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fla·grant  (flā grənt)

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adj.

1. Conspicuously bad, offensive, or reprehensible: *a flagrant miscarriage of justice*. See Usage Note at [blatant](#).
2. *Obsolete* Flaming; blazing.

[Latin *flagrāns*, *flagrant*-, present participle of *flagrāre*, to burn; see **bhel**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fla gran·cy, **fla grance** *n.*

fla grant·ly *adv.*

Synonyms: **flagrant**, **glaring**, **gross**, **egregious**, **rank**²

These adjectives refer to what is conspicuously bad or offensive. *Flagrant* applies to what is offensive to a serious or appalling degree: *flagrant disregard for the law*; *a flagrant example of racial prejudice*.

What is *glaring* is disturbingly or painfully obvious: *a glaring error*; *glaring contradictions*.

Gross suggests a magnitude of offense or failing that cannot be condoned or forgiven: *gross ineptitude*; *gross injustice*.

Something *egregious* is so offensive as to provoke outrage or condemnation: *an egregious lie*.

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