

opaque

1. [əʊ'peɪk] *n*
 1. непрозрачность; светонепроницаемость
 2. (the opaque) темнота, мрак
2. [əʊ'peɪk] *a*
 1. непрозрачный; светонепроницаемый непроницаемый
opaque water - мутная вода
 2. не проводящий, не пропускающий (*энергию, радиацию, тепло, звуки, электричество и т. п.*)
 3. матовый, без блеска; тёмный
opaque star - тускло мерцающая звезда
opaque light - тусклый /неяркий/ свет
 4. неясный, непонятный
opaque shape of smth. - неясные очертания чего-л.
 5. тупой, глупый
too opaque to understand - слишком туп, чтобы понять

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

opaque *BrE* [əʊ'peɪk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [oʊ'peɪk] ^ˈ **adjective**

1. (of glass, liquid, etc.) not clear enough to see through or allow light through
 - opaque glass
 - opaque tights
2. (of speech or writing) difficult to understand; not clear

Syn: ↑impenetrable

• The jargon in his talk was opaque to me.

Opp: ↑transparent

Word Origin:

[**opaque**] late Middle English opake, from Latin **opacus** 'darkened'. The current spelling (rare before the 19th cent.) has been influenced by the French form.

Example Bank:

- As the lens becomes more opaque, the patient notices a falling off in vision.
- Both question and answer are rather opaque.
- The complex administrative arrangements mean that the decision-making process remains somewhat opaque.
- The glasses looked slightly opaque.
- The system is completely opaque to non-specialists.
- The windows were nearly opaque with grime.
- These crystals are completely opaque and nearly black.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** opacus 'dark']

1. opaque glass or liquid is difficult to see through and often thick **OPP** transparent:
a shower with an opaque glass door
2. **formal** difficult to understand **SYN** obscure:
an opaque style of writing

—**opaqueness** *noun* [uncountable]

THESAURUS

■ **difficult to see through**

▪ **opaque** difficult to see through: The shower has an opaque glass door.

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