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n.

1. A dim or intermittent flicker or flash of light.
2. A faint manifestation or indication; a trace: *a glimmer of understanding.*

intr.v. glim·mered, glim·mer·ing, glim·mers

1. To emit a dim, intermittent light: "*The ocean glimmered on her left like an iridescent pewter bowl*" (Elizabeth Adler). See Synonyms at [flash](#).
2. To be reflected in dim, intermittent flashes: "*Starlight glimmered on rusty metal*" (David Drake).
3. To appear faintly or indistinctly: *Hope still glimmered in our minds.*

[Middle English *glimeren*, to glitter, glimmer; see **ghel-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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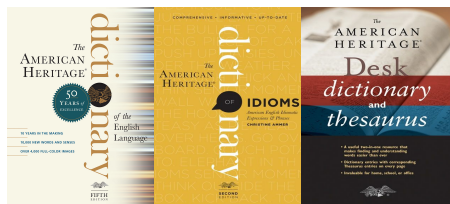
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