

mirage
 ['mɪrɑːʒ] *n*
 мираж

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

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mir·age [**mirage mirages**] *BrE* ['mɪrɑːʒ] *BrE* [mɪ'rɑːʒ] *NAmE* [mə'rɑːʒ]

noun

1. an effect caused by hot air in deserts or on roads, that makes you think you can see sth, such as water, which is not there
2. a hope or wish that you cannot make happen because it is not realistic

Syn: †illusion

- His idea of love was a mirage.

Word Origin:

early 19th cent.: from French, from **se mirer** 'be reflected', from Latin **mirare** 'look at'.

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mi·rage /'mɪrɑːʒ \$ mə'rɑːʒ/ *BrE* *AmE* noun [countable]

[**Date:** 1800-1900; **Language:** French; **Origin:** mirer; ⇒ †mirror¹]

1. an effect caused by hot air in a desert, which makes you think that you can see objects when they are not actually there
2. a dream, hope, or wish that cannot come true **SYN** illusion:

Perhaps we are just chasing a mirage.

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