

**reflect**

[rɪ'flekt] *v*

1. 1) отражать  
a mirror reflects light - зеркало отражает свет  
the events reflect back much light upon the previous history of Germany - эти события проливают свет на прошлое Германии
- 2) отражаться  
the clouds were reflected in the water - в воде отражались облака
2. воспроизводить изображение, отражать  
the mirror reflected her face - зеркало отразило её лицо  
his face reflected his emotions - на его лице отразились владевшие им чувства  
the literature of a people reflects its manners - литература народа отражает его нравы  
the pulse reflects the condition of the heart - пульс показывает работу сердца
3. (on, upon)  
1) делать (*честь*); навлекать (*позор*)  
to reflect credit on /upon/ smb. - делать кому-л. честь  
an action that reflects credit on him - поступок, который делает ему честь  
considerable credit is reflected on the volunteers for their part in the operation - большой похвалы заслуживают добровольцы за участие в этой операции  
his conduct reflects dishonour upon him - его поведение позорит его  
to reflect glory - покрыть славой  
his action reflected glory on /upon/ his country - его поступок прославил его родину
- 2) подрывать доверие (*к кому-л., чему-л.*); бросать тень, вызывать сомнения  
to reflect upon smb.'s sincerity - подрывать доверие к чьей-л. искренности  
to reflect upon smb.'s honour - бросать тень на чью-л. честь
- 3) быть во вред  
his rudeness reflects upon himself - его грубость вредит ему самому
4. (*часто on, upon*) размышлять, раздумывать  
reflect upon what I have said to you - подумайте над тем, что я вам сказал  
I want time to reflect - мне нужно время, чтобы подумать /поразмыслить/  
she reflected over this for a moment - она на минуту задумалась над этим  
the likely consequences would need to be reflected on before we acted - до того как действовать, нужно обсудить возможные последствия
5. *редк.* сгибать, отгибать
6. *редк.* отметать в сторону, отбрасывать

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**re-reflect** [reflect reflects reflected reflecting] *BrE* [rɪ'flekt] *NAmE* [rɪ'flekt]

*verb*

1. **transitive, usually passive** ~ **sb/sth (in sth)** to show the image of sb/sth on the surface of sth such as a mirror, water or glass
  - His face was reflected in the mirror.
  - She could see herself reflected in his eyes.
2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to throw back light, heat, sound, etc. from a surface
  - The windows reflected the bright afternoon sunlight.
  - When the sun's rays hit the earth, a lot of the heat is reflected back into space.
  - This material absorbs the sound, and doesn't reflect it.
3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to show or be a sign of the nature of sth or of sb's attitude or feeling
  - Our newspaper aims to reflect the views of the local community.
  - His music reflects his interest in African culture.
4. **intransitive, transitive** to think carefully and deeply about sth
  - Before I decide, I need time to reflect.
  - ~ **on/upon sth** She was left to reflect on the implications of her decision.
  - ~ **that...** On the way home he reflected that the interview had gone well.
  - ~ **how, what, etc...** She reflected how different it could have been.
  - + **speech** 'It could all have been so different,' she reflected.

Idiom: reflect well/badly on somebody

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	reflect
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'flekt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'flekt/
he / she / it	reflects
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'flekts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'flekts/
past simple, past participle	reflected
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'flektd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'flektd/
-ing form	reflecting
	<i>BrE</i> /rɪ'flektn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /rɪ'flektn/

Word Origin:

### Example Bank:

- He reflected ruefully that his money didn't buy as much as it used to
- He was left to reflect on the implications of his decision.
- I need time to reflect.
- In Milton's poem, Satan, even after his fall, dimly reflects his former glory.
- Light reflects directly off a face of a crystal.
- One good thing, he reflected wryly, was that none of his colleagues would find out.
- Senegalese culture strongly reflects influences from Islamic rulers.
- She paused to reflect on what she had achieved
- The condition of the house is reflected in its low price.
- The exhibition is designed to reflect the diversity of the nation and its regions.
- The punishment should adequately reflect the revulsion felt by most people for this appalling crime.
- The screen reflects light from the sun.
- The sun reflected dully off the stone walls.
- The views expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect those of the editor.
- This kind of conduct reflects very poorly on you.
- This year's budget simply reflects the fact that we have fewer people out of work.
- an opportune time to reflect critically on the city's past
- information that may reflect negatively on research participants
- Her face reflected the power of her feelings.
- I paused to reflect how I would answer that question.

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**re** **fect** **S2** **W1** /rɪ'flekt/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑reflection, ↑reflector; **verb**: ↑reflect; **adjective**: ↑reflective]

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**1. IMAGE** [**transitive usually passive**] if a person or a thing is reflected in a mirror, glass, or water, you can see an image of the person or thing on the surface of the mirror, glass, or water

**be reflected in something**

She could see her face reflected in the car's windshield.

**2. BE A SIGN OF SOMETHING** [**transitive not usually in progressive**] to show or be a sign of a particular situation or feeling:

The drop in consumer spending reflects concern about the economy.

**be reflected in something**

The increasing racial diversity of the US is reflected in the latest census statistics.

**reflect who/what/how etc**

How much you're paid reflects how important you are to the company you work for.

**3. LIGHT/HEAT/SOUND**

**a)** [**transitive**] if a surface reflects light, heat, or sound, it sends back the light etc that reaches it:

Wear something white – it reflects the heat.

**b)** [**intransitive always + adverb/preposition**] if light, heat, or sound reflects off something it reaches, it comes back from it

**4. THINK ABOUT SOMETHING** [**intransitive and transitive**] to think carefully about something, or to say something that you have been thinking about

**reflect on**

He had time to reflect on his successes and failures.

**reflect that**

Moe reflected that he had never seen Sherry so happy.

**reflect on/upon somebody/something** *phrasal verb*

to influence people's opinion of someone or something, especially in a bad way:

If my children are rude, that reflects on me as a parent.

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## THESAURUS

■ **to think about something**

- **think** to use your mind to decide about something, form an opinion, imagine something etc: I've been thinking about what you said – maybe you're right. | I need some time to think.
- **consider** to think about something carefully before deciding what to do: Have you considered working for a year before going to

college?

- **weigh** (also **weigh up** *British English*) to carefully think about a plan or choice by comparing all the advantages and disadvantages involved: You need to weigh up the pros and cons (=the advantages and disadvantages), and decide which investment is the best one for you. | The committee are still weighing the alternatives.
- **give something some/a lot of thought** to think carefully about something, before you make a final decision about it: Why don't you give it some thought and then get back to me? | He had obviously given the matter a lot of thought.
- **mull something over** to think about a problem, plan etc before making a decision: Can you give me a bit of time to mull it over?
- **ponder** to spend time thinking carefully and seriously about something, especially a problem or something complicated: She is still pondering what to do. | Officials are pondering ways to remove the oil from the beaches.
- **contemplate** to think about something you might do in the future: Did you ever contemplate resigning?
- **reflect** *formal* to think carefully about something, especially something that happened in the past: It was a good time to reflect upon the changes that had happened in my life.

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