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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* gleans, gleaning, 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.