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glis·ten  (glis ən)

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intr.v. **glis·tened**, **glis·ten·ing**, **glis·tens**

1. To shine by reflection with a sparkling luster: "Sweat ... trickled in streams down his face and glistened in his beard" ([Lois Lowry](#)). See Synonyms at [flash](#).

2. To be reflected with a sparkling luster: "The sun glistened upon his hair" (Robert Louis Stevenson).

n.
A sparkling, lustrous shine.

[Middle English *glisnen*, from Old English *glisnian*; see **ghel-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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