

*THE BODY:*

*A TREASURE*

*TROVE OF*

*MEANINGS IN*

*ENGLISH*

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# Indo-European Languages

## Germanic

### North Germanic

#### East Norse

Danish Swedish

#### West Norse

Icelandic Norwegian

## Germanic

### East Germanic

Gothic

## Germanic

### West Germanic

#### High German

German

#### Low German

Low German

Old Frisian Old English

Frisian Middle English

**\*Modern English**

\*Although English is a **Germanic** Language, it has been strongly influenced by **Classical Greek** and **Latin**, **Vulgar Latin** as well as **Norman** and **Parisian French** (especially after the Norman Invasion of 1066).

## **Italic**

### **Latin** **(Romance)**

French Italian Spanish Portuguese Romanian Catalan  
Provençal

### **Other Languages in the Indo-European Family of Languages**

#### **Hellenic** Greek

**Celtic (Keltic) Languages**  
Breton Irish Scots Gaelic Welsh

**Slavic**  
Bulgarian Czech Macedonian Polish Russian Slovak  
Slovenian Ukrainian Serbo-Croatian

**Indo-Iranian**  
Sanskrit  
Bengali Hindi Punjabi Urdu

**Old Persian**  
Persian

# **The English Language**

## **Old English**

(Anglo-Saxon, Frisian, and Old Norse)  
Germanic Invasions until after the dislocation as a result of  
the Norman Invasion in 1066  
450-1150\*

## **Middle English**

(strongly influenced by **Norman** French)  
11th century – 14th century (Chaucer)

## **Early Modern English**

(influenced by **Parisian** French)  
Chaucer – Shakespeare

## **Modern English**

Shakespeare – until the present

\*included in this period were the Scandinavian invasions  
between 850- 1042

# **Countries where English is spoken as the First language:**

## **Great Britain and Europe**

England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Gibraltar

## **North America**

United States and Canada

## **Africa**

Botswana, Brunei, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malta, Mauritius, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## **Latin America and Caribbean**

Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Dominica

## **Asia and Pacific Islands**

Bangladesh, Fiji, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka

## **Australia**

Australia, New Zealand

Did you know that the vocabulary describing the body contains a *treasure trove of information*? Many of the words utilized to describe parts of the body usually have several grammatical functions. The word **hand**, for example, can be a noun, (I hurt my **hand**. Can you give me a **hand**?) or a verb (**Hand** me the tool). The richness of the vocabulary utilized to describe the body, however, does not stop at the level of structure. In fact, it goes hand in hand with the other with what can be another problematic aspect of not just English, but with any language. The literal versus the metaphorical meaning of a word. The body term **mind** is a prime example. The **mind** is only literal as a noun (its first and primary definition, the secondary definitions are figurative); as a verb **mind** is only figurative or metaphorical:

### **mind**

1. intellect, intellectual faculty, cognitive function  
His **mind** is something magnificent to observe.
2. psyche, ego, subconscious
3. soul, spirit, inner being
4. (slang) genius, mental giant, brain, Einstein, wizard, whiz  
He is a **mind** that I would love to explore.
5. brain power, brains, wit, quickness, wittiness  
He has a sharp **mind**; nothing escapes his attention.
6. (slang) gray matter, smarts, **good head on his shoulder**,  
noggin, noodle

7. sanity, saneness, senses
8. (slang) marbles  
He has lost his **mind**.
9. rationality, sense of reason, judgment, common sense  
How his **mind** works is beyond me.
10. disposition, humor, temperament
11. bent, tendency, propensity  
His **mind** tends to focus on the morbid.
12. feeling, partiality, bias, liking, belief
13. notion, whim, idea
14. intention aim, purpose, design

### **to mind**

1. to attend, give one's attention to, pay attention to  
**Mind** my words; it's not over.
2. to watch, to see, to observe, to pay heed to
3. to obey, follow, adhere to, to respect  
If you do not **mind** me, you will pay the consequences.

4. to attend, to watch, to look after  
Can you **mind** the children while I run to the store.
  
5. to guard, to be careful, to be wary, to think twice of, to weigh  
**Mind** him; he can't be trusted.
  
6. to care about, to be concerned about  
I do **mind** where and how you live.
  
7. to remember, to recall, to recollect  
I **mind** the day when I first came here.

The body term **mind** is by no means unique. Many of the meanings of different body parts have been greatly stretched beyond the literal. Do you know what it is to be a **second-hand Rose**? Are you a **brain**? What's a **no brainer**? What does it mean to **press the flesh**? Have you ever had anyone **sweep you off your feet** or to **pull your leg**?

In the following sentences, can you determine the part of speech, (noun, verb, adjective, or adverb), of the words of the body? Does that information have anything to do with your understanding the meaning of the sentences? If so, why? Does, for example, the definition of the word '**head**' changes depending on whether it is a verb or noun? Are there sentences which you understand while others you have absolutely no idea of their meaning? Do you know why? Do you think that the literal versus figurative meaning has anything to do with your ability to understand a word? You probably know the literal meaning of each part of the body. That is a matter of study and memorization. However, do



you have any idea what words such as '**heart**', '**head**', '**face**', and '**stomach**' mean culturally in English? In other words, figuratively or metaphorically speaking, what do you know what the above words mean?

### **The Body**

1. Whatever you decide to do, it **is no skin off my teeth**.
2. It's not true that one can not be too thin. She's only **skin and bones** and she looks horrible.
3. They **dropped to their knees** and prayed.
4. When the other car hit me from behind. I hit my **head**.
5. I'll **scratch your back** if you scratch mine; therefore, if you **back** my bill, I'll support yours.
6. It was not easy for him to **face** the child that he had abandoned.
7. He **shouldered** his way through the crowd.
8. I was able to do it because I **figured** that I could not lose.
9. He is always **throwing out his chest** and bragging about his accomplishments.
10. He had to **pay an arm and a leg** for the house.

11. After living abroad, I have a **cast-iron stomach**. I can eat anything with no problem of getting sick.
12. Despite my arguments and pleas, he **turned a deaf ear**.
13. That dress with its very long neckline is definitely **eye-catching**.
14. The child **mouthed** his response.
15. My God, they sure must be in lust. They are always **necking**.
16. His guilt is **as plain as the nose on his face**.
17. I'll **keep my fingers crossed** that everything goes according to plan.
18. He can't help you; he **is all thumb**.
19. She is always putting her life **on the back burner**. Everything and everyone come before her.
20. He has such a **big head** that I doubt he even knows that you exist.
21. Ever since she married, she has been living in the **lap of luxury**.
22. The reason that he was able to be promoted so quickly and easily was that he **got a leg up**.
23. I can't **stomach** not only her but anyone in her family.
24. She fought her attacker **tooth and nail**.

25. He **fingered** the man who robbed him.
26. They **handed around** the cigarettes.
27. You have the worst **handwriting** in the world.
28. The way that he was **eying** her was an embarrassment.
29. His guilt is **written all over his face**.
30. As he is the president of the company, he will **head** the meeting.
31. His method is **cutthroat**. Expect no mercy from him.
32. He only **pays lip service to** respecting the law.

From what has been written above, it is obvious the vocabulary describing the body contains a treasure trove of information. Much of the vocabulary utilized to describe body usually have several grammatical functions as well as metaphorical meanings.

*Clarifyingit.com* has created and published **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF MEANING** to help you to begin to understand the most creative, illuminating, and culturally specific area of English: **The Body**.

## What do you know about the body and the words that describe it?

1) With the exception of the **jaw**, **face**, **penis**, **vagina**, **testicles** and the **figure**, the words which describe the external body come from the Germanic rather than Latin side of English. Therefore, English-, Dutch-, German-, Swedish-, and Norwegian-speakers share, or at least at one time had shared, many of the same words to name different parts of the body. The reason for this is simple. Most of words to describe the body in English are some of the oldest in the language. Many have been in the language before 900: **neck**, **mouth**, **tongue**, **tooth**, **ear**, **throat**, **chest**, **finger**, **eye**, **nose**, **toe**, **nail**, and **foot**. Others have been present since 1000: **lips**, **chin**, **breast**, **bosom**, **elbow**, **back**, **buttock**, **hip**, and **ankle**.

2) Although most of the words to describe the external body are Germanic, the vocabulary to describe the internal organs are much more balanced between the two areas of English, the Latin-based and Germanic-based. However, it should be noted that the most important organs in English are Germanic-based: **heart**, **mind**, **liver**, **bone** and **gut**. All these words became a part of English during the language earliest period; except for the **gut**, which entered the language before 1000, all entered into the language before 900.

3) The Latin-based names for internal organs, for example the **skeleton**, the **spleen**, the **stomach**, and the **spine**, are all relatively new to the language. **Skeleton** came into the language in the late 16th century, **spleen** in the late 13th to early 14th century, **stomach** in the early 16th century, and **spine** in the early to mid-15th century.

It should also be noted that those Latin-based words used to describe the outer-body are also relatively recent entries. **Face** came into

the language in mid 13th to early 14th century, **figure** in 12th century, and **vagina** and **penis** in the late 17th century.

4) There are a number of words in English, which may appear to come from the same source but do not. The word '**arm**' is a primary example. When referring to the part of the body, the word is one of the oldest in the language. It came into English before 900. It is of Germanic origin (Old English **earm**; Old Norse **armr**; Old Frisian **erm**; Old Swede, Old High German, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Frisian, African, Dutch **arm**, German and Swiss German **Arm**, Icelandic **armur** **handleggur**, Latin **brachium** **bracchium**, French **bras**, Spanish **brazo**, Italian **braccio**, Portuguese **braço**)

'Arm,' when it refers to weapons, as in a firearm, originated from Latin. It came into English through Old French. Its entrance into the vocabulary is relatively recent. As a verb, 'arm' came into the language from the early to mid 13th century (**to arm: Middle English and Anglo-French armen, Old French armer, Latin armare**). As a noun, it came into the language a hundred years later (Middle English *armes*, Latin *arma*).

The word for '**butt**' is also very interesting. When the word refers to the **buttock**, **derriere**, **backside**, or **rear end**, its origin is from the Dutch '**bot**', which means 'stumpy' and the Swedish and Danish 'but' which means 'stubby.' When '**butt**' means to strike or push with the head or horns, the origin of the word is the Anglo-French or Old French for 'to thrust or to strike' (**Anglo-French butter, Old French boter**). When '**butt**' refers to a target or a person who is the object of ridicule or contempt its origin is Middle French.

In British English, the term **marrow** has two very distinct meanings and, although it may not appear, two very different roots. As a body term, **marrow** is one of the oldest words in the English language. The root is Germanic. In British and Scottish English, the word **marrow** has another meaning which has nothing to do with any part of the body. It is a term used in northern England and Scotland for a partner, spouse or close friend. This makes sense ONLY if one understands that **marrow** used in the sense of fellow worker, helpmate or companion does not have the same root as the body term **marrow**. **Marrow**, meaning friend, although also Germanic in origin, did not come from the Old English **mearg** or **mearth**; rather, it came from the Middle English **marwe** which meant fellow worker and partner. The origins of **marwe** is Old Norse; it meant friendly. **Marrow**, as a body term, is one of the oldest words in the English language however as a term meaning friend it is not. It entered in English during the late Medieval period or early Modern period, 1400-1450.

## The Body, figuratively speaking

Do you know what the **cheeks** symbolize? If I tell you to not give me any **cheek**, what am I saying? (*Don't talk back to me*). Did you know that the **shoulder** is both a noun and a verb? Did you also know that the figurative meaning of **shoulder**, as a verb, is to push, shove, bear, support, or assume responsibility? When **the cat has your tongue**, what does he have? (*your power to speak*) If you shout out to me, just before going out to do a performance, **break a leg**, are you wishing me harm? No. To shout '**break a leg**' means good luck or 'knock them dead.' If you '**lose your heart**' is it as bad as to '**lose your mind**.' No. '**To lose one's mind**' is not at all good. It only means 'to go crazy.' '**To lose one's heart**' can either be good or bad. It all depends on to whom you lose it. If it is to someone who does not feel the same way, it is bad and very painful. However, if the other person feels the same, it is not only good; it is fantastic. '**To lose one's heart**' is to fall madly in love or '**to fall head over heels**.' Does '**to not have teeth**' have anything to do with '**not having the stomach for something**.' No. It also has nothing to do with '**not having a heart**' or '**not having the heart**', '**the gall**', '**the nose**', '**the eye**', or '**the ear for**'. If something does not **teeth**, it has no power or force. A law or regulation only has **teeth** if it has the power to make people obey. If it does not, **it has no teeth**. **To not have the stomach for something** is not to have the desire to do something. If I don't have the **stomach** for a fight, it means that I do not want to fight. '**To not have a heart**' means that you are not a very nice person. '**To not have the heart**' means that you are unable to, not able to or not will to do something. If you **have gall**, it means that you are very audacious, bold, **cheeky** or imprudent. '**To have the nose for**' is to be good at finding and recognizing something or to have the talent for something. '**To have the nose for news**' means that you are either a

good reporter or gossip. If you **have the eye for someone** it means that you like that person; that you find that person attractive. '**To have the ear for something**' means that you have a natural or innate ability to learn music or languages.

Almost each part of the body symbolizes at least one characteristic or trait. At times, a body part represents more than one attribute. The **heart**, for example, does not only stand for love. In the expression, **to get to the heart of the matter**, **heart** is synonymous to the core, kernel, seed, and germ. In the expression **to learn something by heart** is to memorize or know something word for word. '**To eat one's heart out**' has nothing to do with the core of something, memorizing something, or being in love. In this expression the **heart** represents sorrow, mourning, pining for or agonizing over.

The attributes or qualities which a culture gives to different parts of the body reveal a great deal about how that culture sees itself and its members. **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** is an extensive dictionary which not only aids you in learning how different parts of the body are used both grammatically and semantically but it is also a *cultural text* whose main goal is to help you to understand how different parts of the English-speaking world see its reality.

How one sees the **mind**, the **heart**, the **liver**, the **gall-bladder**, the **penis**, the **eyes**, or **ears** has a lot to do with the culture in which one lives. In Spanish, for example, the digits on one's **hands** and one's **feet** have the same name (*dedos* and *dedos de pie*). In English, that is not the case. As odd as it might sound, English-speakers have much more of a relationship with the digits on their **hands**, (**fingers**), than on those on their **feet**, (**toes**). Did you know that in English each **finger** has a name?



The finger in English which is associated with insulting someone is **the middle finger**). It is **the ring finger** which is associated with both getting engaged and married. It is **the thumb** which is used to hitch-hike or get a free ride.

**Fingers** are used to express a variety of things in society. It is associated with controlling someone, (**to wrap someone around one's little finger**), with hoping for the best (**to cross one's fingers**) and with having a bad experience (**to get one's fingers burned**). Either individually or as a group, toes have no such associations. It should not be surprising, therefore, that, relatively speaking, there are almost no expressions which **toes**.

## **How can THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE help you?**

Understanding how the body is seen in English allows you to go beyond the superficial. It helps you to get more than just a glimpse of how persons who speak English conceive and create their reality. Instead of consulting a vast number of dictionaries and language books of expressions, finally, there is a book which contains the overwhelming majority, if not all, the different meaning of words used to represent the body.

With **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE**, you can finally begin to **make heads or tails** (learn) of the metaphorical and cultural meanings of some of the most fundamental words of English. You will find that many jokes, puns, double-entendres and riddles will no longer **go over your head** (be outside your realm of understanding). At last you

will **have your feet firmly set on the path of** understanding and using English as it is actually understood and used.

As mentioned previously, the majority of the vocabulary used for the body are in Germanic in origin. However, English contains a number of Latin and Greek based affixes (prefixes and suffixes) which also mean parts of the body. **BODY LANGUAGE OR THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** contains some of the different Greek and Latin affixes which are in English. (See the example below) This section is especially important to the native speakers of English who is not familiar with the more formal or collegiate aspect of their vocabulary. This is the aspect of the language which must be mastered to pass the many standardized tests given throughout primary and secondary school. These are also the words that one must know to do well in the SAT's, ACT's or GRE's. In this work, the affixes will be presented with the definition; however, no examples will be given. To get a more detail explanation, including vocabulary, please consult the companion book, **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE: PREFIXES, SUFFIXES AND ROOTS.**

Also included in **THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE** are some of those verbs which naturally go with a particular body part. For example, in the section on the **'blood'**, a section on the verb **'to bleed'** will also be included. Another example would in the section on 'the mind,' a number of verbs, such as 'to think', 'to know' and 'to remember' will be examined from different perspective.

## How THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE is structured:

There are quite a few of books on body idioms; however, there is no book on the market which is as complete as the one which you are now reading. Most books normally give the expression and a one sentence explanation. THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE gives the reader more, much more. Not only are you presented with an explanation of what a particular word means both literally and metaphorically, the different meanings are subdivided into categories: **standard**, **more stylized** or **formal**, **informal** or **idiomatic** and **slang**. Whenever possible, other expressions are also given. Therefore, with THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE you not only learn how, for example, the **head** or **eyes** are used in English but other frequently used expressions are also given. The following is a sample of how THE BODY: A TREASURE TROVE OF LANGUAGE is structured:

# Skin

(entered into English before 1000)

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, Danish **hud skind**, Frisian **fel hûd**, Icelandic and Norwegian **hud**, Swedish **hud skinn skinna päls**, German **Schinden**, Latin **cutis**, French **peau**, Spanish **piel**

## Prefixes and/or suffixes which mean **skin:**

**dermato-**, **dermat-**, **dermo-**, **derm-** (from Greek *derma*, skin)  
combining forms meaning skin, hide or covering

**-dermis** combining forms meaning skin, in general, or the layer of skin  
just below the epidermis (known as the *derma*)

**-dermatous** combining forms meaning skin meaning possessing skin or  
skinned

**pell-** (from Latin: *pell pellis* Greek: *pelz* a skin Latin: *pellicius* made  
of skins) combining forms meaning skin

### **skin**

1. epidermis, cuticle, derma, cutis, pellicle
2. (animal) hide, pelt, jacket, fleece, fell, fur, leather, vellum, integument
3. (fruit) rind, peel, hull, shell, husk, cover, covering, pod, case
4. overlay, coating, coat, layer, lamina, film
5. wineskin, pouch, container

### to skin

1. to peel, scale, bark, strip, scalp, unwrap, remove, shed  
It was not unusual **to skin** one's enemies in Ancient Mesoamerica.
2. (more stylized) to flay, exfoliate, scale, denude, excorticate, excoriate
3. (informal) to throw off, shed, strip off, cast off, peel off
4. (fruit or vegetables) to shell, husk, shuck, hull, rind, pare

### skin and bones

1. on the decline, very skinny, unhealthy, corpse-like, frail, underfed, undernourished, wasted, **skeletal**, too lean, deathly thin  
  
I don't know what happened to her but she's nothing but **skin and bones**.
2. (more stylized) gaunt, emaciated, wasted, **fleshless, hollow-eyed**, shrunken, pinched, frail, haggard, **raw boned, hollow cheeked**, spare, drawn, **hollowed cheeks**
3. (informal) thin as a rail, gangly, **bare-boned**, wasted, gangling, throw a shadow, thin as a reed, half-starved, half-famished
4. (slang) scrawny, twiggy, **boney**, like a plucked chicken or skinny as a railing

### skin deep

1. superficial, on the surface, not very profound, not deep  
What she feels for you is only **skin deep**. She doesn't love you.
2. (more stylized) shallow, outermost, outside, external. outward, exterior  
It is true that beauty is only **skin deep**.

3. unreal, artificial, plastic, fake, fraud, delusion, phony

Can't you tell that that is she is only crying crocodile tears. Her feeling of sorrow is only **skin deep**.

4. (informal) hoax, make-believe, two-dollar bill, ruse, sham

5. empty, devoid, slight, meaningless, unimportant, signifying nothing, vacuous

His feelings for you are only **skin deep**. Can't you see that?

6. (more stylized) of little or no import, inconsequential, hollow negligible, insubstantial, inconsequential matter, inconsiderable, inappreciable, inane

7. (informal) petty, paltry, trivial, not worth mentioning, frivolous

8. (slang) no-account, picayune, penny-ante, fiddling, trifling, not worth a hill a beans, plug nickel, not worth the paper it is printed on, straw, red cent

### **skin flick**

1. adult films, films dominated by sex, pornographic, obscene, lewd, vulgar or coarse, x-rated films, sexploitation

Another name for **skin flick** is pornography.

