

luminous

[ˈluːmɪnəs] *a*

- 1. 1) **светящийся**
 luminous body [signs] - светящееся тело [-иеся знаки]
 luminous paint - светящаяся /фосфоресцирующая/ краска
 luminous sea - светящееся /фосфоресцирующее/ море
 luminous dial - светящийся циферблат

2) **ярко освещённый**

- 2. **световой**
 luminous energy [flux] - световая энергия [-ой поток]
 luminous effect - световой эффект
 luminous intensity - сила света
 luminous signal - световой сигнал
 luminous source - источник света

3. 1) **блестящий**

- luminous eloquence - блестящее красноречие
 luminous speaker [writer] - блестящий оратор [писатель]

2) **просвещённый**

- luminous intellect - просвещённый ум

4. 1) **ясный, понятный**

- luminous explanation [exposition] - ясное /понятное/ объяснение [изложение /толкование/]

2) **проливающий свет** (*на что-л.*), **проясняющий** (*что-л.*)

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lu·mi·nous *BrE* [ˈluːmɪnəs] *NAmE* [ˈluːmɪnəʃ] **adjective**

1. shining in the dark; giving out light

- luminous paint
- luminous hands on a clock
- staring with huge luminous eyes
- (*figurative*) the luminous quality of the music

2. very bright in colour

- They painted the door a luminous green.

Derived Words ↑**luminosity** ▪ ↑**luminously**

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **lumineux** or Latin **luminosus**, from **lumen**, **lumin-** 'light'.

Synonyms:

bright

brilliant • vivid • vibrant

These words all describe things that are shining or full of light or colours that are strong and easy to see.

bright • full of light; shining strongly; (of colours) strong and easy to see: ▪ a bright yellow dress

brilliant • very bright: ▪ The sky was a brilliant blue.

vivid • (*approving*) (of colours) bright and strong: ▪ His eyes were a vivid green.

vibrant • (*approving*) (of colours) bright and strong: ▪ The room was decorated in vibrant blues and greens.

vivid or vibrant?

These two words are very similar, but **vivid** emphasizes how bright a colour is, while **vibrant** suggests a more lively and exciting colour or combination of colours.

bright/brilliant/vivid/vibrant **colours**

bright/brilliant **light/sunlight/sunshine/eyes**

Example Bank:

- I hated the luminous yellow colour of the plastic.

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[*Date:* 1400-1500; *Language:* Latin; *Origin:* luminosus, from lumen 'light']

1. shining in the dark:

- luminous paint
- Her large dark eyes were almost luminous.

2. very brightly coloured, especially in green, pink, or yellow **SYN Day Glo:**

- luminous green socks

—**luminously** *adverb*

—**luminosity** /ˌluːmɪˈnɒsəti, ˌluːmɪˈnɒsəti/ *noun* [uncountable] *technical:*

- the Sun's luminosity

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