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**glamorize** *verb* glamorizes, glamorizing.  
**glamorize**  
make something seem glamorous or romantic.

**glamorous** *adjective*  
excitingly attractive.

**glamour** *noun*  
attractiveness, romantic charm.  
[from an old meaning of *grammar* = magic]

**glance** *verb* glances, glancing, glanced  
1 look at something briefly. 2 strike something at an angle and slide off it. • The ball glanced off his bat.

**glance** *noun*  
[origin unknown]

**gland** *noun* glands  
an organ of the body that separates substances from the blood so that they can be used or secreted (passed out of the body).

**glandular** *adjective*  
[from Latin]

**glare** *verb* glares, glaring, glared  
1 shine with a bright or dazzling light. 2 stare angrily or fiercely.

**glare** *noun*  
[from old German or old Dutch]

**glaring** *adjective*  
very obvious • a glaring error.

**glassnost** *noun*  
the open reporting of news or giving of information, especially in the former Soviet Union.  
[Russian, = openness]

**glass** *noun* glasses  
1 a hard brittle substance that is usually transparent. 2 a container made of glass for drinking from. 3 a mirror. 4 a lens.  
**glassy** *adjective*  
[from Old English]

**glasses** *plural noun*  
1 a pair of lenses in a frame, worn over the eyes to help improve eyesight. 2 binoculars.

**glaze** *verb* glazes, glazing, glazed  
1 fit a window or building with glass. 2 give a shiny surface to something. 3 become glassy.

**glaze** *noun* glazes  
a shiny surface or coating, especially on pottery or food.  
[from *glass*]

**glazier** (*say* glay-zee-er) *noun* glaziers  
a person whose job is to fit glass in windows.

**gleam** *noun* gleams  
1 a beam of soft light, especially one that comes and goes. 2 a small amount of hope, humour, etc.

**gleam** *verb* gleams, gleaming, gleamed  
shine brightly, especially after cleaning or polishing.  
[from Old English]

**glean** *verb* glean, gleaned, gleaned  
1 pick up grain left by harvesters. 2 gather bits by bit. • glean some information.  
**gleaner** *noun*  
[via Latin from a Celtic language]

**glee** *noun*  
great delight.  
**gleeful** *adjective* gleefully *adverb*  
[from Old English]

**glen** *noun* glens  
a narrow valley, especially in Scotland.  
[from Scottish Gaelic or Irish]

**glib** *adjective*  
speaking or writing readily but not sincerely or thoughtfully.  
**glibly** *adverb* **glibness** *noun*  
[from an old word *glibbery* = slippery]

**glide** *verb* glides, gliding, glided  
1 move along smoothly. 2 fly without using an engine. 3 birds glide when they fly without beating their wings.  
**glide** *noun*  
[from Old English]

**glider** *noun* gliders  
an aircraft without an engine that flies by floating on warm air currents called thermals.

**glimmer** *noun* glimmers  
1 a faint light. 2 a small sign or trace of something. • a glimmer of hope.

**glimmer** *verb* glimmers, glimmering, glimmered  
shine with a faint, flickering light.  
[probably from a Scandinavian language]

**glimpse** *noun* glimpses  
a brief view.  
**glimpse** *verb* glimpses, glimpsing, glimpsed  
see something briefly.  
[probably from Old English]

**glint** *noun* glints  
a very brief flash of light.  
**glint** *verb* glints, glinting, glinted  
shine with a flash of light.  
[probably from a Scandinavian language]

**glisten** (*say* glis-en) *verb* glistens, glistening, glistened  
shine like something wet or oily.  
[from Old English]

**glitter** *verb* glitters, glittering, glittered  
shine with tiny flashes of light; sparkle.

**glitter** *noun*  
tiny sparkling pieces used for decoration.  
[from Old Norse]

**gloaming** *noun*  
[Scottish] the evening twilight.  
[from Old English]

**gloat** *verb* gloats, gloating, gloated  
be pleased in an unkind way that you have succeeded or that someone else has been hurt or upset.  
[origin unknown]

**global** *adjective*  
1 to do with the whole world; worldwide. 2 to do with the whole of a system.  
**globally** *adverb*  
[from *globe*]

**globalization** *noun*  
the process by which a business or organization becomes international.  
[from Latin *globus* = sphere]

**global warming** *noun*  
the increase in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere, caused by the greenhouse effect.

**globe** *noun* globes  
1 something shaped like a ball, especially one with a map of the whole world on it. 2 the world. • She has travelled all over the globe. 3 a hollow round glass object.  
[from Latin]

**globular** (*say* glob-yoo-ler) *adjective*  
shaped like a globe.  
[same origin as *globe*]

**globule** (*say* glob-yoo-ler) *noun* globules  
a small rounded drop.  
[from Latin *globulus* = small globe]

**gloom** *noun*  
1 darkness. 2 sadness or despair.  
[origin unknown]

**gloomy** *adjective* gloomier, gloomiest  
1 almost dark. 2 depressed or depressing.  
**gloomily** *adverb* **gloominess** *noun*

**glorify** *verb* glorifies, glorifying, glorified  
1 give great praise or great honour to. 2 make a thing seem more splendid or attractive than it really is. • It is a film that glorifies war.  
**glorification** *noun*

**glorious** *adjective*  
splendid or magnificent.  
**gloriously** *adverb*

**glory** *noun* glories  
1 fame and honour. 2 praise. 3 beauty or magnificence.

**glory** *verb* glories, glorying, gloried  
rejoice; pride yourself. • They gloried in victory.  
[from Latin]

**gloss** *noun* glosses  
the shine on a smooth surface.

**gloss** *verb* glosses, glossing, glossed  
make a thing glossy.  
[origin unknown]

**gloss** *verb* glosses, glossing, glossed  
- gloss over mention a fault or mistake only briefly to make it seem less serious than it really is.  
[from old French *glor* = flatter or deceive]

**glossary** *noun* glossaries  
a list of difficult words with their meanings explained. • There is a glossary at the back of the book.  
[from Greek *glossa* = tongue, language]

**gloss paint** *noun* gloss paints  
a paint with a glossy finish.

**glossy** *adjective* glossier, glossiest  
smooth and shiny.

**glove** *noun* gloves  
a covering for the hand, usually with separate divisions for each finger and thumb.  
**gloved** *adjective*  
[from Old English]

**glow** *noun*  
1 brightness and warmth without flames. 2 a warm or cheerful feeling. • We felt a glow of pride.

**glow** *verb* glows, glowing, glowed  
shine with a soft, warm light.  
[from Old English]

**glower** (*rhymes with flower*) *verb* glowers, glowering, glowered  
stare angrily; scowl.  
[origin unknown]

**glowing** *adjective*  
very enthusiastic or favourable • a glowing report.

**glow-worm** *noun* glow-worms  
a kind of beetle whose tail gives out a green light.