2. (more stylistic) films which are suggestive, prurient, indecent, profane, salacious, fulsome or erotic

3. (informal) films which are vile, nasty, filthy, raunchy, risqué, off-color, hard-core, soft-core or bawdy, peep shows, blue movies, pornography

4. (slang) films which are smutty, gross or blue, stag films, nudies, cheesecake, porn, **leg art**

### **skin flint**

1. to be extraordinarily cheap, frugal, economical or thrifty

My aunt was a real **skin flint**. She would not lend a penny without asking for interest.

2. (more formal) brummagem, parsimonious, miserly,
3. (informal) **closed-fisted**, stingy, penny pincher, tight, **tightfisted** cheapskate, tightwad, money-grubber, miserly, petty

What a **skin flint**!

### **to be wet to the skin**

1. to be wet, very wet or soaked

He got caught in the rain and **was wet to the bone**.

2. (more stylized/formal) to be imbrued, immerged saturated, immersed, infused, penetrated, impregnated, imbued, inundated
3. (informal) to be wringing wet, soggy, **soaked to the bone**, soak and wet, doused, drenched, wet down, soaked through, drowned, sopping, dripping, wet through, sippy, **wet to the bone** or soused

THE BODY AND ITS  
TWISTED HISTORY IN  
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The study of the language of the body in English is the study of the long, twisted, and, at times, incredulous development of one of most rigid, flexible, irregular, simplified and widely studied and spoken, languages to ever develop.

English is like an onion, each layer representing a period of great change. Although wrapped in an outer layer of Latin and French, this covering is somewhat a roost. Although the overwhelming majority of English words draw their origin from Old French, Anglo-French, Parisian French, Latin, and Greek, English is not a Romance language; it never has been. Even during the period of Roman domination, the period when many of the Romance languages in Western and Southern Europe were being developed, the Latin influence on the language and culture of what was then Britain was superficial, at best. With the exception of persons at the very highest level of society, most of the British remained Celtic, linguistically and culturally speaking.

Perhaps if the Romans had not been forced to withdraw, Roman culture and language would have slowly spread throughout Britain. And, as a result, Britain would have eventually developed the type of language and culture which had been flourishing across the channel in France. However, in 450 Britain's ties to the dying Roman Empire and its colonies were cut. It was in that year when factions of the western branch of the Germanic groups (Angles, Saxons, Jutes, and Frisians) crossed the North Sea to conquer and colonize what would eventually become England.

The invasion and colonization of England was unlike what had happened in other parts of the former Roman Empire. Across the Channel in France, for example, the Franks did not destroy the different peoples whom they encountered; nor did the different Germanic peoples

who invaded Spain and Italian. One of the main reasons for the non-annihilation was that what the Gauls, Visigoths and Goths found were highly Romanized hybrids. Rather than destroy, the victor assimilated with the vanquish. It is for this reason that France, Spain, Italy and Portugal remained culturally and linguistically an extension of the Roman Empire, long after its destruction. As a result, these countries developed closely related languages which belong to the Roman or Latin branch of the Indo-European Family of Languages.

England's fate was radically different. By the time the different Germanic groups invaded Britain, the little bit of Latin culture which had been adopted had been almost completely replaced by the native Celtic ones. The different Germanic groups were quite familiar, and as mentioned previously, greatly respectful of the Romans, their culture and language. They felt no such reverence toward the Celts. They either killed or drove westward most of the Celtic inhabitants of England. Prior to the Germanic invasions, Britain had belonged to Celtic language group. After, as a result of the almost complete destruction of the native population, the language, and culture, which developed and flourished in England firmly belonged in the Germanic camp. With the exception of a few place names, Celtic influence in English ceased.

### **Old English**

The language which developed as a result of the Germanic invasion was purely Germanic. It is true that the different Germanic groups had, before, and especially after the conquest, had come in contact with Latin. However, the Latin adopted did not come from every area of the language. Most of the words were religious; which was only natural since most of the contact between the Germans and Romans was through the Church in the form of Roman missionaries. The English

also borrowed from Latin to express new ideas in the area of clothing, and food. All together, during this time, approximately 450 words from Latin were adopted into English. (see appendix 1)

Despite, the incorporation of Latin into English, the culture and language which developed in England, up until the twelfth century, were almost purely Germanic in nature. The Jutes and Saxons formed the basis of the Kentish and the Southern English dialects. The Anglians settled in two areas, the northern and center areas. They were responsible for the Midland and Northumbrian form of English. It was also during this period, as a result of the ascendancy of the West-Saxon kingdom, the written dialect of Wessex became, for a time, the written standard language of England. During that period, works were either written in West Saxon or works written in other dialects were translated into it.

For the first three centuries after the destruction of the Roman Empire, the western branch of the Germanic language formed the basis of the English language. It from this period that one hundred of the most common words in English come. (appendix 2)

The following are the words of the body which entered into English during its first three hundred years. This period of the English language is called, *Old English* or *Anglo-Saxon*:

# Body Language

(entered into the language before 900)

## Body

Old English **bodig**, Old High German **botah**

## Flesh

Old English **flask**, Middle English **flask**, Old Frisian **flask**, Old High German **fleisk**, Old Norse **flesk**, German **Fleisch**, Dutch **vless**

## Limb

Old and Middle English **lim**, Old Norse **lim**

## Head

Old English **heafod**, Middle English **he(v)ed**, Old High German **houbit**, Old Norse **hofuth**, Dutch **hoofd**, Danish **hoved**, German **Kopf**, Swedish **huvud kranie**, Norwegian **leder lede hode**, Afrikann **kop**, Latin **caput**, French **tête**, Spanish **cabeza**

## Hair

Old English **hær hære**, Middle English **here haire**, Dutch **haar**, German **Haar**, Old Norse **har hæra**, Old High German **haria**

## Eye

Old English **ege** (**eage**), Middle English **eie ie**, German **Auge**, Dutch **oog**

### **Ear**

Old English **eare ear æhher**, Middle English **ere**, Old Norse **eyra ax**, German **Ohr Ähre**, Dutch **oor aar**

### **Nose**

Old English **nosu nasu næse**, Frisian **noas**, Icelandic **nōs**, Danish **næse**, Norwegian **nese**, Dutch **neus**, German **Nase**, Swedish **näsa**, Latin **nasus**, French **nez**, Spanish **nariz**

### **Mouth**

Old and Middle English **muth**, Old Norse **munnr**, German **Mund**, Dutch **mond**

### **Tongue**

Old and Middle English **tunge tungen**, Old Norse **tunga**, Dutch **tong**, German **Zunge**

### **Tooth/Teeth**

Old and Middle English **toth**, Old Norse **tonn**, Dutch **tand**, German **Zahn**

### **Cheek**

Old English **ce(a)ce ceoce**, Middle English **cheke**, Dutch **kaak**, Middle Lower German **kake**

### **Neck**

Old English **hnecca**, Middle English **nekke**, Old Norse **hnakki**, Dutch **nek**, German **Nacken**

### **Shoulder**

Old English **sculdor**, Middle English **sholder schulder shulderen**, Dutch **schouder**, German **Schulter**

### **Hand**

Old and Middle English **hand hond**, Old Norse **hond**, Dutch **hand**, German **Hand**, Goth **handus**

### **Arm**

Old and Middle English **earm**, Old Frisian **erm**, Goth **arms**, Old Norse **armr**, Old High German Old Swedish Dutch **arm**, German **Arm**

### **Finger**

Old and Middle English **finger**, Old Norse **fingr**, Dutch **vinger**, German **Finger**, Gothic **figgers**

### **Thumb**

Old and Middle English **thuma**, Old Norse **thumall**, Dutch **duim**, German **Daumen**, Old Swede and Old High German **dumo**

### **Nail**

Old English **nægel næglan**, Middle English **nayl naille**, Old Frisian **neil**, Old Swede and Old High German **nagal**, Old Norse **nagl**, Germanic **naglaz**, Dutch **nagel**, German **Nagel**

### **Quick**

Old English **cuic cwicu**, Middle English **quik**, Old Norse **kvikr**, Old Swede **quik**, German **queck keck**, Latin **vivus**, French **vif**, Spanish **carne viva**

### **Fist**

Old English **fyst**, German **Faust**, Dutch **vuist**

### **Lap**

Old English **læppa**, Middle English **lappe**, Old Norse **lappr**, Dutch **lap**, German **Lappen**

### **Knee**

Old English **cneo**, Middle English **cneo(w)**, Old Norse **kne**, German **Knie**, Dutch **knie**, Latin **genu**, French **genou**, Spanish **rodillas**

### **Foot**

Old and Middle English **fot**, German **Fuss**, Dutch **voet**, Greek **poús pod**, Latin **pes ped**, French **pied**, Spanish **pie**

### **Toe**

Old and Middle English **ta**, Old Norse **ta**, German **Zeh Zehe**, Dutch **teen**, Latin **digitus**, French **doigit**, Spanish **dedo de pie**

### **Heel**

(entered into English before 850)

Old and Middle English **hela**, Old Norse **hæll**, Dutch **hiel**

### **Behind**

Old English **behindan**, Middle English **behinden**

### **Bone**

Old English **ban**, Middle English **bon**, Germanic

**bainan**, Old Frisian and Old Swede **ben**, Old Norse

**bein**, Dutch **been**, German **Bein**, Latin **os ossis**,

French **os**, Spanish **hueso**

### **Marrow**

Old English **mearg**, Middle English **marowe**, Old Norse

**mergr**, Dutch **merg**, German **Mark**, Latin **medulla**,

Spanish **médula**, French **moelle**

### **Brain**

Old and Middle English **brægen gregen**, Low German

**brägen**, Dutch **brein**, Latin **cerebrum**, French **cerveau**,

Spanish **cerebro**

### **Breath**

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **breth breeth**, Frisian

**sike**, German **Atem**, Swedish **andas pust**, Dutch

**andem**, Norwegian **pust ånde**, Latin **halitus spiritus**

**flatus anima aura respiro**, French **haleine souffle**

**respiration**, Spanish **aliento respiración**



### **Late Old English (Early Middle English)**

The **northern branch of the Germanic language** did not begin to influence English until the latter part of the eighth and ninth century. From almost three hundred years, until the eleventh century, England was bombarded by invading groups from Scandinavia. The Scandinavians, depending on their nationality, settled in the urban as well as the rural areas of England. While the Norwegians colonized Ireland, the Scottish Island, the Isle of Man, and parts of England's north-west, the Danes settled mostly in the north and east part of England.

Unlike the first Germanic invasion of the Celtic Britain, the Scandinavian overrun of England did not lead to the elimination the English. The fundamental reason was simple. They were the same people; therefore, the racial and linguistic animosity which had marked the first invasion was absent. Destruction was replaced by absorption and assimilation. The language which the invaders spoke, Old Norse, helped to form the basis of what is now standard English.

At the core, Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse were the same language. Despite the differences in grammar, persons who communicated in Old English and Old Norse were mutually intelligible. In the area of vocabulary, many words were either identical or very similar. As a result, the type of influence that Old Norse had in English was not destructive. Although there were cases where Old Norse terms did replace Anglo-Saxons ones, the norm was that the borrowing of Old Norse words took place when there were no Old English equivalent. In the area of vocabulary, two of the most distinctive borrowings of Old Norse into English were words with 'sk' or the 'sk' sound, (sky or scrub), and those with the hard 'g' sound, (get or egg).

Old Norse words which entered into the language were not only content words (**open class words**). People from one language group are constantly borrowing words from this area of the lexicon (nouns, verbs, adjective and adverbs). Although it should be mentioned that many of the **content words** borrowed from Old Norse were core words; that is, words which either have no synonyms or those which are used to name things in a language which do not have synonyms. What was extremely unusual about the influence of Old Norse on English was that **functions words** were also borrowed. Function words are structural or grammatical and, therefore, belong to **closed class words**. Very rarely, if ever, are new words added to this category.

Words from Old Norse did not begin to be used in English until after the 11th century, once the Vikings had invaded, and sacked, both south-west and south-east England.

## **Body Language** (entered into English before 1000)

### **Skin**

Old English **scinn**, Middle English Old Norse **skinn**, Dutch **schinden**, German **Schinden**

### **Brow/ lash**

Old English **bru**, Middle English **browe**, Old Norse **brun**, German **braue**

### **Lip**

Old English **lippa**, Middle English **lippe**, Dutch **lip**, German **Lippe**, Norwegian **lepe**

### **Chin**

Old and Middle English **cin cinn**, Old Norse **kinn**, Dutch **kin**, German **Kinn chin**

### **Elbow**

Old English **elnboga elboga**, Middle English **elbowe**, Old Norse **olnbogi**, Middle Dutch **ellenboghe elleboog**, Old High German **ellinbogo**, German **Ellenbogen**

### **Knuckles**

Middle English **knokel**, Middle Low German Middle Dutch **knökel**, Dutch **kneukel (knok)**, German **Knöchel (Knochen)**

### **Back**

Old English **bak**, Middle English **bæc**, Old Frisian **bek**, Old Norse Old Swede **bak**

### **Leg**

Middle English and Old Norse **leggr**, Danish **læg**

### **Buttock**

Old English **buttuc**, Middle English **buttok**

### **Blood**

Old English **blod**, Middle English **blod**, Germanic **bloda**, Old Norse and Goth **bloth**, Old Frisian and Old Swede **blod**, Old High German **bluot**, German **Blut**, African, Danish, Norwegian or

Swedish **blod**, Dutch **bloed**, Latin **sanguis**, French **sang**,  
Spanish **sangre**

**Ass** (*vulgar*)

Old English **ærs ears**, Middle English **ars**, Old Frisian **ers**,  
Old Norse, Middle Low German, Old Swedish, and Old High  
German **ars**, Dutch **aars**

Although many of the words spoken during this period were later eliminated, according to some accounts eighty-five percent, the importance of Old English in Modern English can not be exaggerated. The fact is that Old English forms the backbone of the English which is spoken today. It is for this reason that, despite all the subsequent influence that Latin, (both the classical and vulgar version); Classical Greek; and French, (both the Norman and Parisian version); may have had, English is not a Romance language. At its core, English is a Germanic language. Because of Old English, the basic structure of English is Germanic. The bulk of the prepositions, pronouns, auxiliaries, conjunction as well as words of fundamental concept come to English from the old English period. Most of the most frequently used words in English trace their origin back to Old English. Therefore, to find the cognates of most, if not all, of the most basic, fundamental, and frequently used words of English, one must go to the different Germanic languages of both branches of the language tree. (appendix 4)

## **Middle English**

The Norman Invasion took place in 1066. However, although the Normans greatly influenced the English language, for the first century or so Old English remained, in general, unchanged. For the student of the history of the English language, even fifty years or so after the Norman invasion, English had remained being a language which most English speakers would not easily recognize. Although inflections for both nouns and adjectives were becoming obsolete, inflections in other areas of the grammar were still important.

Old English started transitioning into Middle English around the mid point of the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Although not a language that most speakers of modern English would recognize, Middle English most definitely was a language much more recognizable. In every area, English was changing. In the areas of pronunciation, the pronunciation of vowels was becoming more like their pronunciation in modern English. For example, long vowels became short when they were before two or more consonants: sleep vs. slept/ deep vs. depth . Another example would be the elimination of diphthongs as in the word 'deop' to the simple vowel and the replacement of the 'y' in words such as 'hyll' or 'fyr' to the 'i' as in 'hill' and 'fire'. In the area of orthography the transition from Old to Middle English was nothing to sneeze at: 1) the elimination of the 'æ' to, depending on the word, the short 'a' or long 'e', 2) the replacement of the 'c' with the 'ch' as in 'child', 3) the replacement of 'cw' with 'qu' as in 'queen', 4) the elimination of þ and ð with the 'th' and 5) the replacement of the 'c' for the 'k' before front vowels as in the word 'keep' . In the area of grammar the changes were quite dramatic. In a nutshell, English ceased being a synthetic or inflected language in which some words indicate such grammatical relationship such as number, case, gender or tense. English became an analytical language in which

particles, rather than inflections, are used to express grammatical relationships (*handsomer* vs *more handsome*). In the area of verbs, English began to have only two cases, strong and weak, now known as regular and irregular.

Ironically enough, even a century after the Norman conquest, the influence of French in English was kept at a minimum. The reasons for this are numerous. For one, English was considered the language of the socially inferior; therefore, as a rule, it was treated by elites of the society, many of whom did not speak or understand English, with indifference. As a result, the language was, for almost two centuries, considered a dialect spoken by those who had no power. Norman French remained in its position as the official language until the forced separation of Normandy from England. Although during this period a great number of words from French enter into English, the number was no where near the amount that would be borrowed later.

French imported more than ten thousand words into English. As a result, hundreds of words from Old and Middle English were forced out of the language. (appendix 5) However, it must never be forgotten that despite tremendous influence that French had in English, it never had the impact that Old Norse had. Old Norse actually changed the very essence of English; French did not. The reasons are not hard to understand. By 1066, English was too well established in both its written and spoken form to be easily eliminated or changed. Norman French never became a natural language of England as a whole; it was only a means of communication to the tiny elite of the country. Also, intermarriage can not be ignored. The Normans did not remain separate from the population which they conquered. Many times the offspring of such unions spoke either both Norman French and English or only English.

English remained English; French was incorporated within the existing structure to make it stronger and richer. In no area of structure did French change English. This fact can be easily demonstrated. For example, in the area of syntax (word order) only in very few cases do adjectives follow the noun (attorney general or court martial). In all other cases, the norm is that the adjective precedes the noun. Another example would be in the area of verbs. When French verbs entered into English, their grammatical structures remained outside. That is to say, only the essence of the verb was incorporated; all of their grammatical endings were eliminated. They generally came into the language as regular rather than irregular verbs. As a result, the 'weak' past inflection 'ed', became much more dominant, eventually becoming the normal ending of most verbs in English in the past tense. It is for this reason that the overwhelming majority of irregular verbs in the past are from the Germanic, rather than the French or Latin, area of English. (appendix 6) French did not enter the language English all at once. It did so in stages:

1. first one hundred years ---- no increase of French in English
2. last one half of the 12<sup>th</sup> century ---- slight increase
3. 1200-1250 ---- increase
4. post 1250 ---- greater increase
5. 1300-1400 ---- period of the greatest borrowing
6. 1400 ---- sharp drop and eventual tapering off

## Words of the body which came into English prior to 1250

### Figure

(1175-1225)

Old French and Middle English **figure**, Latin **figura**, French **forme**, Spanish **figura**

### Skull

(1175-1225)

Middle English **scolle**, Old Norse **skalli skoltr**, Latin **calvaria calva**, French **crâne**, Spanish **calavera**

## Words of the body which came into English post 1250

### Face

(1250-1300)

Middle English, Anglo-French, Old French **facia**, Latin **facies**, Late Middle English **facen**, French **visage face**, Spanish **cara**

### Whiskers (whisk + er)

(1325-1375)

### whisk

Middle English (Scots) **wysk**, Scots **wisk quhisk**, Old Norse **visk**, Swedish **viska**, Danish **vishe**, Old High German **wisken**



### **Jaw**

(1325-1375)

Middle English **jawe jowe**, Latin **maxilla mala fauces**, Old French **joue joe**, French **mâchoire**, Spanish **mandibula**

### **Palm**

(1300-1350)

Old English **folm**, Middle English **paume**, Middle French and Latin **palma**, French **paume**, Spanish **palma**

### **Stomach**

(1300-1350)

Middle English **stomack**, Old French **stomaque estomac**, Greek **stomakhos**, Latin **stomachus venter**, French **estomac**, Spanish **estómago**

### **Testicles**

(1375-1425)

Latin **testiculus**, French **testicules**, Spanish **testiculos**

### **to breathe**

(1250-1300 (*derived from breath*))

Old English **bræth**, Middle English **brethen**, Frisian **sykhelje**, German **atmen**, Afrikaans **asem**, Dutch **andemen ademhalen**, Danish **ånde**, Latin **duco spiro respiro**, French **respirer**, Spanish **respirar**

The late Middle Ages was one of great changes in England. The growth of towns, the death of feudalism, hastened by the Black Death, and the rise of the middle class and free, self-governing communities all

led to the growing domination and self-assuredness of the English language and culture. Slowly, all levels of the population began to see that the language in which they communicated was more than a dialect that only the peasantry spoke.

