

glitter

1. [ˈɡlɪtə] *n*

- 1) яркий блеск; сверкание
the glitter of gold - блеск золота
a cold [cruel] glitter in his eyes - холодный [жестокий] блеск его глаз

2) пышность, pompa

- the glitter of the dresses - роскошь нарядов
there was a petty mind beneath the glitter - за внешним блеском скрывалась /пряталась/ мелкая душонка

2. мелкие блестящие украшения, безделушки

2. [ˈɡlɪtə] *v*

- 1. блестять, сверкать
the diamond glittered on her finger - бриллиант сверкал на её пальце
the snow glittered (like diamonds) in the sun - снег искрился (алмазами) на солнце
her eyes glittered (with tears) - её глаза блестели (от слёз)
- 2. блистать; поражать великолепием
to glitter with jewels - блистать драгоценностями
◇ all is not gold that glitters, all that glitters is not gold **CM.** gold I ◇

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glit-ter [glitter glitters glittered glittering] **verb, noun** *BrE* [ˈɡlɪtə(r)] *NAme*

[ˈɡlɪtə]

verb

1. **intransitive** to shine brightly with little flashes of light, like a diamond

Syn: †sparkle

- The ceiling of the cathedral glittered with gold.
- The water glittered in the sunlight.

2. **intransitive ~ (with sth) (of the eyes)** to shine brightly with a particular emotion, usually a strong one

- His eyes glittered with greed.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	glitter
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɡlɪtə(r) /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈɡlɪtər /
he / she / it	glitters
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɡlɪtəz /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈɡlɪtəz /
past simple, past participle	glittered
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɡlɪtəd /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈɡlɪtəd /
-ing form	glittering
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈɡlɪtərɪŋ /
	<i>NAme</i> / ˈɡlɪtərɪŋ /

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old Norse **glitra**.

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:

- Crystal chandeliers glittered brightly above them.
- Her eyes glittered with delight.
- His deep-set eyes glittered coldly.
- His metal buttons glittered in the sunlight.
- Sunlight glittered on the snow.
- The Christmas lights glittered on the tower of St Clement's Church.
- Trees and grass glittered with dew.
- He was watching her with glittering eyes.
- The sky was clear and glittering with icy stars.

see all that glitters/glistens is not gold **at** ↑gold _{n.}

noun

- 1. uncountable** bright light consisting of many little flashes
 - the glitter of diamonds
- 2. singular** a bright expression in sb's eyes showing a particular emotion

Syn: ↑glint

 - There was a triumphant glitter in his eyes.
- 3. uncountable** the attractive, exciting qualities that sb/sth, especially a rich and famous person or place, seems to have

Syn: ↑glamour

 - the superficial glitter of show business
 - Behind all the glitter, life in the theatre can be very hard.
- 4. uncountable** very small shiny pieces of thin metal or paper that are stuck to things as a decoration
 - **gold/silver glitter**
 - Jane wore pink eye glitter to the party.

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I. glitter¹ /'glɪtə \$ -ər/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *glitra*]

- 1. to shine brightly with flashing points of light SYN sparkle:**
 - The river glittered in the sunlight.
- 2. if someone's eyes glitter, they shine very brightly and show a particular strong emotion**

glitter with

 - His blue eyes glittered with anger.
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THESAURUS

■ **to shine by reflecting light**

- **sparkle/glitter** if something sparkles, it shines with many small bright points when light is on it: The sea sparkled in the sunlight. | Jewels glittered around her neck.
- **gleam** to shine by reflecting the light – used especially about smooth clean surfaces, or about someone's eyes or teeth: The sword's blade gleamed. | a gleaming sports car | His blue eyes gleamed with amusement.
- **glint** to shine with quick flashes of light: The knife glinted in the sunlight.
- **glisten literary** to shine – used about wet or oily surfaces. Used especially when saying that someone's eyes are full of tears, or someone's skin is covered in sweat: As they were leaving, her eyes glistened with tears. | His forehead was glistening with sweat. | The wet chairs glistened in the afternoon sun.
- **catch the light** if something catches the light, it shines because it is reflecting light: Her diamond ring caught the light.

II. glitter² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable]

- 1. brightness consisting of many flashing points of light:**
 - the glitter of his gold cigarette case
- 2. literary** a bright shining expression in someone's eyes that shows a particular emotion **SYN gleam:**
 - There was no mistaking the mocking glitter in his eyes.
- 3. the exciting attractive quality of a place or a way of life which is connected with rich or famous people:**
 - The glamour and glitter of London was not for him.
- 4. very small pieces of shiny paper that are used for decoration**

—**glittery** *adjective:*
glittery earrings

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