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clear  (klîr)

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adj. clear·er, clear·est

1. Free from clouds, mist, or haze: *a clear day.*
2. Not obscured or darkened; bright: *clear daylight; a clear yellow.*
3. Easily seen through; transparent: *clear water.*
4. Free from flaw, blemish, or impurity: *a clear, perfect diamond; a clear record with the police.*
5. Free from impediment, obstruction, or hindrance; open: *a clear view; a clear path to victory.*
6. Plain or evident to the mind; unmistakable: *a clear case of cheating.*
7. Easily perceptible to the eye or ear; distinct: *the clear call of a songbird.*
8. Discerning or perceiving easily; keen: *a clear mind.*
9. Free from doubt or confusion; certain: *His meaning is clear.*
10. Free from qualification or limitation; absolute: *a clear winner.*
11. Free from guilt; untroubled: *a clear conscience.*
12. Having been freed from contact, proximity, or connection: *At last we were clear of the danger. The ship was clear of the reef.*
13. Free from charges or deductions; net: *a clear profit.*
14. Containing nothing: *The ship's hold was clear.*

adv.

1. Distinctly; clearly: *spoke loud and clear.*
2. Out of the way; completely away: *stood clear of the doors.*
3. *Informal* All the way; completely: *slept clear through the night; read the book clear to the end.*

v. cleared, clear·ing, clears

v.tr.

1. To make light, clear, or bright: *The wind cleared the sky of clouds.*
2. To rid of impurities, blemishes, muddiness, or foreign matter: *The new filter cleared the water.*
3. To free from confusion, doubt, or ambiguity; make plain or intelligible: *cleared up the question of responsibility.*
4.
 - a. To rid of objects or obstructions: *clear the table; clear the road of debris.*
 - b. To make (a way or clearing) by removing obstructions: *clear a path through the jungle.*
 - c. To remove (objects or obstructions): *clear the dishes; clear snow from the road.*
5.
 - a. To remove the occupants of: *clear the theater.*
 - b. To remove (people): *clear the children from the room.*
6. *Sports*
 - a. To move or shoot (a ball or puck) away from the goal or out of the defensive zone.
 - b. To clear a ball or puck out of (the defensive zone), as in lacrosse or hockey.
7. *Computers*
 - a. To rid (a memory location or buffer, for example) of instructions or data.
 - b. To remove (instructions or data) from memory.
8. To free from a legal charge or imputation of guilt; acquit: *cleared the suspect of the murder charge.*
9. To pass by, under, or over without contact: *The boat cleared the dock.*
10. To settle (a debt).
11. To gain (a given amount) as net profit or earnings.
12. To pass (a bill of exchange, such as a check) through a clearing-house.

13.

a. To secure the approval of: *The bill cleared the Senate.*

b. To authorize or approve: *cleared the material for publication.*

14. To free (a ship or cargo) from legal detention at a harbor by fulfilling customs and harbor requirements.

15. To give clearance or authorization to: *cleared the plane to land.*

16. To free (the throat) of phlegm by making a rasping sound.

v.intr.

1. To become clear: *The sky cleared.*

2. To go away; disappear: *The fog cleared.*

3.

a. To exchange checks and bills or settle accounts through a clearing-house.

b. To pass through the banking system and be debited and credited to the relevant accounts: *The check cleared.*

4. To comply with customs and harbor requirements in discharging a cargo or in leaving or entering a port.

n.

A clear or open space.

Phrasal Verb:

clear out *Informal*

To leave a place, usually quickly.

Idioms:

clear the air

To dispel differences or emotional tensions.

in the clear

1. Free from burdens or dangers.

2. Not subject to suspicion or accusations of guilt: *The evidence showed that the suspect was actually in the clear.*

[Middle English *cler*, from Old French, from Latin *clārus*, clear, bright; see **kela-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

clear **a·ble** *adj.*

clear **er** *n.*

clear **ly** *adv.*

clear **ness** *n.*

Synonyms: clear, crystal, crystalline, limpid, pellucid, transparent

These adjectives mean not opaque or clouded: *wrapped in clear plastic; crystal waters fed by snowmelt; crystalline air after a storm; a limpid blue pool; fish darting in the pellucid shallows; the transparent wings of a dragonfly.* See Also Synonyms at [apparent](#).

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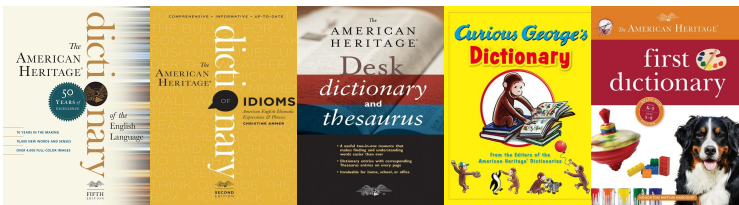
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