The new attitude led to the growing importance of English in all areas of society. The fourteenth century witnessed the resurgence of English in the official and governmental spheres. In 1349, English began to replace French as the language of instruction; by 1382, it was rare to find a school where French, rather than English, was the language of instruction. In 1362, Parliament opened, for the first time, in English rather than French. It was also in that year that law courts were ordered to be conducted in English rather than Norman French.

The new growing self-awareness of English continued into fifteenth century. It was the period that the first monarchs who were completely fluent in English reigned, Richard II and Henry IV. It was also in that period that Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *Canterbury Tales*, William Langland wrote *Piers Plowman*, and John Wycliffe for the first time, successfully translated the entire bible into English.

As Englishmen became more confident in the language which they spoke, they opened up to possibilities which had once been rejected. As was shown in the table above, it was not until the fourteenth and fifteenth century that thousands of French words were allowed to enter into English. It was also during these centuries that a large number of Latin words entered English.

Throughout the history of English, Latin has, on and off, entered English. However, it was not until the period immediately prior to and during the Renaissance, did the English begin to borrow Latin in any

great quantity. Although there were scholars such as Sr. John Cheke, who believed that English could be used to express any idea, there were those who believed that English was a language which could, without any problem, put into words less sophisticated, more concrete ideas. It was ideal to express blunt, straightforward and plain-spoken ideas. However, Latin and Greek were considered much better suited to verbalize the more abstract, nuance, subtle and conceptual areas of life.

Originally, much of the Latin which had come into English had done so indirectly French. That changed, however, once original Latin text became available. Latin, and eventually Greek, began to be borrowed directly.

By the time the early modern period, all the vocabulary used to describe the body was already well established. The only new words of the body which came into the language were those of the internal organs. The body parts which were discovered during the early modern and modern period have either Latin or Greek origin, languages which doctor and scientist continued utilizing long after the world had ceased. Of these parts of the body, almost none is rich in metaphors or symbolism.

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# Eye

*(entered into English before 900)*

Old English **ege** (**eage**), Middle English **eie** **ie**, German **Auge**, Dutch **oog**, Latin **oculus**, French **œil**, Spanish **ojo**

## Prefix and/or suffixes pertaining to the eye:

**oculo-** (Greek: eye)

**opt-** (Greek: eye)

**ophthalm-**, **ophthalmo-** (Latin: eye)

**cor-** (Latin: pupil of the eye)

**scoop-**, **scept-**, **skept-** (Greek: see, view, sight)

**vid-**, **vie-**, **vis-** (Latin: see, visible)

**spec-**, **spic-**, **spect-**, **spectat-**, **spectro-** (Latin: see, sight, look, appear, examine)

**-spectro**, **-spectr**, **-spectful-**, **-spectfion**, **-spective** (Latin: see, sight, look, appear, examine)

**-opia** (Greek: condition of sight or visual organ)

## eye

1. oculus, eyeball, iris, white of the eye  
Don't shoot until you see the white of their **eyes**.
2. (slang) peeper, glim, lamp
3. sight, vision, perception, look, glance, gaze, glimpse  
He quickly ran his **eyes** around the room.
4. regard, view, viewpoint, judgment, estimation  
In my **eyes**, you did not do the right thing.
5. appreciation, awareness, sensitivity  
She thinks that he is handsome because she has loving **eyes**.
6. watch, observance, observation, lookout, surveillance  
Keep an **eye** out for the police. Shout when you see something.
7. hole, aperture, peephole
8. center, middle, midst, heart, kernel, core  
Thank God that we missed the **eye** of the storm.
9. stewardship, surveillance, ministration, supervision, care oversight, superintendence

## to eye

1. to view, see, catch sight of, look at
2. (slang) to lay eyes on, eyeball
3. to watch, keep in view

4. to observe, look on, survey, scan  
The police **eyed** the crowd.
5. to scrutinize, inspect, pour over, peer at  
He **eyed** the material slowly and carefully.
6. (slang) to goggle, gawk at, ogle, leer at  
The way that he was **eying** her was an embarrassment.

### **all eyes**

1. everyone, every one, everybody, every body  
Because **all eyes** were on him, he was very nervous.
2. on guard, wary, on watch for  
When I sleep away from home, I am always **all eyes**.
3. **mindful, sharp-eyed, with one eye open, on one's toes, heads up**, awake, **eagle** or **hawk-eyed, all ears**
4. looking intently or steadfastly, giving one one's full or undivided attention to, paying strict attention to  
You definitely have their attention; they **are all eyes**.
5. zeroing in on, directing one's thinking on, focusing in one, **not looking left or right but only straight ahead**

### **all eyes and ears**

1. on guard, wary, on watch for thoughtful, careful, regardful, sensitive, sober, diplomatic, cautious, guarded, discreet, civil, moderate, reflective, alert, watchful, observant, attentive or conscious  
When I sleep away from home, I am always **all eyes and ears**.

2. (more stylistic) tactful, wary, delicate, judicious, heedful, on the qui vive, prudent, discerning, **Argus-eyed**, scrupulous, chary, precautionary, perspicacious or circumspect
3. **mindful**, up and about, on guard, on the look out, fussy, **with one's eyes peeled**, **heads up**, on the ball, picky, on the alert, **on one's toes**, **hairsplitting**, on the stick, on the watch, wide-awake, **all eyes and ears**

### **all eyes being on**

1. fixing everyone's sight or gaze on, **having everyone's eyes fixed**, **riveted**, **fixated or arrested on**, the staring, glaring or gazing of everyone on, having everyone watching intently, focusing on, looking at intently or watching closely  
Having **all eyes being on** her was exactly what she wanted.
2. (more stylized) holding or having the undivided attention of, looking intently or steadfastly at, having everyone's full or undivided attention, having strict attention paid to, being the center of everyone's attention on
3. (informal) having everyone zeroing in on, **keeping an eye on**, locking or directing one's attention on or focusing in on

### **all eyes focusing on**

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### **an eye for an eye**

1. to take revenge, take vengeance or avenge oneself in kind  
I do believe in **an eye for an eye** and **a tooth for a tooth**.
2. (highly stylized) to do unto others as they do unto you, **exact one's pound of flesh**, return the favor, pay back in kind, return the compliment
3. to settle a score, get even with, pay off an old score, return like for like, measure for measure, pay someone back in his own coin  
**tooth for tooth**
4. (slang) to give tit for tat, give a tit for a tat, give someone his comeuppance

### **angry eyes**

1. eyes which are blazing, threatening, stormy, feverish, violent, burning, hostile, angry, fierce, raging or inflaming  
I don't understand why you always have such **angry eyes**.
2. (more stylized) eyes which are seething, bellicose, menacing, boding, turbulent, looming, agitated, smoldering, belligerent, foreboding, tempestuous, wild or wrathful

### **animated eyes**

1. having eyes which are lively, glinting, gleaming, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, fluttering, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember the most about her was that she **had animated eyes**.

2. (more stylistic) having eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillate, spirited or mirthful
3. (informal) having eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

### **Argus-eyes**

1. (classical reference) a giant with a hundred eyes whose eyes were later transferred to the peacock's tail
2. (Iliad and Odyssey) Odysseus's faithful dog
3. (Greek mythology) son of Phrixus and builder of the Argo
4. keen-sighted, quick-sighted, shrewd, sharp-sighted, keen, clever  
You can't fool him; he has **Argus-eyes**.
5. (more stylistic) mindful, perspicacious, circumspect, discreet, sagacious, politic, prudent, judicious, sensible, discriminative
6. (informal) savvy, wide-awake, bright, smart

### ***as far as the eye can see***

immeasurable, until infinity, without any obstruction to the eye  
When you are out in the desert, you can see **as far as the eye can see**.

### **batting one's eye lashes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
**Batting her eye lashes**, she let the man know that she was interested.

2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at, goo-goo eyes, calf's eyes,** flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at, making sheep eyes at,** looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyes, batting one's eyelashes, making eyes at**

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### **beauty is in the eye of the beholder**

What is beautiful or not all depends on the individual

To you she may seem ugly, but to me she is not. You know that **beauty is in the eye of the beholder.**

### **beautiful eyes**

1. having eyes which are radiant, loving, gorgeous, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely  
The first thing that I noticed about him was his **beautiful eyes.**
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are splendorous, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous
3. having eyes which are **breath-taking,** comely or fetching

### **bedroom eyes**

1. having eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
He has such **bedroom eyes** that if I don't leave now, I am going to regret it.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are alluring, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, transpiercing, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, enravishing or piercing
3. having eyes which are **mouth-watering**, catching, drawing, transporting, sexy or taking
4. having eyes which are yummy, sexy

### **before one's very eyes**

1. in plain sight, plain view, within one's range of vision, within one's field of vision  
He stole the car **before my very eyes**.
2. **in front of one's very nose, in one's face, within eyeshot** or **eye reach**
3. to do something in a manner which is unconcealed, bold, audacious, undisguised, shameless, unblushing, exhibited, flagrant, open, blatant
4. (informal) to do something in a manner which is **barefaced, cheeky, boldfaced, nervy**, brassy

### **being an eye**

1. plainclothesman, operative, detective, private eye, private investigator  
**Being an eye** means that you work in the most dangerous area in the underworld.
2. (informal) gumshoe, sleuth
3. (slang) bird dog, fly ball, tail, fly bull, **flatfoot**
4. (could be considered vulgar) private dick, dick

### **Betty Davis' eyes**

1. pop icon reference to the actress Betty Davis in the hit 1990s record, She's got Betty Davis' eyes
2. having extraordinarily large eyes which are sexy and bold, seductive and direct

### **bird's eye view**

1. broad, quick, general, surface, not deep, hurried  
I can't really give you an opinion; up until now I have had only a **bird's eye's view** of the property.
2. (more stylized) skin-deep, superficial, shallow, cursory, uprofound, hasty, fleeting, panoramic
3. (informal) winged, brisk, running, overall, have a uncluttered, full or air view

### **black eye**

1. a discoloration of the skin around the eye as a result of a blow  
I did not mean to give him a **black eye**.

2. a mark of shame, dishonor, disgrace, stigma  
The slums in the US is a **black eye** on a country which is so wealthy
3. smirch, black spot, spot, smudge
4. being a damaged, ruined, destroyed reputation  
All of this will give everyone associated with you a **black eye**.

### **bleary eyes**

1. unsure, muddled, confused, uncertain, baffled  
I knew that he was sick; he **had bleary eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) confounded, mystified, bewildered, discomposed, adrift, perplexed, dazed, disorientated, nonplused
3. (informal) fuzzy, discombobulated, in a fog, blurry, at a loss
4. (slang) in the ozone, spaced, spaced out, in another world
5. drunk, tipsy, high, under the influence of  
You can't go to your home like you are. You have very **bleary eyes**.
6. (more stylistic) drunk as a piper, having a glow, besotted, intoxicated, in one's cup, inebriated, sodden, drunk as a lord, obfuscated, grogged
7. (informal) **glassy eyed**, groggy, feeling good, saturated, woozy, **bleary eyed**, high, mellow, **full to the back teeth**

8. (slang) tight, pickled, loaded, lit, **pie-eyed**, lubricated lit up, stewed, drunk as a skunk, feeling no pain, three sheets to the wind, half-cocked, **cock-eyed**, bombed

### **blood-shot eyes**

red eyes because of dilated blood vessels

I woke up with **blood-shot eyes** the morning after drinking all night .

### **blue eyes and blond hair**

1. white, of European descent, fair-skinned  
Just because you have **blue eyes and blond hair**, it does not mean that you rule the world.
2. (in some cultures) seen as a sign of beauty  
In Northern Europe, to have **blue eyes and blond hair** is nothing special; in fact, it is quite normal.

### **brimming eyes**

1. tearful, weepy, teary, tearful, crying, shedding tears, sobbing or weeping, **with brimming eyes**, having eyes which are moist with tears, having tears in one's eyes  
When she met him at the door **with brimming eyes**, he knew that she was sorry for what she had done.
2. (informal) bursting out in tears
3. (slang) bawling, boohooing, blubbering

### **buck-eye**

affectionate name for residents of Ohio (a state in the US)

### **Buck Eye State**

nickname for Ohio

### **bull's eye**

1. black circular spot in the middle of a target  
I was able to hit the bull's eye.
2. central area of place to be bombed
3. the objective, point, aim, target, goal  
**Bull's eye!** You got it.
4. the crux, essence, that which is crucial or decisive, main idea, kernel
5. (informal) the heart, heart of the matter, gist, marrow, bottom line, meat
6. (slang) the nitty-gritty
7. in the midst, epicenter, center  
This is the worst place; we're right in the **bull's eye**.
8. (informal) in the belly, **eye**, stomach, thick, thick of, gut

### **calf's eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
She's always **making calf's eyes at** me.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at**, flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at**, **making sheep eyes at**, looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes**, **making eyes at**
3. (slang) ogling at, **making goo-goo eyes at**



### **capturing one's eye**

1. getting or drawing one's attention, impressing, awing, overawing, arousing or rousing attention, intriguing, fascinating, hypnotizing  
**Capturing the young man's eye** was not easy but had been possible.
2. (more stylistic) tantalizing, bewitching, enchanting, calling forth, enticing, enrapturing, bedeviling, alluring
3. (informal) piquing one's interest, striking someone, tickling one's fancy, whetting or pricking one's attention

### **catching the eye of the world**

1. being of wide interest, catching the attention of a wide audience, appealing, interesting, awing, mesmerizing, intriguing, fascinating, hypnotizing, overawing  
**Catching the eye of the world**, everyone was mesmerized by the pictures being shown.
2. (highly stylized) tantalizing, bewitching, enchanting, calling forth, enticing, enrapturing, bedeviling, alluring
3. drawing, taking, engrossing, holding the attention of, dazzling, capturing one's fancy, bedazzling, catchy, razzling-dazzling, luring,  
**capturing one's eye**

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### **clear-eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, sensible, intelligent, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick  
She did what she did with **clear eyes** and with a **level head**.
2. (more stylistic) to be cogent, balanced, circumspect, sensible, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant
3. (informal) **lynx-eyed**, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, **clear-minded**, **eagle-eyed**, **hawk-eyed**, **mindful**, **level-headed**
4. reasonable, composed, lucid, sound, rational, clear, calm, sound of mind, collected, able to reason, balanced, of sound mind  
He has **clear eyes** and a brain that works pretty well; therefore, I do not doubt that he understand everything.
5. (more stylistic) thinking, tranquil, circumspect, sober, judicious, self-possessed, comprehending, cognitive, unperturbed, unruffled, coherent
6. (informal) unconfused, with everything there, far sighted, **long-headed**, clear sighted, long sighted, **clear eyed** or **in one's right mind**
7. (slang) to be not all there, with all one's marbles
8. alert, wide-awake, observant, intent, quick on the uptake, paying attention to, on guard  
He has **clear eyes** and, therefore, ready to take command on a moment's notice.
9. (more stylistic) advertent, chary, cautious, regardful, heedful, wary, vigilant, on the qui vive, conscious

10. (informal) on the look out, **eyes front**, quick on the trigger, **heads up**, on the stick, **on one's toes**, nobody's fool, **one's eyes peeled**, **all eyes**, all seeing
11. not easily excited, composed, relaxed, calm, at ease, even-tempered, wide awake, serene, cool, unexcitable, collected, steady, unshaken, self-assured, balanced  
In a moment of crisis he is excellent. He is so **clear-eyed**.
12. (more stylistic) stoical, cogent, self-controlled, unruffled, balanced, self-possessed, unflappable, unperturbed, collected, non-chalant, poised, undemonstrative, dignified, suave
13. (informal) laid-back, easy-going, together, **clearedheaded**, together, **level headed**, at ease or cool

### **closing one's eyes to**

1. overlooking, ignoring, disregarding, choosing not to see, neglecting purposely, **keeping one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
**Closing your eyes** is like **burying your head** in the sand.
2. paying no heed to, minimizing, de-emphasizing, underplaying, slighting
3. pretending not to see, glossing over, **shutting one's eyes to**, looking the other way, winking or blinking at, seeing no evil, being blind to, paying no attention to, **turning a deaf ear to**, **keeping one's head in the sand**, **hiding one's head in the sand**, sneezing at, playing down, not taking into account

### **cocking the eye**

1. looking, looking at, remaining looking at, looking at without turning away, staring, fixing one's gaze on, glaring at
2. to standing agog, **rolling one's eyes at**, **fixing** or **bending the eye**,

gawking, ogling, goggling, looking hard at, **eye**  
**Cocking the eye**, he kept staring at the scene.

3. squinting, **looking out of squint-eyed**, looking at suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes** or **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
**Cocking the eye**, his expression told me that he did not believe a word that I said.
4. (more stylistic) looking at in a manner which is awry, aslant, skew, wry, asquint or askew, glancing obliquely or dubiously, looking askance
5. (informal) looking at in a manner which is off-centered, **seeing with half an eye**, sideways, slantwise, off-balance, **cross-eyed**, crosswise, with a side glance or at an angle, looking at crookedly, **screwing up the eyes**

### **cold eyes**

1. eyes which are dead, dull, void of life, void of hope  
He has such **cold eyes** that he scares me.
2. cynical, life-weary, to be a person who has given up hope or who has seen too much of the under-belly of life  
His **cold eyes** tell you how he has been treated by life.

### **crossed-eyes**

1. (medical term) strabismic, strabismic
2. squinting, **squint-eyed**, suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes**, **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
When I told him how much I earned he looked at me with **crossed eyes**.
3. (more stylistic) awry, skew, wry, glancing obliquely glancing, asquint, askew, dubiously, aslant

4. (informal) **cross eyed**, off-centered, sideways, slantwise, crookedly, off-balance, crosswise, with a side glance, at an angle

### **crying one's eyes out**

1. crying hard or heavily, mourning  
When a car hit her dog, she **cried her eyes out**.
2. (informal) crying with all one's might, melting into tears, breaking down

### **cutting one's eyeteeth**

gaining experience, wisdom, sophistication, or knowledge

**Cutting his eyeteeth** in the mailroom, he eventually became the CEO of the company.

### **dancing eyes**

1. eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **dancing eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) eyes resplendent, which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited, mirthful
3. (informal) having eyes which were full of get up and go, light-hearted, full of life, chipper, full of pep, cheerful

### **dazzling eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark, dazzle, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life or sparkling

2. (more stylized) having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistering, scintillant, scintillating, aglimmer
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **dead eyes**

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, having eyes which are inanimate, emotionless, unresponsive  
Look at those **dead eyes**. You can see that she is indifferent to other people's pain.
2. (more stylistic) having eyes which are languid, inexpressive, undemonstrative, dispassionate, inscrutable, hidden, desolate, uninquisitive, unsympathetic, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, having eyes which are icy cold, dull, glazed over or glossed over

### **dewy-eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears, tearful, weepy or teary, crying, shedding tears or sobbing, having eyes which are moist with tears, having tears in one's eyes, having **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**  
During the whole ceremony she had **dewy eyes**.

2. lachrymose, lachrymatory, lachrymal
3. maudlin, romantic, emotional, fond of or in love, care a lot for, having a crush on  
Wipe your **dewy eyes**! You're making it so obvious that you like him.
4. (more stylistic) smitten by, mawkish, sentimental, amorous, emotional, overemotional, maudlin, overly affectionate, impassioned, infatuated
5. (informal) soft on, sweet on, **soft-hearted**, soupy, **open-hearted**, mushy, **starry-eyed**, **tender-hearted**, feeling, **head-in-the clouds**, **misty eyed**, **dewy-eyed**
6. (slang) drippy, gooey, mooning over, gushing, in calf love, bubbling over or in puppy love, mushy
7. (Australian) soony
8. ready for tears, on the verge of crying, about to burst out in tears, ready to cry, crying  
You have **dewy eyes**. Are you crying?
9. (more stylistic) teary, tearful, weepy, on the verge of tear, weeping
10. (informal) blubbering

**doe-eyes**

having very large, gentle and dark eyes

You can't miss her. She has beautiful **doe-eyes**.

