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glib  (glĭb)

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adj. **glib·ber**, **glib·best**

1. Performed with a natural, offhand ease: *was fascinated by his unfailingly glib conversation.*
2. Given to or characterized by fluency of speech or writing that often suggests insincerity, superficiality, or a lack of concern: *criticized him for being glib about something so serious.*

[Possibly of Low German origin; see **ghel**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

glib **ly** *adv.*

glib **ness** *n.*

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