intransitive** to shine with a light that keeps changing from bright to faint to bright again

- Stars twinkled in the sky.
- twinkling lights in the distance
- 2. **intransitive** ~ (with sth) | ~ (at sb) if your eyes twinkle, you have a bright expression because you are happy or excited
- twinkling blue eyes
- Her eyes twinkled with merriment.
- His mother twinkled at him over her teacup.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	twinkle
	BrE / 'twɪŋkl/
	NAmE / 'twɪŋkl/
he / she / it	twinkles
	BrE / 'twɪŋklz/
	NAmE / 'twɪŋklz/
past simple, past participle	twinkled
	BrE / 'twɪŋkld/
	NAmE / 'twɪŋkld/
-ing form	twinkling
	BrE / 'twɪŋklɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'twɪŋklɪŋ/

Word Origin:
Old English twinclian (verb), of Germanic origin.

Synonyms:

shine
gleam • glow • sparkle • glisten • shimmer • glitter • twinkle • glint

- These words all mean to produce or reflect light.
- shine** • to produce or reflect light, especially brightly: ▪ The sun was shining and the sky was blue.
 - gleam** • to shine with a clear bright or pale light, especially a reflected light: ▪ Moonlight gleamed on the water.
 - glow** • (often of sth hot or warm) to produce a dull steady light: ▪ The end of his cigarette glowed red.
 - sparkle** • to shine brightly with small flashes of light: ▪ The diamonds sparkled in the light.
 - glisten** • (of sth wet) to shine: ▪ The road glistened wet after the rain.
 - shimmer** • to shine with a soft light that seems to shake slightly: ▪ Everything seemed to shimmer in the heat.
 - glitter** • to shine brightly with small flashes of reflected light: ▪ The ceiling of the cathedral glittered with gold.

sparkle or glitter?
There is very little difference in meaning between these two words. **Glitter** can sometimes suggest a lack of depth, but this is more frequent in the figurative use of **glitter** as a noun: ▪ the superficial glitter of show business . **Sparkle** is also often used to talk about light reflected off a surface, but things that produce light can also sparkle: ▪ Stars sparkled in the sky.
twinkle • to shine with a light that changes rapidly from bright to faint to bright again: ▪ Stars twinkled in the sky.

glint • to give small bright flashes of reflected light: ▪ The blade of the knife glinted in the darkness.
 to shine/gleam/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **on** sth
 to shine/gleam/glow/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/twinkle/glint **with** sth
 to shine/gleam/sparkle/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **in the sunlight**
 to shine/gleam/glisten/shimmer/glitter/glint **in the moonlight**
 the **stars** shine/sparkle/glitter/twinkle
 sb's **eyes** shine/gleam/glow/sparkle/glisten/glitter/twinkle/glint
 to shine/gleam/glow/glitter **brightly**
 to shine/gleam/glow/shimmer **softly**

Example Bank:

- Her eyes twinkled with mischief.
- His dark eyes twinkled merrily at her.
- His eyes twinkled with laughter.
- She could see twinkling lights in the distance.

noun singular

1. an expression in your eyes that shows you are happy or amused about sth
 - He looked at me with a **twinkle in his eye** .
2. a small light that keeps changing from bright to faint to bright again
 - the twinkle of stars
 - the twinkle of the harbour lights in the distance

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Example Bank:

- There was a slight twinkle of mischief in her eyes.
- He looked at me with a twinkle in his eye.

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I. **twinkle**¹ /'twɪŋkl̩/ BrE " AmE " verb [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: twinclian]

1. if a star or light twinkles, it shines in the dark with an unsteady light:
 - " stars twinkling in the sky
 - " I saw lights twinkling in the little town below us.
2. if someone's eyes twinkle, they have a happy expression
twinkle with
 - " Her eyes twinkled with amusement.
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THESAURUS

■ to produce light

- **shine** to produce bright light: The sun was shining.
- **flash** to shine brightly for a very short time, or to shine on and off very quickly many times: Lightning flashed across the sky. | The police car's lights were flashing.
- **glare** to shine with a very strong light which hurts your eyes: The sun glared in her eyes.
- **flicker** to shine with an unsteady light – used about a flame or light: The candle flickered and went out.
- **twinkle** if stars or lights twinkle, they shine in the dark in a way that seems to change from bright to faint, especially because you are a long way away from them: stars twinkling in the sky | The harbour lights twinkled in the distance.
- **glow** *especially literary* to shine with a warm soft light: Lights glowed in the windows.
- **blaze** *literary* to shine very brightly: The lights of the factory were still blazing.

II. **twinkle**² BrE " AmE " noun [countable usually singular]

1. a **twinkle in your eye** an expression in your eyes that shows you are happy or amused:
 - " a kindly, white-haired old gentleman with a twinkle in his eye
2. a small bright shining light that becomes brighter and then fainter

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