### **droopy eyes**

1. having half asleep or tired eyes, being very tired, half-asleep, exhausted, sleepy, ready for bed  
Come on, honey. I can tell by your **droopy eyes** that you're sleepy.
2. being slumberry, somnolent, fatigued or slumberous
3. (informal) having eyes which are yawny, drowsy or drooping, being heavy-eyed, nodding, half asleep, drowsy, **asleep on one's feet**, dozy, groggy
4. (slang) being dopey, beat, ready to drop, dead, shot, pooped, **dead on one's feet**, dog-tired, done in
5. (British) being fagged, fagged out

### **dull eyes**

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, having eyes which are inanimate, emotionless, unresponsive  
Her **dull eyes** show you that she is no longer here. Her mind is somewhere else.
2. (more stylistic) having eyes which are languid, inexpressive, undemonstrative, dispassionate, inscrutable, hidden, desolate, uninquisitive, unsympathetic, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, having eyes which are icy cold, dull, glazed over or glossed over



### **eagle-eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
You can not fool him so easily; he has **eagle-eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, sharp eyed, quick witted, **long headed**
4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **easy on the eye**

1. being nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, handsome, pretty, beautiful  
Is he is handsome? Yes, I would say that he **is easy on the eye**.
2. (highly stylized) lovely, artistic, exquisite, in grand-style
3. (informal) good-looking, have good looks, **pleasing to eye**, **easy on the eye**, easy to look at or not hard to look at, **eye-filling**
4. (slang) **eye-candy**

### **enchanted eyes**

1. having eyes which are charming, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, mesmerizing, arresting, irresistible or appealing  
I could not resist his **enchanted eyes**.

2. (more stylized) having eyes which are alluring, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, transpiercing, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, riveting, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or seductive
3. having eyes which are catching, drawing or transporting

### **engaging eyes**

1. having eyes which are magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, fascinating, mesmerizing, arresting or hypnotizing  
I could not resist his **engaging eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are enticing, entrancing, transpiercing, tantalizing, spellbinding, enchanting, transfixing, riveting, enrapturing, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or fixating
3. having eyes which are drawing or pulling

### **enthralling eyes**

1. having eyes which are bewitching, absorbing, fascinating, engaging, arresting, hypnotizing, magnetizing, bore, inflaming, enchanting  
His **enthralling eyes** pricked at my conscience.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are entrancing, transpiercing, spellbinding, enchanting, transfixing, riveting, enrapturing, enticing, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or fixating
3. having eyes which are transporting or which carry one away

### **evil eye**

1. gazing on or staring someone in a menacing, threatening or negative way or to glare, gloat, glower or frown at someone in order to inflict injury (superstition)

She **gave him the evil eye** to scare him.

2. (informal) giving someone a nasty, dirty or dark look, to throw or give someone a look which could kill or look daggers in order to cause someone bad luck or injury

### **eye appeal**

1. being nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, handsome, pretty, beautiful  
Is he is handsome? Yes, I would say that he definitely had **eye appeal**.
2. (highly stylized) lovely, artistic, exquisite, in grand-style
3. (informal) good-looking, have good looks, **pleasing to eye**, **easy on the eye**, easy to look at or not hard to look at, **eye-filling**
4. (slang) **eye-candy**

### **eye for**

1. talent, skill, gift, genius, aptness or aptitude for  
He **has an eye for** photography.
2. (informal) having a knack, know-how, bent or flair for, crack or whiz in, **a mind for**
3. (slang) crackerjack or sharp at
4. (French) savior-faire
5. weakness for taste for, favoritism liking for, fondness for, bias, fancy, special feeling for  
You know that you don't have a chance to get the role; he has an **eye for** her and only her.

6. (more stylized) propensity for, partiality, disposition, inclination toward, preference, partialness, predisposal for, proclivity for, affinity
7. (informal) special spot for, bent toward, leaning for, leaning toward, mind for, soft spot for

### **eyeball-to-eyeball**

1. facing one another, standing in front of or looking at one another  
**Eyeball to eyeball**, they will work it out.
2. (informal) **nose to nose**, **head to head**, **face to face**, **seeing eye to eye**
3. (slang) **eyeball to eyeball**, **seeing eyeball to eyeball**
4. in opposition, confronting, standing in opposition, affronting, challenging, **facing in defiance**  
Yes, I must admit that being **eyeball to eyeball**, was terrifying.
5. (French) tête-à-tête, vis à vis, à deux

### **eye catching**

1. appealing, interesting, awing, mesmerizing, intriguing, fascinating, hypnotizing, overawing  
Although I do not like it, I must admit that it is **eye catching**.
2. (highly stylized) tantalizing, bewitching, enchanting, calling forth, enticing, enrapturing, bedeviling, alluring
3. drawing, taking, engrossing, holding the attention of, dazzling, capturing one's fancy, bedazzling, catchy, razzling-dazzling, luring,  
**capturing one's eye**

### **eye contact**

1. looking someone directly in the face or in the eyes  
When we made **eye contact**, we fell in love.
2. **eye contact, meeting one's eyes, meeting eyes, making eye contact**

### **eye dialect**

the use of misspelling in writing to demonstrate the level of education of a character in a novel or story i.e. "daz" instead of "does" or "cuz" instead of "because"

### **eyedropperful**

1. bite, small portion, spoonful, forkful, small part, small piece, drop, sprinkling, chip  
I don't want a lot, just an **eyedropperful**.
2. (more stylized) nip, touch, modicum, snippet, morse, crumb, hint
3. (informal) dab, dram, dribble, bit, smidgen, scrap, pinch, splotch, trace, trifle, tinge, snatch, dash, slip

### **eye-filling**

1. being nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, handsome, pretty, beautiful  
Is he handsome? Yes, I would say that he **is eye-filling**.
2. (highly stylized) lovely, artistic, exquisite, in grand-style, sumptuous
3. (informal) good-looking, have good looks, **pleasing to eye, easy on the eye**, easy to look at or not hard to look at, **eye-filling**
4. (slang) **eye-candy**

### **eyeless**

1. not seeing, sightless, blind,
2. (more stylized) unseeing, purblind
3. (informal) stone blind

### **eye of meat**

choice or the most selected cut of meat  
i.e. the **eye of the rib**

### **eye of the needle**

the part of the needle through which the thread is passed  
My eyes are so bad that I no longer can see the **eye of the needle**.

### **eye-opener**

1. something which forces someone to confront or deal with reality  
His words and behavior were **a real eye-opener**. I now know what kind of person he is.
2. (informal) something which does not allow one to run away from what is, or to **put** or **hide one's head in the sand**, that which obligates one to **face reality**, that which does permit one to be an ostrich or to **hide** or **put one's head in a hole**
3. stupefying, amazing, stunning, shocking, jarring, out of the ordinary or unbelievable  
His first rejection letter from the publisher **was a real eye opener**.
4. (more stylistic) sudden and surprising revelation, disconcerting, astounding, discomposing, incredible, jarring

5. (informal) knocking the wind out of, flooring, stupefying, being like a ton of brick, splashing cold water on, **opening one's eyes**, waking one up, **taking one's breath away**, **putting one on one's toes**, dumbfounding, flummoxing or **making one's head swim**
6. (slang) mind blower, blowing one's mind, mind boggler, boggling the mind
7. drink, alcohol, alcoholic beverage, cheap whiskey
8. (more stylized) stimulant, intoxicant, liquor, spirits
9. (informal) sauce, bracer, shot
10. (slang) jigger, moonshine, booze, rot gut, jolt, hooch, pull, spot, snort, white lightning, medicine, firewater

### **eye opening**

1. stupefying, amazing, stunning, shocking, jolting, out of the ordinary, unbelievable  
His first rejection letter from the publisher **was eye opening**.
2. (more stylistic) surprising revelation, disconcerting, astounding, discomposing, incredible, jarring
3. (informal) to be that which knocks the wind out of, floors, stupefies, is like a ton of brick, splashes cold water on, **opens one's eyes**, wakes one up, **takes one's breath away**, **puts one on one's toes**, dumbfounds, flummoxes or **makes one's head swim**
3. (slang) to be that which is a mind blower, blows one's mind, is a mind boggler or boggles the mind

### **eye-popper**

1. something which causes one to **open one's eyes in surprise**, in astonishment or in wonder, to be astounding, bewildering, surprising, electrifying, or dazzling  
That photograph was definitely an **eye-popper!** I had never seen anything like it before.
2. (informal) that which causes one to be bawled over, left breathless, or blown away

### **eye-popping**

1. surprising, astounding, astonishing  
What an **eye-popping** model. She definitely attracts attention.
2. (informal) staggering, paralyzing, stunning, to be something which takes one aback, leaves one dumbfounded or rendered speechless

### **eyes-front**

1. alert, wide-awake, observant, intent, quick on the uptake, paying attention to, on guard  
He is **eyes-front** and, therefore, ready to take command on a moment's notice.
2. (more stylistic) advertent, chary, cautious, regardful, heedful, wary, vigilant, on the qui vive, conscious
3. (informal) on the look out, **eyes-front**, quick on the trigger, **heads up**, on the stick, **on one's toes**, nobody's fool, **one's eyes peeled**, **all eyes**, all seeing

### **eye-reach**

within view, can be seen, not too far off

I don't want you over there. I want you here in **eye-reach**.



### **eye sight**

1. sight, vision, discernment  
I'm afraid that her **eye sight** is failing.
2. range of vision, gaze, view  
My **eye sight** is not that good; I can not see that far away.
3. observation, contemplation

### **eyesore**

1. defacement, mar, scar, disfigurement  
All this writing on the wall is an **eyesore**.
2. (informal) uglification
3. defect, blemish, blot, stain, blight  
These ghettos are an **eyesore** to the city.

### **eye to eye**

1. facing one another or looking at one another  
Once they **are eye to eye**, they will work it out.
2. (informal) **nose to nose, head to head, face to face, seeing eye to eye**
3. (slang) **eyeball to eyeball, seeing eyeball to eyeball**
4. in opposition, confronting, standing in opposition, affronting, challenging, **facing in defiance**  
Yes, I must admit that being **eye to eye**, was terrifying.
5. (French) tête-à-tête, vis à vis, à deux

## eye-wash

1. liquid which is used to clean or relieve strain in the eyes
2. foolishness, nonsense, rot, balderdash, rubbish, jargon, rigmarole, rubbish, bombast
3. (informal) gibberish, bunk, fiddle-faddle, stuff and nonsense, malarkey, poppycock, tripe, hokum, fiddle-de-de
4. (slang) garbage, humbug, horse feathers, hogwash, mumbo-jumbo, gooblegook, kibosh, hocus-pocus, abracadabra, baloney, hoey, applesauce
5. **(vulgar) crap, bull, bullshit**

## eyewink

1. a blink, the closing, winking or squinting of the eye
2. **shutting one's eye to**, ignoring, shrugging off, pretending not to notice or see, paying no heed to, brushing aside, disregarding, winking at, **closing one's eye**, **turning a blind eye**  
He gave his son an **eyewink** to let him know that everything was going to be okay.
3. in a short time, minute, while, stroke of time, moment or second  
In an **eyewink**, everything changed.
4. **in a twinkling of an eye**, wink, flash, **wink of the eye**, breath, jiffy, **bat of the eye**, shake of a lamb's tail, twinkle or twinkling, in less than no time
5. (slang) in a crack, sec, half a mo, flash, trice, jiff, or split second
6. (French) coup d'oeil

### **eyewitness**

1. witness, onlooker, bystander  
She was an **eyewitness** to the robbery.
2. spectator, viewer, one who stares, glares or look hard at  
I was an **eyewitness** to the historic event.
3. (informal) gawker, one who stands agape, rubbernecks, gawks, goggle, ogles

### **eyes full of angry**

1. having eyes which are blazing, threatening, stormy, feverish, violent, burning, hostile, angry, fierce, raging or inflaming  
I don't understand why you always have such **angry eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are seething, belicose, menacing, boding, turbulent, looming, agitated, smoldering, belligerent, foreboding, tempestuous, wild or wrathful

### **eyes full of life**

1. eyes which are lively, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent, fervent  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were that she had **eyes full of life** .
2. (more stylistic) eyes resplendent, which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistering, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited, mirthful
3. (informal) having eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy, full of vim and vigor

### **ferret eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
You can not fool him so easily; he has **ferret-eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, sharp eyed, quick witted, **long headed**
4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **filmed over eyes**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
**Filmed over eyes** are difficult to see out of.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are impervious to light, opaque, nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes**, **glazed over eyes**, **filmed over eyes**

### **for as far as the eye could see**

1. what is in one's sight, field of vision  
**For as far as the eye** could see there were beautiful red roses.
2. (informal) what is **within one's eyeshot** or **eye reach**

### **for one's eyes only**

1. information for no one else but for the indicated person, confidentially, out of public view, secretly, privately, in private  
This letter is **for your eyes only**.
2. (more stylistic) under the veil, intimately, in strict confidence, under the rose, sub-rosa, unofficially
3. (informal) up one's sleeve, in a whisper, only between us, between you and me and the lamp post, under one's hat, on the hush-hush, **for one's eyes only**
4. (slang) on the Q.T.
5. (French) entre nous
6. (Latin) inter nos

### **fluttering one's eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
**Fluttering her eyes** at the little boy, the little girl laughed.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at, goo-goo eyes, calf's eyes,** flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at, making sheep eyes at,** looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes, making eyes at**

### **gimlet-eyes**

(in reference to the gimlet, a small tool sharp which bores holes)

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
You can not fool him so easily; he has **gimlet-eyes**.

2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, sharp eyed, quick witted, **long headed**
4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **glad eye**

interested look or glance, flirtatious or teasing glance

### **glassy-eyes**

1. drunk, tipsy, high, under the influence of  
You can't go to your home like you are. You have very **glassy eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) drunk as a piper, having a glow, besotted, intoxicated, in one's cup, inebriated, sodden, drunk as a lord, obfuscated, grogged
3. (informal) **glassy eyed**, groggy, feeling good, saturated, woozy, **bleary eyed**, high, mellow, **full to the back teeth**
4. (slang) tight, pickled, loaded, lit, **pie-eyed**, lubricated lit up, stewed, drunk as a skunk, feeling no pain, three sheets to the wind, half-cocked, **cock-eyed**, bombed
5. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, having eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like

Something is very wrong; she has very **glassy eyes**.

6. (more stylistic) being inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
7. (informal) being steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, having eyes which are icy cold, glazed over or glossed over

### **glazed over eyes**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
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2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are impervious to light, opaque, nontransparent
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She bored out of her mind; look at her **glazed over eyes**.
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### **gleam in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that he had a **gleam in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **glimmer in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
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### **glint in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic,



exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright

What I loved the most was that he had a **glint in his eyes**.

2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
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### **glistening eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears  
Her **glistening eyes** greatly moved me.
2. eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful, glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **glistening eyes**.
3. (more stylistic) eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating, aglimmer
4. (informal) have eyes which light up

### **glow in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which are lively, glinting, gleaming, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, fluttering, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember the most about her was that she **had a glow in her eyes**.

2. (more stylistic) having eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful
3. (informal) having eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

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What I loved the most was that he had **glowing eyes**.
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### **good eye**

an eye for detail, can see the small stuff, can see the forest from the trees, knows that similar does not mean identical  
My mother always had a **good eye** for detail.

### **googly-eye**

1. having one's eyes or eyeballs go up in one's head, having one eyes move from side to side and top to bottom  
I will not allow you to googly-eyes at me.
2. (informal) **rolling one's eyes**

### **goo-goo eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
She's always **making goo-goo eyes at** me.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at**, flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at**, **making sheep eyes at**, looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes**, **making eyes at**
3. (slang) ogling at, **making goo-goo eyes at**

### **gorgeous eyes**

1. having eyes which are beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, radiant, loving, gorgeous, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely  
The first thing that I noticed about her was that she had such **lovely eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are splendorous, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous
3. having eyes which are **breath-taking**, comely or fetching

### **gouging one's eyes out**

1. **taking out one's eyes**, **removing one's eye**, blinding, taking away one's sight, **poking out of one's eyes**  
**Gouging one's eyes out** is one way to torture a prisoner.
2. rendering sightless, **gouging out the eyes of**, depriving of sight
3. (informal) robbing one of sight

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### **hard on the eyes**

1. ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive, plain  
Although he is rather **hard on the eyes**, when he is well-dressed, he can be quite a **striking figure**.
2. (more stylized) uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely, rather ugly
3. (informal) not much to look at, hard favored, short on looks, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**
4. (slang) hard to look at, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus, God-awful, God-awful ugly, oogly

### **hawk-eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
You can not fool him so easily; he has **hawk eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded, clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted,

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### **hazed over eyes**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
**Hazed over eyes** are difficult to read.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are impervious to light, opaque or nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes, glazed over eyes, filmed over eyes**

### **heavy eyes**

1. having half asleep or tired eyes, being very tired, half-asleep, exhausted, sleepy, ready for bed  
Come on, honey. I can tell by your **heavy eyes** that you're sleepy.
2. being slumbery, somnolent, fatigued or slumberous
3. (informal) having eyes which are yawny, drowsy or drooping, being **heavy-eyed**, nodding, half asleep, drowsy, **asleep on one's feet**, dozy, groggy, having **drooping eyes**
4. (slang) being dopey, beat, ready to drop, dead, shot, pooped, **dead on one's feet**, dog-tired, done in
5. (British) being fagged, fagged out

### **hollow-eyes**

1. ghostly, pale, anemic, corpse-like, drawn, ghastly, skeletal, white, haggard
2. (more stylized) wan, etiolated, gaunt, sallow, cadaverous, pallid emaciated, wasted, peaked
3. (informal) way-worn, bloodless, drained, death-like, washed, worn, washed-out, spent, colorless
4. (slang) white as a sheet, done in, like death warmed over, ready to drop, played out, ghost-like, white as a ghost

### **hungry eyes**

1. having eyes which are greedy, wishing for, craving, pining, hoping aching to, needing, eager, aching for, burning for or hoping for I'm not worried about her; she has such **hungry eyes** that she will succeed.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which shows that one is voracious, languishing, yearning, desiderative, rapacious or covetous
3. (informal) showing with one's eyes that one is wanting with all one's heart, dying for, itching, setting one's heart on, thirsty, set on, burning, wanting or hankering for
4. (slang) showing one is wanting in the worst way or leching after, having a yen for or panting for

### **icy eyes**

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, having eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like

Look at those **icy eyes**. You can see that she is indifferent to other people's pain.

2. (more stylistic) being inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion
3. (informal) being steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, having eyes which are dead, dull, icy cold, glazed over or glossed over

### **icy cold eyes**

1. having an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, having eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like  
Look at those **icy cold eyes**. You can see that she is indifferent to other people's pain.
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### **in a blink of an eye**

1. in a short time, minute, while, stroke of time, moment or second  
It all happened **in a blink of an eye**.

2. **in a twinkling of an eye**, wink, flash, **wink of the eye**, breath, jiffy, **bat of the eye**, shake of a lamb's tail, twinkle or twinkling, in less than no time
3. (slang) in a crack, sec, half a mo, flash, trice, jiff, or split second
4. (French) coup d'oeil

**in a pig's eye** (slang/scornful)  
(said to show one's disbelief or scorn)  
Yeah, sure I believe you. **In a pig's eye!!!**

**in front of one's very eyes**

1. in a manner which is clear, unmistakable or evident, without a doubt or question, without concealing or hiding  
So that I would not have any doubts that he did not love me anymore, he kiss the woman **in front of my very eyes**.
2. (French) en évidence
3. plain as the nose on one's face, plain as day, crystal-clear, bald-faced, out in the open

**in one's eyes**

in one's estimation, judgment, estimation, thinking, or sentiment  
**In my eyes**, you are as beautiful as the day that we married.

**in one's mind's eye**

in one's imagination or mind  
Only **in my mind's eye** is Paris the most beautiful city in the world.



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### **in the bull's eye**

1. correct, accurate, true, exact  
He hit it **in the bull's eye**
2. (more stylistic) precise, unerring
3. (informal) right on, deadly, on the mark, unerring, on target,  
**on the nose**
4. (slang) on the dot, on the spot on, on the button, on the money

### **in the eye of the storm**

1. in the midst, center, epicenter, core or kernel of a storm  
If we do not hurry, we will be caught  
**in the eye of the storm**.
2. (highly stylized) point of convergence, cynosure
3. (informal) in the **belly, eye, stomach, thick, dead center, thick of, gut**

4. in the center, focal point, crux, nucleus of a problem  
The president is now firmly **in the eye of the storm** of his own creation.

#### **in the eyes of**

1. in the manner or way of looking at something  
position, point of view  
**In the eyes of** the public, you have already been tried and judged.
2. in the extreme forward of a ship or vessel  
She was waiting for him **in the eyes of ship**.

#### **in the eyes of millions**

in the judgment, estimation or opinion of a large number of people  
**In the eyes of millions**, he will always be someone who killed his wife.

#### **in the eyes of the law**

in the judgment, estimation or opinion of the law  
**In the eyes of the law**, he is not guilty. You must accept that.

#### **in the eyes of the police**

in the judgment, estimation or opinion of law enforcement  
**In the eyes of the police**, he was extremely dangerous.

#### **in the eyes of the world**

in the judgment, estimation or opinion of everyone, of the people  
**In the eyes of the world**, he will always be someone who killed his wife.

#### **in the public eye**

1. in the news, in the gossip columns, prominent, famous, infamous  
I would not want to **be in the public eye**; I like my privacy.

2. (stylized) of great repute, of consequences, of great reputation, consequential
3. **on everyone's tongue**, gossiped about, on the front page right in front for the whole world to see, one of the famous and beautiful people, right there in the open
3. (slang) on the grapevine, having one's business in the street

### **in the twinkle of an eye**

1. in a minute, moment, an instant, second or a very short time  
I don't know what happened; it all happened so quickly, **in a the twinkle of an eye**
2. (informal) **in a breath**, twinkling, flash, two shakes of a lamb's tail, jiffy, **twinkle of an eye**, wink, flash or **wink of the eye**  
It all happened **in the twinkle of an eye**.
3. (slang) in a sec, crack, sec, half a mo, flash, trice, jiff, or split second
4. (French) coup d'oeil

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In the **twinkling of an eye**, everything changed.
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3. (slang) in a crack, sec, half a mo, flash, trice, jiff, or split second

4. (French) coup d'oeil

### **in the wink of the eye**

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In the **wink of the eye**, everything changed.
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### **inviting eyes**

1. having eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
Such **inviting eyes**! My God, how does his wife put up with him?!

2. (more stylized) having eyes which are tempting, prepossessing, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or enravishing
3. having eyes which are **mouth-watering**, catching, drawing, transporting or taking
4. having eyes which are yummy

### **jaundiced eye**

1. being disapproving, biased, prejudiced, hesitant or overly critical having a suspicious eye, not trusting, not believing, doubting  
He knew that he was not convincing her; she **sees everything with a jaundice eye.**
2. (informal) being skeptical, dubious, predisposed, disparaging, distrustful, misanthropic
3. (informal) being from Missouri, **looking at something with a chary, guarded, narrow-minded, nervous, uneasy, shaky or leery eye, having a jaundice eye**

### **keen-eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
My mother has **keen-eyes**. Nothing missed her attention.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded, clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **ferret-eyed**, keen-sighted, **clear-minded, keen**

**eyed, eagle-eyed, gimlet-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**

4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **laughing eyes**

1. having eyes which are vigorous, enthusiastic, agile, exciting, effervescent nimble, or dynamic, bright having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, What I loved the most was that he had a **gleam in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are animating, agile, vivid, invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, being eyes which have a glint, sparkle, bedazzle, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are playful, sprightly, quick, lit up, full of pep, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty, frisky or full of get up and go

### **lively eyes**

1. eyes which are lively, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent, fervent The thing which I remember the most about her was that she had **lively eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful

3. (informal) eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

### **locking eyes**

1. staring, looking directly in the face or in the eyes  
With **locked eyes**, they fell in love.
2. (more stylized) holding one's gaze steadfast, standing agog, staring steady, looking intently on, looking intently upon, holding one's gaze, gazing at
3. (informal) **eying, making eye contact, meeting eyes, eyeballing**, looking hard at
4. (slang) goggling, ogling
5. (looking at steady in a negative sense) looking daggers, glaring, gaping, looking at darkly, glaring at, glowering, glowering at, leering at, gawking, staring angrily at, scowling, staring down

### **lovely eyes**

1. having eyes which are beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, radiant, loving, gorgeous, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely  
The first thing that I noticed about her was that she had such **lovely eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are splendorous, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous
3. having eyes which are **breath-taking**, comely or fetching

### **lynx-eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful  
You can not fool him so easily; he has **lynx-eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, sharp eyed, quick witted, **long headed**
4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **making calf's eyes at**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
Children are always **making goo-goo eyes at** one another.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at**, **goo-goo eye**, flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at**, **making sheep eyes at**, looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes**, **making eyes at**

### **making eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
Look at her. **Making eyes at** every boy who comes in, it's shameful!
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at**, **goo-goo eyes**, **calf's eyes**, flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at**, **making sheep eyes at**, looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyes**, **batting one's eyelashes**, **making eyes at**



### **making goo-goo eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
Look at her. **Making goo-goo eyes at** every boy who comes in, it's shameful!
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at, goo-goo eyes, calf's eyes,** flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at, making sheep eyes at,** looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyes, batting one's eyelashes, making eyes at**

### **making sheep eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
**Making sheep eyes** at the little boy, the little girl laughed.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at, goo-goo eyes, calf's eyes,** flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at, making sheep eyes at,** looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes, making eyes at**

### **meeting eyes**

1. looking someone directly in the face or in the eyes  
When we made **eye contact**, we fell in love.
2. **eye contact, meeting one's eyes, meeting eyes, making eye contact**

### **misty-eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears, tearful, weepy or teary, crying, shedding tears or sobbing, having eyes which are moist with tears, having tears in one's eyes, having **moist, misty or dewy eyes**  
During the whole ceremony she had **misty eyes**.
2. lachrymose, lachrymatory, lachrymal

3. maudlin, romantic, emotional, fond of or in love, care a lot for, having a crush on  
Wipe your **misty eyes!** You're making it so obvious that you like him.
4. (more stylistic) smitten by, mawkish, sentimental, amorous, emotional, overemotional, maudlin, overly affectionate, impassioned, infatuated
5. (informal) soft on, sweet on, **soft-hearted**, soupy, **open-hearted**, mushy, **starry-eyed**, **tender-hearted**, feeling, **head-in-the clouds**, **misty eyed**, **dewy-eyed**
6. (slang) drippy, gooey, mooning over, gushing, in calf love, bubbling over or in puppy love, mushy
7. (Australian) soony
8. ready for tears, on the verge of crying, about to burst out in tears, ready to cry, crying  
You have **misty eyes**. Are you crying?
9. (more stylistic) teary, tearful, weepy, on the verge of tear, weeping
10. (informal) blubbing

### **moist-eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears, tearful, weepy or teary, crying, shedding tears or sobbing, having eyes which are moist with tears, having tears in one's eyes, having **moist**, **misty** or **dewy eyes**  
During the whole ceremony she had **moist eyes**.
2. lachrymose, lachrymatory, lachrymal

3. maudlin, romantic, emotional, fond of or in love, care a lot for, having a crush on  
Wipe your **moist eyes!** You're making it so obvious that you like him.
4. (more stylistic) smitten by, mawkish, sentimental, amorous, emotional, overemotional, maudlin, overly affectionate, impassioned, infatuated
5. (informal) soft on, sweet on, **soft-hearted**, soupy, **open-hearted**, mushy, **starry-eyed**, **tender-hearted**, feeling, **head-in-the clouds**, **misty eyed**, **dewy-eyed**
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You have **misty eyes**. Are you crying?
9. (more stylistic) teary, tearful, weepy, on the verge of tear, weeping
10. (informal) blubbering

### **not a dry eye in the house**

1. having everyone in the audience crying  
The movie was so sad that there **was not a dry eye in the house**.
2. (more stylistic) to have all the members of the audience shedding tears, weeping, sobbing, having tears in the eyes of everyone in the audience

3. (informal to slang) to have the audience blubbering, boohooing or bawling

### **opening someone's eyes**

1. making someone finally realize the truth, enlightening, exposing, revealing, unfolding, divulging, unveiling, unmasking  
**Opening someone's eyes** has always been difficult.
2. (more stylized) disabusing, elucidating, disillusioning, illuminating, disenchanting, unbeguiling
3. (informal) shattering one's illusions, making plain, breaking the spell, letting know, clueing in, throwing light on, making clear, spell out, pointing out, shedding light on, laying open, making someone grow up
4. (slang) waking someone up, setting one straight, bursting one's bubble, snapping one out of it, setting someone right, making one see the real world, telling the truth

### **out of half closed eyes**

1. squinting, **squint-eyed**, suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes**, **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
When I told him how much I earned he looked **out of half closed eyes** and gave me a cynical smile.
2. (more stylistic) awry, skew, wry, glancing obliquely glancing, asquint, askew, dubiously, aslant, looking askance
3. (informal) **crossed eyed**, off-centered, sideways, slantwise, **seeing with half an eye**, crookedly, off-balance, crosswise, with a side glance, at an angle, **screwing up the eyes**

### **out of the corner of one's eyes**

1. squinting, **squint-eyed**, suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes**, **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
When I told him how much I earned he looked at me **out of the corner of his eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) awry, skew, wry, glancing obliquely glancing, asquint, askew, dubiously, aslant, looking askance
3. (informal) **crossed eyed**, off-centered, sideways, slantwise, **seeing with half an eye**, crookedly, off-balance, crosswise, with a side glance, at an angle, **screwing up the eyes**

### **overflowing eyes**

1. tearful, weepy, teary, tearful, crying, shedding tears, sobbing or weeping, **with brimming eyes**, having eyes which are moist with tears, having tears in one's eyes, having **moist**, **misty** or **dewy eyes**  
When she met him at the door **with overflowing eyes**, he knew that she was sorry for what she had done.
2. (informal) **dewy-eyed**, ready to burst out in tears
3. (slang) on the verge of bawling, boohooing, blubbering

### **peeled eyes**

1. vigilant, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant
2. (more stylistic) **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen
3. (informal) on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**

## **penetrating eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, knowing, wise  
She has such **penetrating eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning, perspicacious, informed, insightful, cognizant, piercing, penetrating , probing
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, being able to see right through someone, alert
4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang, brainy
5. having eyes which are glaring, firmly fixed, absorbing, riveting, piercing, engaging, gripping, captivating, engrossing, scrutinizing, locking, attention-getting or attracting  
With those **penetrating eyes**, she seems to be from another world.
6. (more stylized) having eyes which are enchanting, hypnotizing, enrapturing, alluring, mesmerizing, entrancing, spellbinding, monopolizing, enthralling, hypnotic, compelling, alluring or fastening
7. (more informal) having eyes which are holding, holding fast, having eyes which monopolize or hold one's attention, have one under one's spells, have one under a spell

### **piercing blue eyes**

1. having eyes which are so blue and expressive that they seem to penetrate, bore, electrify, drill through one, eyes which are bewitching, absorbing, fascinating, engaging, arresting or hypnotizing  
She is so scary looking, especially her **piercing blue eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are entrancing, transpiercing, spellbinding, enchanting, transfixing, riveting, enrapturing, engrossing, captivating, piercing, enthralling or fixating
3. (informal) having eyes which hold, hold one's attention or which are attention-getting

### **piercing eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, knowing, wise  
She has **piercing eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning, perspicacious, informed, insightful, cognizant, piercing, penetrating , probing
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, being able to see right through someone, alert
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7. (more informal) having eyes which are holding or holding fast, having eyes which monopolize or hold one's attention, have one under one's spells, have one under a spell

### **pink eyes**

conjunctivitis, inflamed eyes

### **pleasing to the eye**

1. nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, handsome, pretty, beautiful, **able-bodied**, well-built, attractive, handsome  
I have no complaints. He **is truly pleasing to the eye**.
2. (highly stylized) lovely, artistic, exquisite, in grand-style, well-endowed, voluptuous, interesting, appealing or stunning
3. (informal) good-looking, have good looks, **pleasing to eye**, **easy on the eye**, easy to look at or not hard to look at, **eye-filling**, well-shaped, proportioned, pleasing, inviting, **tooth-some**, **eye-catching**, tempting
4. (slang) **eye-candy**, stacked, **full-bosomed**, built, built like a brick house, shapely, busty, curvaceous
5. (slang to vulgar) comely, great looking behind, desirable, come-hither



### **poking one's eyes out**

1. **taking out one's eyes, removing one's eye**, blinding, taking away one's sight, **poking out of one's eyes**  
**Poking one's eyes out** is one way to torture a prisoner.
2. rendering sightless, **gouging out the eyes of**, depriving of sight
3. (informal) robbing one of sight, **putting out one's eyes**

### **putting out one's eyes**

1. **taking out one's eyes, removing one's eye**, blinding, taking away one's sight, **poking out of one's eyes**  
**Putting out one's eyes** is one way to torture a prisoner.
2. rendering sightless, **gouging out the eyes of**, depriving of sight
3. (informal) robbing one of sight, **poking one's eyes out**

### **private eye**

1. a detective who does not work for the police department, investigator, private investigator  
I used to work for the police but now I am a **private eye**.
2. (informal) Sherlock, shadow, sleuth, tail, bird dog
3. gum shoe
4. **(slang/sometimes considered vulgar) dick, private dick**

### **public eye**

1. publicity, observation, fame, glare, interest, notoriety, attention

popularity, brilliance, strong light

Now that you published my story; I will be in the **public eye** for many months.

2. (more stylized) acclaim, publicity, eminency, consciousness, notability, distinction, significance, harsh light, radiance
3. (informal) brightlight, blinding flash, spotlight, glare of public attention, limelight, in the spotlight, in the limelight

### **puffy eyes**

swollen or puffed up eyes as a result of crying or allergies

I always have **puffy eyes** during hay fever season.

### **putting out one's eyes**

1. **taking out one's eyes, removing one's eye**, blinding, taking away one's sight, **poking out of one's eyes**  
**Poking out one's eyes** is one way to torture a prisoner.
2. rendering sightless, **gouging out the eyes of**, depriving of sight
3. (informal) robbing one of sight

### **ravishing eyes**

1. having eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
He has such **ravishing eyes** that if I don't leave now, I am going to regret it.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are tempting, prepossessing, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or enravishing

3. having eyes which are catching, sexy, drawing, transporting or taking

### **red-eye**

1. undesirable effect from the retina when the flashgun is too near the camera lens  
Because of new technology, red eye is no longer is a problem. It can be air-brushed out.
2. drink, alcohol, alcoholic beverage, cheap whiskey
3. (more stylized) stimulant, intoxicant, liquor, spirits
4. (informal) sauce, bracer, shot
5. (slang) jigger, moonshine, booze, rot gut, jolt, hooch, pull, spot, snort, white lightning, medicine, firewater

### **red-eye flight**

long-distance flight that leaves late at night and arrives very early in the morning

I prefer to take a **red-eye flight**. I can sleep throughout the flight.

### **red-eye special**

cheap long-distance flight that leaves late at night and arrives very early in the morning

I saved a lot of money taking the **red-eye special**.

### **rough on the eyes**

1. ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive, plain  
Although he is rather **rough on the eyes**, when he is well-dressed, he can be quite a **striking figure**.

2. (more stylized) uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely, rather ugly
3. (informal) not much to look at, hard favored, short on looks, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**
4. (slang) hard to look at, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus, God-awful, God-awful ugly, oogle

### **sad eyes**

1. depressed, sad, low, sorrowful, miserable, tearful, crush, discouraged  
What I remembered the most about my mother was her **sad eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) despondent, **heart-sick**, dispirited, **heavy-hearted**, downcast, grieved, **sick at heart**, melancholy, inconsolable, crestfallen, feeling low
3. (informal) **long faced, down in the mouth**, down, down in the dumps
4. (slang) glum, in the pits, blue, bummed out

### **seductive eyes**

1. having eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
What **seductive eyes**!
2. (more stylized) having eyes which are tempting, prepossessing, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or enravishing

3. having eyes which are mouth-watering, catching, drawing, transporting or taking
4. having eyes which are yummy

### **sexy eyes**

1. having eyes which are coy, sensuous, striking, dallying, beautiful, enchanting, coquettish, appealing, inviting, arousing, seductive, flirtatious, ensnaring or pleasing  
He is so gorgeous; he has such **sexy eyes**.
2. having eyes which are bedeviling, exciting, vivifying, tantalizing, transfixing, sensual, rousing, beckoning, ravishing, wanton, captivating or come-hither
3. having eyes which are fast and loose, jolting, **mouth-watering**, wolfish or foxy

### **sharp eyes**

1. astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, glaring, riveting, piercing  
She has **sharp eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning, perspicacious, informed
3. (informal) sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, being able to see right through someone, alert

4. (slang) on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang

### **sheep eyes**

1. looking at someone in such a way to show one's interest, teasing, expressing one's love, attraction or interest on one's face  
Stop with the **sheep eyes**. She must stop flirting with the girls.
2. (informal) **making calf's eyes at, goo-goo eyes, calf's eyes,** flirting with, throwing oneself at, winking at, **fluttering one's eyes at, making sheep eyes at,** looking sweet at, playing footsie, **batting one's eyelashes, making eyes at**

### **shimmering eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears  
Her **shimmering eyes** greatly moved me.
2. eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful or glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **shimmering eyes**. They were beautiful.
3. (more stylistic) eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating or aglimmer
4. (informal) have eyes which light up

### **shine in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that he had a **shine in his eyes**.

2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **shining eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears  
Her **shining eyes** greatly moved me.
2. eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful or glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **shining eyes**.
3. (more stylistic) eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating or aglimmer
4. (informal) have eyes which light up

### **slanted eyes**

**derogatory and disparaging description of persons of east and south east Asia (China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia)**

### **sloe-eyes**

having very dark eyes and almond shaped eyes

### **spark one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that he had a **spark in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **sparkle in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that he had a **sparkle in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **squinted-eyes**

1. squinting, **squint-eyed**, suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes**, **out of the corner of one's eyes**



When I told him how much I earned he looked at me with **squinted eyes**.

2. (more stylistic) awry, skew, wry, glancing obliquely glancing, asquint, askew, dubiously, aslant
3. (informal) **out of the corner of one's eyes**, off-centered, sideways, slantwise, crookedly, off-balance, crosswise, with a side glance, at an angle

### **starry-eyes**

1. being unreal, idealistic, romantic, unrealistic, impractical or overly optimistic or dreamy  
Students with **starry-eyes** are always daydreaming.
2. (more stylistic) being madcap, chimerical, quixotic, preposterous, utopian or inutile
3. (informal) seeing life through rose colored glasses, being dreamy, living on cloud nine, being builder of castles in the sky, **head-in-the-sky** or spacey, **having one's head in the sky**
4. (Latin) in nubibus

### **stars in one's eyes**

1. being unreal, idealistic, romantic, unrealistic, impractical or overly optimistic or dreamy  
She's in love; therefore, at least for now, she has **stars in her eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) being madcap, chimerical, quixotic, preposterous, utopian or inutile
3. (informal) seeing life through rose colored glasses, **have stars in one's eyes**, being dreamy, living on cloud nine, **starry eyed**, being

builder of castles in the sky, **head-in-the-sky** or spacey, **having one's head in the sky**

4. (Latin) in nubibus
5. being greatly impressed, obsessed, fascinated, ruled, controlled or monopolized by Hollywood, celebrities and fame  
Ever since she went to Los Angeles she has had **stars in her eyes**.
6. being prepossessed, fixated, or preoccupied by, absorbed or immersed in Hollywood, celebrities and fame
7. (informal) being stage struck, wrapped up, crazed or gripped by, caught up in Hollywood, celebrities and fame

### **surrounding the eye**

circumocular

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### **tired eyes**

1. tired looking, exhausted  
She had such **tired eyes** that I sent her home.
2. (informal) to look worn out, washed out, wiped out, dog-tired, dead tired, dead, dead on one's feet, or ready to drop
3. (slang) to look fagged, fagged out, played out, spent, spent, pooped, pooped out

### **to the eye**

1. on the surface, to all appearance, outwardly, on the façade, wear the aspect of  
**To the eye** everything looks fine; however, you must look beyond the obvious.
2. (informal) on the face of it, strike one as being

### **the apple of one's eye**

1. one's favorite or preference  
His daughter **is the apple of his eye**.

2. (informal) being one's jewel, pearl, **fair-headed boy**, darling, pet, dearest or **fair-headed one, being someone after one's heart**
3. prodigy, miracle, wonder, marvel, phenomenon
4. (informal) being one in a thousand, a rare gem, in a million, a find, one of a kind or something to write home about
5. (slang) being a rare bird, **mind blower**, really something, quite a thing, a oner, **mind boggler** or something to shout about

### **the naked eye**

without the aid of glasses, microscopes, or telescopes  
You can not see most germs with **the naked eye**.

### **through the eyes of**

from the perspective of, from the point of view of  
When you compete, you should always see the game **through the eyes of** your opponent.

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to look at something without glasses, a microscope, or a telescope  
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### **twinkle in one's eyes**

1. having eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, being eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, having eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that he had a **twinkles in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) having eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, having eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited,

luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, being eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla

3. (informal) having eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **twinkling eyes**

1. having eyes which are moist with tears, having eyes brimming with tears, having tears in one's eyes
2. eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful or glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **twinkling eyes**.
3. (more stylistic) eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistering, scintillant, scintillating, aglimmer
4. (informal) having eyes which light up

### **under the eyes of**

1. being watched or under the close observation of, being guarded, protected or superintended by  
I'm not worry about my son only while he **is under the eye of** his mother.
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### **up to one's eyes**

1. overcome, engulfed, inundated, immersed, deluged by  
I **am up to my eyes in work.**
2. (informal) **over one's head**, swallowed up by, immersed in, steeped in, under an avalanche or mountain of, **up to one's ears**, buried or snowed under, be bowled over by, blitzed, swallowed up by, up to one's neck, **steeped to the eyebrows, up to one's eye**
3. (slang) **up to one's eyeballs**
4. **(vulgar) up to one's butt, behind, kister or ass in**

### **... when one was just a twinkle in one's father's eyes**

before one was born, before one's time

Your father and I met **when you were just a twinkle in your father's eyes.**

### **wide-eyes**

1. eager, anxious, anticipatory, breathless, alive  
She has such wide-eyes and ready for everything.
2. (informal) be on one's toes, on the ball, wide-awake or **bright-eyed and bushy-tailed**



3. stunned, wonder struck, awe-struck, agape, spell-bound
4. paralyzed with fear, struck-dumb or mute, paralyzed with wonder, frozen, struck speechless, open-mouthed, thunderstruck

### **wild eyes**

1. irrational, frantic, delirious, out of control, hysterical
2. (more stylistic) incoherent, in a dither, out of one's wits, frenzied, rabid, distraught, at one's wits,
3. (informal) wild, unstuck, beside oneself, all worked up, in a tizzy, **out of one's head**, **off one's head**, unstrung, raging, **foaming at the mouth**, at the end of one's rope, stark raving mad

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### **with both eyes wide open**

1. to be fully awake or aware, cognizant or conscious of one's own or another's actions  
There's no excuse because he did it **with both eyes wide open**.
2. (informal) to be wide awake to, mindful of, well aware of, sensible of, alert, on the ball, **on one's toes**, unblinking

### **with closed eyes**

1. unthinkingly, unknowingly, unawares, unintentionally, in a manner which is unplanned or cold, being ignorant, unaware or uninformed, without design  
When he joined the army, he did so **with closed eyes**. He had no idea what he was doing.
2. (more stylized) unwittingly, unconsciously, inadvertently, undesignedly, unpremeditatedly, in a manner which is unforeseen, incognizant, not deliberate, unconscious or oblivious
3. in ignorance, in the dark, knowing nothing, being blind or deaf to, **wide eyed**

### **with one eye open**

1. to be on guard, wary, or on watch for  
When I sleep away from home, I always do **with one eye open**.
2. to **be mindful, sharp-eyed, all eyes and ears, on one's toes, heads up**, awake, **eagle** or **hawk-eyed, all ears**

### **with one's eyes closed**

1. easily, without any effort, effortlessly, without any difficulty or trouble  
I can solve this grammar problem **with my eyes closed**.
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#### **with one's eyes open**

1. deliberately, on purpose, knowingly, intentionally, purposely, with intent, by design, consciously  
When I decided to leave the class I did so **with my eyes open**.
2. (more stylized) designedly, willfully, aforethought, calculatedly, on one's own accord, meditatively, preconcertedly, predeterminedly, resolutely, wittingly
3. (informal) in cold blood, with presence of mind, coldly, cold-bloodedly, mindfully

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#### **within eyesight**

1. within one's range or field of vision  
I can't see him; he's not **within eyesight**.
2. within eyeshot or eye reach

### **to bat one's eyes at**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, tease  
She's always **making eyes at** me.
2. (informal) to **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, throw oneself at, wink at **flutter one's eyes at**, **make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **bat one's eyelashes**, **make eyes at**
3. (slang) to ogle at, **make goo-goo eyes at**

### **to be a private eye**

1. to be a plainclothesman, operative, detective, private investigator  
Watch your mouth, he **is a private eye** who has some very big ears.
2. (informal) to be a gumshoe, sleuth or eye
3. (slang) to be a bird dog, fly ball, tail, fly bull or flatfoot
4. (could be considered vulgar) to be a private dick or dick

### **to be a sight for sore eyes**

to be a welcome, agreeable, or pleasing sight  
I am so glad to see you see. You **are a sight for sore eyes**.

### **to be all eyes**

1. to be on guard, wary, or on watch for  
When I sleep away from home, I am always **all eyes**.
2. to **be mindful**, **sharp-eyed**, **with one eye open**, **on one's toes**, **heads up**, awake, **eagle** or **hawk-eyed** or **all ears**
3. to look intently or steadfastly, give one one's full or undivided attention to, pay strict attention to

You definitely have their attention; they **are all eyes**.

4. to zero in on, direct one's thinking on, focus in one, **not look left or right but only straight ahead**

#### **to be all eyes and ears**

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1. to be an plainclothesman, operative, detective, private eye, private investigator  
He **is an eye** who works in the most dangerous area of the field.
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#### **to be an eye opener**

1. to be that which stupefies, amazes, stuns, is shocking, jarring, out of the ordinary or unbelievable

His first rejection letter from the publisher **was a real eye opener**.

2. (more stylistic) to be a sudden and surprising revelation, be that which disconcerts, astounds, discomposes, is incredible or jarring
3. (informal) to be that which knocks the wind out of, floors, stupefies, is like a ton of brick, splashes cold water on, **opens one's eyes**, wakes one up, **takes one's breath away**, **puts one on one's toes**, dumbfounds, flummoxes or **makes one's head swim**
4. (slang) to be that which is a mind blower, blows one's mind, is a mind boggler or boggles the mind

#### **to be an eye sore**

1. to be that which defaces, ruins, disfigures, flaws, deforms or mars  
All this writing on the wall **is an eye sore**.
2. (informal) to be that which uglifies or trashes

#### **to be done before one's eyes**

1. in plain sight, plain view, within one's range of vision, within one's field of vision  
He stole the car **before my very eyes**.
2. **in front of one's very nose**, **within eyeshot** or **eye reach**
3. to do something in a manner which is unconcealed, bold, audacious, undisguised, shameless, unblushing, exhibited, flagrant, open, blatant
4. (informal) to do something in a manner which is **barefaced**, **cheeky**, **boldfaced**, **nervy**, brassy

### **to be easy on the eye**

1. to be pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, be attractive, handsome, pretty, beautiful  
Is he is handsome? Yes, I would say that he **is definitely easy on the eye.**
2. (informal) to be good-looking, have good looks, **eye-filling**, easy to look at or not hard to look at
3. (slang) **eye-candy**

### **to be eye-candy**

1. to be handsome ,beautiful, pretty, attractive, pleasing to look at  
I know that he's not very intelligent but I'm not with him for his brains. He **is eye-candy.**
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### **to be eye catching**

1. to be appealing, interesting, awing, mesmerizing, intriguing, fascinating, hypnotizing or overawing  
That dress with its very long neckline **is sure eye-catching.**
2. (highly stylized) to be tantalizing, bewitching, enchanting, calling forth, enticing, enrapturing, bedeviling or alluring
3. to be drawing, taking, engrossing, holding the attention of, dazzling, capturing one's fancy, bedazzling, catchy, razzling-dazzling, luring, **capturing one's eye**

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### **to be eye to eye**

1. to be facing one another or looking at one another  
Once they **are eye to eye**, they will work it out.
2. (informal) to **be nose to nose**, **head to head** or **face to face**, **see eye to eye**
3. (slang) to **be eyeball to eyeball**, **see eyeball to eyeball**
4. to be in opposition, confront, stand in opposition, affront, challenge, **face in defiance**  
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### **to be eyes front**

1. to be alert, wide-awake, observant, intent, quick on the uptake, paying attention to or on guard  
He is **eyes front** and, therefore, ready to take command on a moment's notice.
2. (more stylistic) to be advertent, chary, cautious, regardful, heedful, wary, vigilant, on the qui vive or conscious
3. (informal) to be on the look out, **eyes front**, quick on the trigger, **heads up**, on the stick, **on one's toes**, nobody's fool, **one's eyes peeled**, **all eyes** or all seeing

### **to be hard on the eyes**

1. to be ugly, plain looking, bad looking, unattractive or plain  
Although he **is hard on the eyes**, when he is well-dressed, he can be quite a **striking figure**.
2. (more stylized) to be uncomely, homely, plain-featured, ill-favored, unsightly, unlovely or rather ugly
3. (informal) to be not much to look at, hard favored, short on looks, not much for looks or **have a face perfectly made for radio**

4. (slang) to be hard to look at, **hard on the eyes, rough on the eyes**, look like the back of the bus, God-awful, God-awful ugly, oogly

### **to be in the public eye**

1. to be in the news, in the gossip columns, prominent, famous, infamous  
I would not want to **be in the public eye**; I like my privacy.
2. (stylized) to be of great repute, of consequences, of great reputation, consequential
3. to be on everyone's tongue, be gossiped about, on the front page right in front for the whole world to see, one of the famous and beautiful people, right there in the open
4. (slang) to be on the grapevine, have one's business in the street

### **to be in the eye of the storm**

1. in the midst, center, epicenter, core or kernel of a storm  
This is not the worst of it. Wait until you are **in the eye of the storm**.
2. (highly stylized) point of convergence, cynosure
3. (informal) in the **belly, eye, stomach, thick, dead center, thick of, gut**
4. in the center, focal point, crux, nucleus of a problem  
The two leaders are now firmly **in the eye of the storm** of their own creation.

### **to be in the public eye**

1. to be popular, in the public, be in the glare or strong light of the public or of great interest, have notoriety, attention or popularity,

be the subject of people's conversation, be the one that everyone is talking about, be the center of gossip, be celebrated or famous  
Now that you published my story; I will **be in the public eye** for many months.

2. (more stylized) to be prominent, acclaimed, eminent, notable, distinctive, in the harsh light or glare of the public, famed, renowned, infamous or notorious, to have one's person and name be in circulation, current or in the air
3. (informal) to be in the big time, in the brightlight, in the blinding flash, in the spotlight, in the glare of public attention, in the limelight, in the spotlight, in the limelight, on the map, **on everyone's lips** or **in everyone's mouth**, **be in the mouth of rumormongers**, **gossipmongers**, be the scoop, inside info or the information, be the subject of a whispering campaign, in the news, **on everyone's tongue**
4. (slang) to be on the grapevine, be the poop, dirt, dope or low down, be talked of

### **to be jaundiced eye**

1. to be disapproving, biased, prejudiced, hesitant or overly critical, having a suspicious eye, not trusting, not believing or doubting  
He knew that he was not convincing her; she **sees everything with a jaundice eye**.
2. (informal) being skeptical, dubious, predisposed, disparaging, distrustful or misanthropic
3. (informal) to be from Missouri, **look at something with a chary**, **guarded**, **narrow-minded**, **nervous**, **uneasy**, **shaky** or **leery eye**, **have a jaundice eye**

### **to be more to something than meets the eye**

1. to be hidden, concealed, not be clear as day, opaque  
I don't know what happened but there **is more to this**

**than meets the eye.**

2. (highly stylized) turbid, shrouded in mystery, masked, veiled, perdu, occult
3. to not be all on the table, be just the tip of the iceberg, kept under wraps, kept in the dark, covered up and tucked away

**to be not able to close one's eyes**

1. to not be able to go to sleep, be unable to fall asleep, have insomnia  
I **was not able to close my eyes** all night.
2. to no longer be able to ignore reality or to close one's eyes to reality, choose to live what is rather than in fantasy land
3. to look at, see, or **keep one's eyes open to** what is going on around one, **not hide one's head in a hole**, to see what is plain to everyone, **not hide one's head in the sand**, purposely not **close one's eye to the handwriting on the wall**, not hide or run away from reality, not be able to close one's eyes, **not bury one's head in the sand**, **keep one's eyes to**, **not put one's head in a hole**, **not put one's head in the sand**, **not hide one's head in a hole**

**to be not fit for one's eyes**

1. to be not fitted, proper, suitable, fitting, well-suited, befitting  
I would love to go to the movies with you but I'm not taking the children. This picture is not **fit for children eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to be not correspondent, apt, appropriate, well-adapted, apropos, corresponding
3. (informal) in keeping, just right for

### to be pleasing to the eye

1. to be nice, pleasant, pleasing, or agreeable to look at, attractive, pretty, beautiful, **able-bodied**, well-built or handsome  
I have no complaints. He **is truly pleasing to the eye**.
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### **to be the apple of one's eye**

1. to be one's favorite or preference  
His daughter **is the apple of his eye**.
2. (informal) to be one's jewel, pearl, **fair-headed boy**, darling, pet, dearest or **fair-headed one, be someone after one's heart**
3. to be a prodigy, miracle, wonder, marvel or phenomenon
4. (informal) to be one in a thousand, a rare gem, in a million, a find, one of a kind or a something to write home about
5. (slang) to be a rare bird, **mind blower**, really something, quite a thing, oner, **mind boggler** or something to shout about

### **to be under the eyes of**

1. to be watched or under the close observation of, be guarded, protected or superintended by  
I'm not worry about my son only while he **is under the eye of** his mother.
2. (informal)to be baby-sat, taken care of, watched over by, or kept an eye on, be watched by a sharp, hawk, eagle or wary eye, **be under the watchful eyes of**

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I'm not worry about my son only while he **is under the eye of** his mother.
2. (informal) to be baby-sat, taken care of, watched over by, or kept an eye on, be watched by a sharp, hawk, eagle or wary eye, be seen after, **be under the eyes of**

### **to be up to one's eyes**

1. to be overcome, engulfed, inundated, immersed or deluged by  
**I am up to my eyes in work.**
2. (informal) to **be over one's head**, swallowed up by, be immersed in or steeped in, be under an avalanche or mountain of, **be up to one's ears**, be buried or snowed under, be bowled over by, blitzed, swallowed up by, be up to one's neck, **be steeped to the eyebrows**, **be up to one's eye**
3. (slang) to **be up to one's eyeballs**
4. (vulgar) **to be up to one's butt, behind, kister or ass in**

### **to be wild eyes**

1. to be irrational, frantic, delirious, out of control or hysterical
2. (more stylistic) to be incoherent, in a dither, out of one's wits, frenzied, rabid, distraught or at one's wits
3. (informal) to be wild, unstuck, beside oneself, all worked up, in a tizzy, **out of one's head**, **off one's head**, unstrung, raging, **foaming at the mouth**, at the end of one's rope or stark raving mad

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### **to be years since one has set eyes on someone**

1. to be a long time since one has not seen someone  
It's **been years since I've set eyes on my sister.**
2. to be a long time since one **has not laid eyes** on or **cast an eye upon** someone

### **to believe one's eyes**

1. to trust, have confidence in, have full confidence, put confidence in, confidence in, trust implicitly, depend on, have complete faith in, trust, believe in  
I usually don't believe what I see or hear but with him I can **believe my eyes and ears.**
2. to bank on, put one's hope in, count on, stake one's life on, rely on, go to the bank on, swear by, bank upon, stake one's life upon, bank upon, put one's trust in

### **to bend the eye**

1. to look at without turning away, fix the gaze, stare at  
It is rather rude to bend the eye at someone. No one likes to stared at.
2. (informal) to glare, **to rivet the eye**, gawk, **to fix the eye**, be unable or willing to turn away from, **to cock the eye**

### **to break eye contact**

1. to **not look at someone in the eyes, not meet someone's else**, lower one's gaze as a result of shyness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, **not make eye contact**  
As soon as she said that he loved her, she **broke eye contact, lowered her head** and **bit her lower lip.**
2. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes, not make**

or **break eye contact, lower one's head, look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes, keep one's eyes down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop** or **curve one's shoulders, bow one's head**

**to bring a sparkle to one's eyes**

1. to make happy or pleased  
His presence has **brought a sparkle to her eyes.**
2. to satisfy, gratify, fulfill, give pleasure to, make content
3. (informal) to bring a spring in one's step, make one feel good
4. (slang to vulgar when in reference to sex) to hit the spot, **hit the bull's eye**

**to bring someone into the public eye**

1. to make someone known to the general public, expose someone to public scrutiny  
His actions **brought his unsuspecting girlfriend into the public eye.**
2. (informal) to bring someone out in the open or right out in the open, force someone on the front page or into the media, push someone in front of all the world to be seen or be known

**to bring tears to one's eyes**

1. to make one cry, **have one's eyes to fill up with tears, cause tears to come to one's eyes**  
His words were so harsh that they **brought tears to my eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to cause one to shed tears, sob or weep, **cause one's eyes to well up with tears** or become dewy or teary

3. (informal) to make one tear up or bawl
4. (slang) to make one boohoo or blubber

**to cast an eye over**

1. to scan, skim, glance at or regard quickly, skim and scan, look quickly at,  
Before turning away, he **cast an eye over** the room.
2. (informal) to give a once over, snatch or catch a glimpse of, look or run over, **thumb through**, flip, look or glance through

**to cast an eye upon**

1. to see, behold, observe, watch, regard  
When he **cast an eye upon** the woman, he realized what he had done.
2. (informal) to **lay eyes on**, look at, have a look-see, give a look, **eye, eyeball**
3. (slang) to take a gander

**to cast sheep eyes at**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest
2. (informal) to **make calf's eyes at**, flirt at, throw oneself at, **flutter one's eyes at**, look sweet at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyes at**
3. (slang) to ogle at, **make goo-goo eyes at**

### to capture one's eye

1. to get or draw one's attention, impress, awe, overawe, arouse or rouse attention, intrigue, fascinate, hypnotize  
I am proud to say that I was able to **capture the young man's eye**.
2. (more stylistic) tantalize, bewitch, enchant, call forth, entice, enrapture, bedevil, allure
3. (informal) to pique one's interest, strike one, tickle one's fancy, whet or prick one's attention

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He **caught my eye** twenty years ago and has been catching it ever since.
2. (more stylistic) tantalize, captivate, bewitch, enchant, call forth, tempt, entice, enrapture, bedevil, allure, capture one's fancy
3. (informal) to pique one's interest, strike one, tickle one's fancy, whet or prick one's attention

### to catch some shut eye

1. to sleep, nap, doze  
If I don't **catch some shut eye**, I'll never make it through tomorrow.
2. to slumber, repose
3. (informal) to snooze, get some sleep, take a nap, doze off, take a siesta

4. (slang) to count sheep, conk off, catch some Z's, hit the sack, log Z's, snatch forty winks, flake out, catch forty winks, crash, sack out

#### **to catch the eye of**

1. to be of wide interest, catch the attention of a wide audience, appeal, awe, mesmerize, intrigue, fascinate, hypnotizing, overawe  
The war in Iraq has **caught the eye of** everyone.
2. (highly stylized) to tantalize, bewitch, enchant, enrapture, bedevil, calling forth, entice, enrapture, bedevil, allure
3. to draw, engross, captivate or hold the attention of, dazzle, capture one's fancy, bedazzle, be catchy, bedazzle, razzle-dazzle

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#### **to cause one's eyes water**

1. to **make one's eyes moist** or **watery**, **make one's eyes water**, cause one to become teary, cause one to cry, **cause tears to come to one's eyes**  
I hate cutting up onions. Onions always **cause my eyes to water**.
2. (more stylized) to **bring tears to one's eyes**, **make one's eyes dewy**, **have tears come to one's eyes**, cause one to tear up, cause one to shed tears or weep, **cause one's eye to become tearful**, **lachrymose**, **weepy**
3. (informal) to cause one to tear up or bawl

#### **to cause one's eyes to well up in tears**

1. to make one cry, **have one's eyes to fill up with tears**, **cause tears to come to one's eyes**  
His words were so harsh that they **caused my eyes to well up in tears**.
2. (more stylized) to cause one to shed tears, sob or weep, **cause one's eyes to well up with tears**, **cause tears to well up in one's eyes** or become dewy or teary
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**to clap eyes on** (usually structured in the negative)  
to see, meet, encounter, make the acquaintance of  
I'm sorry but I **have never clapped my eyes** on you before.

**to close one's eyes**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
You can not **close your eyes**. She needs you to face reality.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, unapprehending, undiscerning, oblivious

3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

### **to close one's eyes to**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut or closed to**  
You can not **close your eyes** to reality for very much longer.
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### **to cock the eye**

1. to look, look at, remain looking at, look at without turning away, stare, fix one's gaze on, glare at
2. to stand agog, **roll one's eyes at**, **fix** or **bend the eye**, gawk, ogle, goggle, look hard at, **eye**

### **to cover one's eyes**

1. to hood or screen one's eyes, block one's line of vision, blindfold, cause or make blind  
To play the game, they had to **cover their eyes**.



2. to deprive of sight, render sightless, veil or mask one's eyes
3. to get in one's way

**to cry one's eyes out**

1. to cry hard or heavily, mourn  
When a car hit her dog, she **cried her eyes out**.
2. (informal) to cry with all one's might, melt into tears, break down

**to cut one's eyeteeth**

to gain experience, wisdom, sophistication, or knowledge  
He **cut his eyeteeth** in the mailroom.

**to direct one's eyes away**

to look away, **turn one's eyes away**, look in the direction away from, look aside, **direct one's eyes from**, **direct one's eyes away**  
She **directed her eyes away** and lowered her head.

**to direct one's eyes away**

to look away from, look aside, **turn one's eyes away from**, look in the direction away from, **direct one's eyes from**, **direct one's eyes away**  
After **directing her eyes away** from her husband, she walked away.

**to direct one's eyes down**

to look downward, look down  
She directed her eyes down before lowering her head and walking away.

**to direct one's eyes past**

to look beyond, look past, see beyond, look over and above, see above and beyond

She **directed her eyes past** the man who standing in front of her with a gun to look at her daughter.

### **to direct one's eyes to**

to look in the direction of, **turn one's eyes to**, look in the direction towards, look at, **direct one's eyes to**, **direct one's eyes toward**  
She **directed her eyes to** her mother and cried.

### **to direct one's eyes toward**

to look in the direction of, look in the direction towards, **turn one's eyes toward**, look at, **direct one's eyes to**, **direct one's eyes toward**  
She waited until after he finished talking before **directing her eyes toward** him.

### **to direct one's eyes skyward**

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **lifted up her eyes skyward** the minute she heard the noise.

2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**

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She **lifted up her eyes star ward** the minute she heard the noise.

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**to direct one's eyes up**

1. to **lift one's eyes, lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes, raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes, lift one's head, lift up one's head**  
She **directed up her eyes** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward, lift one's head skyward, raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward, direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder, raise one's head to the stars, raise one's head up**
3. to say a pray, pray, offer a pray  
She **directed her eyes up** hoping that everything would be alright.
4. to plead, ask, beg, call on, request  
The man **directed his eyes up**, silently begging the king for mercy.
5. (more stylistic) to supplicate, implore, press, appeal, beseech, invoke, cry for, entreat, besiege, solicit, apply to
6. (informal) to throw oneself on the mercy of the court, **throw oneself at the feet of**
7. to **lift one's eyes** or **head to look at someone**, raise or lift one's gaze or look at someone as a result of no longer being afraid, embarrassed or ashamed  
Although she was scared, she **directed her eyes up** and looked at her boss without flinching.
8. (more stylistic) to summon or gather up enough courage to meet someone's gaze or **meet someone's eyes**

9. (informal) to rouse, **nerve up** or call up one's courage to look at someone or **meet someone's eyes**

**to direct up one's eyes**

1. to **lift one's eyes, lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes, raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes, lift one's head, lift up one's head**  
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9. (informal) to rouse, **nerve up** or call up one's courage to look at someone or **meet someone's eyes**

### **to do something without batting an eye**

1. to do something unblinkingly, unemotionally, coldly
2. (informal) to act in a manner which is cool, calm and collect,

### **to drop one's eyes**

1. to not look at someone in the eyes as a result of shyness, shame or embarrassment  
As soon as she saw him come into the room, she **dropped her eyes** and **bit her bottom lip**.
2. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes**, **not make or break eye contact**, **lower one's head**, **look at one's feet** or at the floor

### **to eye**

1. to look at, observe closely, watch warily  
He **eyeballed** the room before allowing his client to enter.
2. to **keep one's eyes peeled** or **open**, watch narrowly, **keep an eye on**, **follow with one's eyes**, **not take one's eyes off of**
3. to stare at, fix one's gaze on, gaze at
4. (informal) to check out, **rubberneck**, gap at, gawk, ogle, goggle at, **eye**

5. to look at, observe, examine with one's eyes, investigate, probe  
She **eyed the book** before buying it.
6. (informal) to give the once-over, look up and down, take a look at, pore over, go over with a fine-toothed comb
7. (slang) **to eyeball**

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5. to examine, scrutinize, analyze, investigate, probe
6. (informal) to look over, go through, take stock of, pore over, go over with a fine-toothed comb, take apart, **eye**

### **to eye greedily**

1. to look at with envy, desire, longing, want  
He eyed his wife greedily as she walked into the room.
2. (more stylized) to look at with yearning or lust, be craving for, be coveting
3. (informal) to look at with yen, hankering or hunger, be itching, pining, thirsting or dying for, want with one's whole heart

4. (slang) to be leeching after, yen for

### **to feast one's eyes on**

1. to admire, relish, take delight or pleasure in, like, love, approve of, appreciate, enjoy  
It was a delight **to feast my eyes on** the different models.
2. (highly stylized) to revel or luxuriate in,
3. to make much of, think highly of, bask in
4. (slang) to dig, get a kick out of, get a bang out of, lick one's chop at, smack one's lips at,
5. (vulgar) to eat up, get off on, groove on

### **to fix one's eye on**

1. fix one's sight or gaze on, **have one's eyes fixed, riveted, fixated or arrested on someone or something**, not be able to turn away, stare, glare or gaze at, look at without turning away  
Once he **fixes his eye on** the television, he is in another world.
2. to hold or have the undivided attention of, be totally absorbed or engrossed in looking at someone or something
3. (informal) to **bend the eye, cock the eye, fix one's eye, fix one's gaze**, gawk, ogle, goggle, **rivet one's eyes on, rivet one's eyes upon, keep an eye on**

### **to flash upon the inner eye**

1. to suddenly remember or think of someone, just remember, or recall, have one's memory triggered, occur to, realize, dawn on one, come into one's consciousness



The minute that I smelled the perfume, my mother **flashed upon the inner eye**.

2. (more stylistic) to return to thoughts to the past, review, recall, recollect, **recall to mind**, reminisce, retrospect
3. (informal) to **flash upon the inner eye, come to mind, pop into one's mind, enter one's head**, strike, **flash across one's mind, pass through one's mind, come into one's head, bring to mind, cross one's mind**

#### **to focus one's eyes on**

1. fix one's sight or gaze on, **have one's eyes fixed, riveted, fixated or arrested on**, not to turn away, stare, glare or gaze at, watch intently, focus on, look at closely or intently, watch closely  
She got what she wanted; everyone was **focusing their eyes** on her.
2. (more stylized) to hold or have the undivided attention of, look intently or steadfastly, give one one's full or undivided attention to, pay strict attention to, focalize, center one's attention on, direct one's attention on
3. (informal) to zero in on, **keep one's eyes on**, lock one's attention on, direct one's attention on, focus in one, **not look left or right but only straight ahead, be mindful of, be open-eyed, bend the eye, cock the eye, fix the eye, fix one's gaze, peel one's eyes on, rivet one's eyes on, rivet one's eyes upon, keep an eye on**

#### **to focus all eyes on**

1. to fix one's sight or gaze on, **have one's eyes fixed, riveted, fixated or arrested on**, not to turn away, stare, glare or gaze at, watch intently, focus on, look at closely or intently, watch closely  
She got what she wanted; **all eyes were focused** on her.

2. (more stylized) to hold or have the undivided attention of, look intently or steadfastly, give one one's full or undivided attention to, pay strict attention to, focalize, center one's attention on, direct one's attention on, pay strict attention to
3. (informal) to zero in on, **keep one's eyes on**, lock one's attention on, direct one's attention on, focus in one, **not look left or right but only straight ahead**, **be mindful of**, **be open-eyed**, **bend the eye**, **cock the eye**, **fix the eye**, **fix one's gaze**, **peel one's eyes on**, **rivet one's eyes on**, **rivet one's eyes upon**, **keep an eye on**

#### **to follow someone with one's eyes**

1. to watch, observe, follow, behold  
Although he did not talk to the woman, he **followed her with his eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to take stock of, scrutinize, survey, inspect, appraise
3. (informal) to keep tabs on, look at, **eye**, keep someone in one's sight, **keep an eye on**, **keep one's eyes open**, **keep one's eyes peeled**, ogle at, gawk at, stare at, leer at, give the once over, take a close look at, take a long look, size up, size, take a long look at, take a careful look at,
4. (slang) to take a good long hard look at, check out, **eyeball**

#### **to get a black eye**

1. to get hit or to hit oneself in the eye which result in the discoloration of the area around the eye  
After the accident, he **got an ugly black eye**.
2. (slang) to get a shiner
3. to have one's reputation or name slurred, tarnished, dirtied, smeared, muddied, slandered

As a result of being with him, I **got a black eye**.

4. (highly stylized) to have one's reputation or name soiled, sullied, besmirched, fouled, befouled, stigmatized, defiled, maligned, vilified
5. (informal) to have one's name dragged through the mud, be given a bad name, have a hatchet job done on one's name, have one's reputation shredded or put in the shredder

**to get an eyeful of**

to see more than one wanted or intended to, see more than one should

When she came out of house dressed that way, well, I sure **got an eyeful**.

**to get one's eyes used to the dark**

1. to be able to see in the dark after a minute or two.  
When I entered the house, it took time for me to **get my eyes used to the dark**.

2. to **be cat-eyed**

**to get some shut eye**

1. to sleep, nap, doze  
If I don't **get some shut eye**, I'll never make it through tomorrow.
2. to slumber, repose
3. (informal) to snooze, get some sleep, take a nap, doze off, take a siesta
4. (slang) to count sheep, conk off, catch some Z's, hit the sack, log Z's, snatch forty winks, flake out, catch forty winks, crash, sack out

### **to get stars in one's eyes**

1. to be greatly impressed, obsessive, fascinated, ruled, controlled or monopolized by Hollywood, celebrities and fame  
Ever since she went to Los Angeles she has **got stars in her eyes**.
2. to be prepossessed, fixated, or preoccupied by, absorbed or immersed in Hollywood, celebrities and fame
3. (informal) to be stage struck, wrapped up, crazed or gripped by, caught up in Hollywood, celebrities and fame

### **to give one's eyeteeth**

1. to be willing to give or do anything to acquire something, want something very much  
I would **give my eyeteeth** if I could take back my words.
2. to want something so badly that one can taste it

### **to give one's eyetooth for**

to be willing to give anything for something  
I would **give my eyetooth** for that painting.

### **to give one a black eye**

1. to hit someone in the eye which result in the discoloration of the area around the eye  
He **gave his opponent a black eye**.
2. (slang) to give someone a shiner
3. to slur, tarnish, dirty, smear, muddy, ruin or slander someone's name or reputation  
The war **gave the powerful president a black eye**.

4. (highly stylized) to soil, sully, besmirch, foul, befoul, stigmatize, defile, malign or vilify someone's reputation or name
5. (informal) to drag someone's name through the mud, give someone a bad name, do a hatchet job on someone's name, shred or put someone's reputation in the shredder

### **to give one the evil eye**

1. to gaze on or stare someone in a menacing, threatening or negative way or to glare, gloat, glower or frown at someone in order to inflict injury (superstition)  
She **gave him the evil eye** to scare him.
2. (informal) to give someone a nasty, dirty or dark look, to throw or give someone a look which could kill or look daggers in order to cause someone bad luck or injury

### **to give one the eye**

1. to gaze on or stare someone in a menacing, threatening or negative way or to glare, gloat, glower or frown at someone in order to discompose, upset, or discomfit  
She **gave the man the eye** in hope of making him leave.
2. (informal) to give someone a nasty, dirty or dark look, to throw or give someone a look which could kill or look daggers in order to cause someone discomfit

### **to give one the glad eye**

1. to give someone an interesting or pleasant look, to use one's eyes to flirt, tease, or coo  
She **gave him the glad eye** to let him know that she was interested.
2. (highly stylized) to coquet, woo, dally, bill and coo

3. (informal) to **make calf's eyes at**, flirt at, throw oneself at, **flutter one's eyes at**, look sweet at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyes at**
4. (slang) to ogle at, **make goo-goo eyes at**

### **to give the eye**

1. to inspect, probe over, examine, scrutinize,  
He gave the eye to the report and I trust his judgment.
2. to give the once over, look over, **eyeball**, **keep an eye on**,  
take apart, look into, go over with a fine-tooth comb

### **to give one the fish eye**

1. to not disrespect, be undervalued, disregard, underrate, dismiss as unworthy of consideration, be undervalued, minimize, make light of, belittle, ignore, ridicule, deride, dismiss lightly  
I think that you are making a fatal mistake. The fact that she is beautiful does not mean that she is a bimbo. She is **just a pretty face**.
2. (more stylistic) to hold in contempt, dismiss with a sneer, underestimate, disparage, hold for naught, hold in disrespect, scorn, be underestimated, disprize, be contemptuous of, disdain, consider beneath oneself, shun
3. (formal) to **look down one's nose at**, **not just another face**, sell short, sneeze at, look down on, **dismiss out of hand**, spit at, **give one the fish eye**, **give one the cold shoulder**, **turn one's nose up at**, **curl one's lip at**, brush aside, **to look down one's nose at**, **not just a handsome face**
4. (slang) to pooh-pooh, dump on

### **to gouge out one's eyes**

1. to **take out one's eyes, remove one's eye**, blind, take away one's sight, **poke out of one's eyes**  
He tortured people by threatening to **gouge out their eyes**.
2. to render sightless, **gouge out the eyes of**, deprive of sight
3. (informal) to rob one of sight

### **to hang on by one's eye lids**

to hang by a thread, be barely hanging on

He no longer commands the respects of his peers; he's only hanging on **by his eye lids**.

### **to have a gleam in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **he had a gleam in his eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmering, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have a glimmer in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **he had a glimmer in his eyes**.

2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which dance, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have a glow in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which are lively, glinting, gleaming, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, fluttering, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember the most about her was that she **had a glow in her eyes.**
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful
3. (informal) to have eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

### **to have a jaundice eye**

1. to look at something with a disapproving, skeptical, hesitant overly critical or suspicious eye, not trust, not believe, doubt  
He knew that he was not convincing her; she **has a jaundice eye.**
2. (informal) to be from Missouri, **look at something with a chary, guarded, nervous, uneasy, shaky** or **leery eye, see with a jaundice eye**



### **to have a roving eye**

1. to have a wandering, roaming or meandering eye, not be faithful to one's partner, be unfaithful to one's partner  
I don't know how she remains married to him; he **has such a roving eye.**
2. (highly stylized) to be a Don Juan, Casanova or Romeo
3. be a woman chaser, womanizer, false-hearted, a playboy, ladies' man, flirt, philanderer
4. (slang) be a skirt chaser, player, dog, two-timer or stud

### **to have a shine in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **he had a shine in his eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmering, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have a spark in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **she had a spark in her eyes.**

2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmering, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have a sparkle in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **she had a sparkle in her eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmering, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have a twinkle in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, have eyes which are enthusiastic, exciting, effervescent, dynamic or bright  
What I loved the most was that **she had a shine in her eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmering, spirited,

luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla

3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, dancing, hearty or frisky

### **to have all eyes on**

1. to be the focus or center of attention, have everyone look at one  
I do not like to **have all eyes on** me; it makes me very uncomfortable.
2. (more stylized) to be the focalization, focal point, point of convergence or concentration, have all attention directed on one
3. (informal) to be in the lime light, floodlight or spot light

### **to have all eyes focused on**

1. to be the focus or center of attention, have everyone look at one  
I do not like **having all eyes focus on** me; it makes me very uncomfortable.
2. (more stylized) to be the focalization, focal point, point of convergence or concentration, have all attention directed on one
3. (informal) to be in the lime light, floodlight or spot light, **have all eyes on**

### **to have an eye for**

1. to have a talent, skill, gift, genius, aptness or aptitud for  
He **has an eye for** photography.
2. (informal) to have a knack, know-how, bent or flair for, be a crack or whiz in, **have a mind for**

3. (slang) to be a crackerjack or sharp at
4. (French) savior-faire
5. to have a weakness for taste for, favoritism liking for, fondness for, bias, fancy or special feeling for  
You know that you don't have a chance to get the role; he **has an eye for** her and only her.
6. (more stylized) to have a propensity for, partiality, disposition, inclination toward, preference, partialness, predisposal for, proclivity for or affinity
7. (informal) to have a special spot for, bent toward, leaning for, leaning toward, mind for or a soft spot for

**to have an eye on one's own advantage**

1. to be concerned with, follow or regard one's own interest  
Don't worry about him. He is always **having an eye on his own advantage**.
2. (informal) to be watching out for, looking out for, **keeping an eye on**, keeping in sight or keeping tabs on one's own interest, **have an eye on the main chance**

**to have an eye to**

1. to be striving, working, or struggling toward, aiming or aspiring for  
I **had an eye to** only making money and more money.
2. (informal) to be setting one's sight on, hitching one's wagon to or shooting or trying for

### **to have an eye for**

1. to be discerning, perceptive, astute, acute, or shrewd about  
She **has an eye for** politics like no one I have ever known.
2. (highly stylized) to be acute, perspicacious, piercing or keen about
3. (informal) to **be clear headed**, sharp-witted, nobody's fool about, **long headed**, **hard headed** or quick witted about
4. to only be drawn, attracted or interested in, to only be wanting, desiring or caring for  
I **have an eye for** my husband and only to my husband.
5. (informal) **to only have a heart for**, **have one's heart set on**, **have eyes only for**, **have a mind to**, **only have eyes for**, only be in love with

### **to have an eye on the future**

1. to anticipate, look towards the future, be in readiness for, plan for the future, think about the future, prepare oneself for  
It makes no sense to keep going around and around; we must **look straight ahead** and think about the future.
2. (more stylistic) to abide, envision, calculate upon, look forward, look to, envisage, look toward, look to the future rather back, to the past, anticipate, foreglimpse, contemplate, be reserved for, **see ahead to**
3. (informal) to be in waiting for, keep in view, watch for, sit up for, reckon upon, have in prospect, be in store for, **have an eye to the future**, **have an eye on the future**, **have an eye on what is to come**

### **to have an eye on what is to come**

1. to anticipate, look towards the future, be in readiness for, plan for the future, think about the future, prepare or ready oneself for

It makes no sense to keep going around and around; we must **have an eye on what is to come.**

2. (more stylistic) to abide, envision, calculate upon, look forward, look to, envisage, look toward, look to the future rather back, to the past, anticipate, foreglimpse, contemplate, be reserved for, **see ahead to**
3. (informal) to be in waiting for, keep in view, watch for, sit up for, reckon upon, have in prospect, be in store for, **have an eye to the future, have an eye on the future, have an eye on what is to come**

#### **to have an eye to the future**

1. to anticipate, look towards the future, be in readiness for, plan for the future, think about the future, prepare or ready oneself for  
It makes no sense to keep going around and around; we must **have an eye to the future** and think about the future.
2. (more stylistic) to abide, envision, calculate upon, look forward, look to, envisage, look toward, look to the future rather back, to the past, anticipate, foreglimpse, contemplate, be reserved for, **see ahead to**
3. (informal) to be in waiting for, keep in view, watch for, sit up for, reckon upon, have in prospect, be in store for, **have an eye to the future, have an eye on the future, have an eye on what is to come**

#### **to have an eye on the main chance**

1. to always be looking for one's own advantage in a situation  
She always **has an eye on the main chance.** Everyone else can go to hell.
2. to be watching out for, looking out for, **keeping an eye on,** keeping in sight or keeping tabs on one's own interest, **have an eye on one's own advantage**

### **to have angry eyes**

1. to have eyes which are blazing, threatening, stormy, feverish, violent, burning, hostile, angry, fierce, raging or inflaming  
I don't understand why you always have such **angry eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are seething, bellicose, menacing, boding, turbulent, looming, agitated, smoldering, belligerent, foreboding, tempestuous, wild or wrathful

### **to have animated eyes**

1. to have eyes which are lively, glinting, gleaming, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, fluttering, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember the most about her was that she **had animated eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful
3. (informal) to have eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

### **to have beautiful eyes**

1. to have eyes which are radiant, loving, gorgeous, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely  
The first thing that I noticed about him was that he **had beautiful eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are splendid, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous

3. to have eyes which are **breath-taking**, comely or fetching

### **to have bedroom eyes**

1. to have eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
He has such **bedroom eyes** that if I don't leave now, I am going to regret it.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are alluring, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, transpiercing, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, enravishing or piercing
3. to have eyes which are **mouth-watering**, catching, drawing, transporting, sexy or taking
4. to have eyes which are yummy, sexy

### **to have burning eyes**

1. to have eyes which are lively, glinting, gleaming, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, fluttering, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember the most about her was that she **had lively eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful
3. (informal) to have eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor



4. to have eyes which are intelligent, piercing, sharp, probing, stinging,
5. (more stylized) to have eyes which are penetrative, searing, keen, penetrating, incisive, acute,
6. (informal) to appear to be smart as a whip, bright, quick, tuned in, nimble, in tune

### **to have cold eyes**

1. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, have an expression of blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, bareness, or indifference on one's face, have eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like  
I can't look into her eyes. She has such **cold eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, to express hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion on one's face
3. (informal) to be **stone faced**, **poker faced**, **have one's eyes glaze over**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, to be **glassy eyed**, **have glassy eyes**, **have a stone face**, have eyes which are icy cold, glazed over or glossed over

### **to have dancing eyes**

1. to have eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit or effervescent  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her was that she **had dancing eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) eyes resplendent, which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening,

radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful

3. (informal) having eyes which are get up and go, **light- hearted**, full of life, chipper, full of pep or cheerful

### **to have dazzling eyes**

1. to have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, sparkle, dazzle, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life or sparkling  
It should be against the law to **have such beautiful and dazzling eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, be eyes which have a sparkle, bedazzle, glint, beam or scintilla aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating, aglimmer
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, having eyes which are sprightly, quick, lit up, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty or frisky

### **to have dead eyes**

1. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, have eyes which are inanimate, emotionless or unresponsive  
She **has dead eyes**. You can see that she is indifferent to other people's pain.
2. (more stylistic) having eyes which are languid, inexpressive, undemonstrative, dispassionate, inscrutable, hidden, desolate, uninquisitive, unsympathetic, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion

3. (informal) being steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, having eyes which are icy cold, dull, glazed over or glossed over

### **to have dewy eyes**

1. to have eyes which are moist with tears  
Why do you **have dewy eyes**? Are your allergies acting up?
2. to be lachrymose, lachrymatory, lachrymal
3. to be maudlin, romantic, emotional, fond of or in love, be caring a lot for, have a crush on  
She has such **dewy eyes**. It's so obvious that she likes him.
4. (more stylistic) to be smitten by, mawkish, sentimental, amorous, emotional, overemotional, maudlin, overly affectionate, impassioned or infatuated
5. (informal) to be soft on, sweet on, **soft-hearted**, soupy, **open-hearted**, mushy, **starry-eyed**, **tender-hearted**, feeling, **head-in-the clouds**, **misty eyed** or **dewy-eyed**
6. (slang) to be drippy, gooey, mooning over, gushing, in calf love, bubbling over or in puppy love or mushy
7. (Australian) soony
8. to be ready for tears, on the verge of crying, about to burst out in tears, or ready to cry, be crying  
As a result of watching the movies, when she left the theater she **had dewy eyes**.
9. (more stylistic) to be teary, tearful, weepy, on the verge of tear, be weeping

10. (informal) to be blubbering

**to have doe-eyes**

having very large, gentle and dark eyes

You can't miss her. She is beautiful doe-eyes.

**to have droopy eyes**

1. to have half asleep or tired eyes, be very tired, half-asleep, exhausted, sleepy, ready for bed  
You have **droopy eyes**; it's time for you to go to bed.
2. to be slumbery, somnolent, fatigued or slumberous
3. (informal) to have eyes which are yawny, drowsy or drooping, being **heavy-eyed**, nodding, half asleep, drowsy, **asleep on one's feet**, dozy, groggy
4. (slang) to be dopey, beat, ready to drop, dead, shot, pooped, **dead on one's feet**, dog-tired or done in
5. (British) to be fagged, fagged out

**to have dull eyes**

1. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, **straight face**, indifference, have eyes which are inanimate, emotionless, unresponsive  
She **has such dull eyes** that looking into them is painful.
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are languid, inexpressive, undemonstrative, dispassionate, inscrutable, hidden, desolate, uninquisitive, unsympathetic, impassive, unresponsive, stolid,

vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion

3. (informal) to be steely, **stone faced**, callous, stony, **poker faced**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, colorlessness, blankness, **glassy eyes**, nothingness, **stone face**, have eyes which are icy cold, dull, glazed over or glossed over

### **to have enchanting eyes**

1. to have eyes which are charming, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, mesmerizing, arresting, irresistible or appealing  
She **has enchanting eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are alluring, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, transpiercing, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, riveting, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or seductive
3. (informal) having eyes which are catching, drawing or transporting

### **to have engaging eyes**

1. to have eyes which are magnetizing, bore, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, fascinating, mesmerizing, arresting or hypnotizing  
He **has such engaging eyes**. that I was drawn to him.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are enticing, entrancing, transpiercing, tantalizing, spellbinding, enchanting, transfixing, riveting, enrapturing, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or fixating
3. (informal) to have eyes which are drawing, pulling

### **to have enthralling eyes**

1. to have eyes which are bewitching, absorbing, fascinating, engaging, arresting, hypnotizing, magnetizing, inflaming or enchanting  
He **has such enthralling eyes** that I can't forget him.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are entrancing, transpiercing, spellbinding, enchanting, transfixing, riveting, enrapturing, enticing, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or fixating
3. (informal) to have eyes which are transporting or which carry one away

### **to have eyes bigger than one's stomach**

1. to want to eat more than one is able to, overeat, overdo  
You've had enough. You **have eyes much bigger than your stomach.**
2. (more stylized) to overindulge, do in excess,
3. (highly stylized) to engorge, gorge, englut, glut, surfeit,
4. to go overboard, eat too much or in excess, carry it too far
5. (slang) to pack away, stuff one's face, pig out, eat like a pig or a horse, scarf down

### **to have eyes full of angry**

1. to have eyes which are blazing, threatening, stormy, feverish, violent, burning, hostile, angry, fierce, raging or inflaming  
I don't understand why you always **have such angry eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are seething, belicose, menacing, boding, turbulent, looming, agitated, smoldering, belligerent, foreboding, tempestuous, wild or wrathful

### **to have eyes full of life**

1. to have eyes which are lively, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were that she **had eyes full of life** .
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are resplendent, blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited, mirthful
3. (informal) to have eyes which are full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted** or full of life, be **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor
4. to have eyes which are blazing, threatening, stormy, feverish, violent, burning, hostile, angry, fierce, raging or inflaming  
I don't understand why you always have such **angry eyes**.
5. (more stylized) to have eyes which are seething, belicose, menacing, boding, turbulent, looming, agitated, smoldering, belligerent, foreboding, tempestuous, wild or wrathful

### **to have eyes like a hawk**

1. to see very well, have 20-20 vision, able to see from a great distant  
Even though he is fifty years old, he has eyes like a hawk.
2. to notice everything down to the smallest detail, able to detect what appears undetectable, extremely or all observant  
My mother has eyes like a hawk; she knows everything that's going on.
3. (informal) to be sharp-sighted, **hawk-eyed**, on the alert, wide awake, **Argus-eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick-sighted or **ferret-eyed**

### **to have eyes only for**

1. to only be drawn or attracted to, be only interested in, to only want, desire, or care for, like or love  
I **have eyes only for** my husband.
2. (informal) **to only have a heart for, have one's heart set on, have an eye to, have a mind to, only have eyes for**, only be in love with

### **(to have) eyes that are filmed over**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
His **eyes were filmed over** with tears.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are partly impervious to light, opaque or nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes, glazed over eyes, filmed over eyes**

### **(to have) eyes that are glazed over**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
Can't you tell that she is? Her **eyes are glazed over**.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are partly impervious to light, opaque or nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes, glazed over eyes, filmed over eyes**

### **(to have) eyes that are hazed over**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
Can't you tell that she is? Her **eyes are hazed over**.



2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are partly impervious to light, opaque or nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes, glazed over eyes, filmed over eyes**

**(to have) glassy-eyes**

1. to be drunk, tipsy, high or under the influence of  
You can't go to your home like you are. Your **eyes are glassy**.
2. (more stylistic) to be drunk as a piper, have a glow, be besotted, intoxicated, in one's cup, inebriated, sodden, drunk as a lord, obfuscated or grogged
3. (informal) to be **glassy eyed**, groggy, feeling good, saturated, woozy, **bleary eyed**, high, mellow or **full to the back teeth**
4. (slang) to be tight, pickled, loaded, lit, **pie-eyed**, lubricated, lit up, stewed, drunk as a skunk, feeling no pain, three sheets to the wind, half-cocked, **cock-eyed** or bombed
5. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, have an expression of blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, bareness, or indifference on one's face, have eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like  
I can't read her; she has very **glassy eyes**.
6. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, to express hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion on one's face

7. (informal) to be **stone faced**, **poker faced**, **have one's eyes glaze over**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, to be **glassy eyed**, **have glassy eyes**, **have a stone face**, have eyes which are icy cold, glazed over or glossed over

### **to have glazed over eyes**

1. eyes which are covered over by a thin layer or membrane, eyes which are blurred, dull, clouded or dim  
Can't you tell that she is? She has **glazed over**.
2. (more stylistic) eyes which are covered over by a pellicle, eyes which are partly impervious to light, opaque or nontransparent
3. (informal) eyes which are cloudy, milky, coated, filmy, coated over, glazed over, hazy or hazed over, **hazed over eyes**, **glazed over eyes**, **filmed over eyes**
4. to be drunk, tipsy, high or under the influence of  
You can't go to your home like you are. You **have very glassy eyes**.
5. (more stylistic) to be drunk as a piper, have a glow, be besotted, intoxicated, in one's cup, inebriated, sodden, drunk as a lord, obfuscated or grogged
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8. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, to show blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, meaningless, bareness, or indifference on one's face, be **straight face**  
Something is very wrong; she has very **glassy eyes**.

9. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, to show hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion on one's face
10. (informal) to be **stone faced**, **poker faced**, **have one's eyes glaze over**, wooden **glassy eyed** or deadpan, to be **glassy eyed**, **have glassy eyes**, **have a stone face**, **have eyes which are glazed over** or **glazed over eyes**

### **to have glistening eyes**

1. to have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, have tears standing in one's eyes
2. to have eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful, glittering  
The thing which I love the most about her is that she has **glistening eyes**.
3. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillating
4. (informal) to have eyes which light up

### **to have good eyes**

to be able to see far away or minute details without glasses  
When I was younger, I **had very good eyes**.

### **to have gorgeous eyes**

1. to have eyes which are beautiful, pretty, radiant, loving, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely

The first thing that I noticed about her was that she **had such gorgeous eyes.**

2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are splendorous, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous
3. to have eyes which are **breath-taking**, comely or fetching

### **to have heavy eyes**

1. to have half asleep or tired eyes, be very tired, half-asleep, exhausted, sleepy, ready for bed  
You have **heavy eyes**; it's time for you to go to bed.
2. to be slumbery, somnolent, fatigued or slumberous
3. (informal) to have eyes which are yawny, drowsy or drooping, being **heavy-eyed**, nodding, half asleep, drowsy, **asleep on one's feet**, dozy, groggy, **have droopy eyes**
4. (slang) to be dopey, beat, ready to drop, dead, shot, pooped, **dead on one's feet**, dog-tired or done in
5. (British) to be fagged, fagged out

### **to have hungry eyes**

1. to have eyes which are greedy, wishing for, craving, pining, hoping aching to, needing, eager, aching for, burning for or hoping for  
I'm not worried about her; she **has such hungry eyes** that she will succeed.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which shows that one is voracious, languishing, yearning, desiderative, rapacious or covetous

3. (informal) to show with one's eyes that one is wanting with all one's heart, dying for, itching, setting one's heart on, thirsty, set on, burning, wanting or hankering for
4. (slang) to show one is wanting in the worst way or leching after, having a yen for or panting for

### **to have icy cold eyes**

1. to have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, have an expression of blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, bareness, or indifference on one's face, have eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice like  
I can't looking into her eyes. She has such **icy cold eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, to express hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion on one's face
3. (informal) to be **stone faced, poker faced, have one's eyes glaze over**, wooden, **glassy eyed** or deadpan, to be **glassy eyed, have glassy eyes, have a stone face**, have eyes which are icy cold, glazed over or glossed over

### **to have inviting eyes**

1. to have eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
To have such **inviting eyes**, my God, how does his wife put up with him?!
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are tempting, prepossessing, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating,

winsome, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or ravishing

3. to have eyes which are **mouth-watering**, catching, drawing, transporting or taking
4. to have eyes which are yummy

### **to have laughing eyes**

1. to have eyes which are vigorous, enthusiastic, agile, exciting, effervescent nimble, dynamic or bright, have eyes which twinkle, glimmer, shimmer, radiate, glisten, shine or glitter, be eyes which have a twinkle, glow, glimmer, shimmer, spark or dazzle, What I loved the most was that **he had a gleam in his eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are animated, agile, vivid, invigorating, glimmering, sparkling, lustrous, shimmery, spirited, luminous, glowing, vivacious or radiant, have eyes which illuminate, irradiate, glint, gleam, glow, fulgurate or radiate, be eyes which have a glint, sparkle, bedazzle, beam or scintilla
3. (informal) to have eyes which danced, light up, have eyes which are playful, sprightly, quick, lit up, full of pep, lively, snappy, full of life, spry, pert, striking, eager, hearty, frisky or full of get up and go

### **to have lively eyes**

1. to have eyes which are lively, glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, intense, burning, buoyant, radiant, animated, full of spirit, effervescent or fervent The thing which I remember the most about her was that she had **lively eyes.**
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are blazing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistering, radiating, vivid, glinting, lucent, invigorating, scintillating, vivacious, lustrous, scintillant, spirited or mirthful

3. (informal) to have eyes which were full of get up and go, eager, **light-hearted**, full of life, **bright eyed and busy tail**, chipper, full of pep, cheerful, peppy or full of vim and vigor

**to have lovely eyes.**

1. to have eyes which are beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, radiant, loving, gorgeous, seductive, splendid, sexy, brilliant, engaging, pretty, ravishing, enchanting, stunning, ravishing or lovely  
The first thing that I noticed about her was that she **had such lovely eyes.**
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are splendorous, enthralling, sumptuous, exquisite, resplendent, opulent, winsome, lavish or pulchritudinous
3. to have eyes which are **breath-taking**, comely or fetching

**to have one eye on one thing and the other on something else**

1. to have two primary goals or aims, be attentive or heedful of more than one objective  
Don't be fooled. While he has his eye on the House of Representative, he has the other on the presidency.
2. to **be mindful of** or set one's sight on more than one target, hitch one's wagon to more than star

**to have one's eyes brimming with tears**

1. to be crying, be tearful, have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, having tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**  
She **had her eyes brimming with tears** as she walked away.
2. (more stylized) to be shedding tears or weeping, **have one's eyes overflowing with tears, have tears come to one eyes**, sob

3. (informal) to have burst into tears
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

### **to have one's eyes glaze over**

1. to show no expression, **have cold eyes**, have an expression which is blank, vacant, expressionless, indifferent, unfeeling, empty, **straight faced** or lifeless, have an expression of blankness, flatness, emptiness, vacancy, bareness, or indifference on one's face, have eyes which are icy, shining, gleaming, glossy or ice-like  
The minute I began to explain my position I saw **his eyes glaze over**.
2. (more stylistic) to be inexpressive, undemonstrative, inscrutable, hidden, impassive, unresponsive, stolid, vacuous, inane, emotionless or hollow, to express hollowness, vacuity, voidness, void, apathy, stoicism, stolidity, nonchalance, dispassion on one's face
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### **to have one's eyes overflowing with tears**

1. to be crying, be tearful, have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, having tears in one's eyes, have **moist**, **misty** or **dewy eyes**  
She **had her eyes overflowing with tears** as she walked away.
2. (more stylized) to shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming with tears**, **have tears come to one eyes**, sob
3. (informal) to burst into tears



4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

### **to have one's eye on**

1. to be watching, giving thought to, observing, noting, paying attention to, watching or regarding  
He's not paying attention to what I'm saying, he **has his eye on** the woman who just walked into the room.
2. (more stylized) to be considering, musing on, deliberating, mulling over, regarding, thinking over or contemplating
3. (informal) to **be eying, putting one's mind to, keeping an eye on**, getting a load of, **turning over in one's mind**, chewing over

### **to have one's eye on something**

1. to be noting, taking notice of, giving thought to, observing, paying attention to, watching or regarding something that one wants to acquire  
I **have my eye on that house**. I think that I am going to buy it.
2. (more stylized) to be considering, musing on, deliberating, mulling over, regarding, thinking over or contemplating
3. (informal) to **be eying, putting one's mind to, keeping an eye on**, getting a load of, **turning over in one's mind**, chewing over

### **to have overflowing eyes**

1. to be crying, be tearful, have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, having tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**  
She **had overflowing eyes** as she walked away.
2. (more stylized) to shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming with tears, have tears come to one eyes**, sob

3. (informal) to burst into tears
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

**to have penetrating eyes**

1. to be astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, knowing or wise  
She has **penetrating eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) to be perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning, perspicacious, informed, insightful, cognizant, piercing, penetrating or probing
3. (informal) to be sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, able to see right through someone or alert
4. (slang) to be on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang or brainy
5. to have eyes which are glaring, firmly fixed, absorbing, riveting, piercing, engaging, gripping, captivating, engrossing, scrutinizing, locking, attention-getting, attracting  
With those **penetrating eyes**, she seems to be from another world.
6. (more stylized) to have eyes which are enchanting, hypnotizing, enrapturing, alluring, mesmerizing, entrancing, spellbinding, monopolizing, enthralling, hypnotic, compelling, alluring or fastening

7. (more informal) to have eyes which are holding or holding fast, have eyes which monopolize or hold one's attention, have one under one's spells, have one under a spell

### to have piercing eyes

1. to be astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, knowing or wise  
She has **piercing eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) to be perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen, discerning, perspicacious, informed, insightful, cognizant, piercing, penetrating or probing
3. (informal) to be sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, able to see right through someone or alert
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7. (more informal) to have eyes which are holding or holding fast, have eyes which monopolize or hold one's attention, have one under one's spells, have one under a spell

### **to have ravishing eyes**

1. to have eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
He **has such ravishing eyes** that if I don't leave now, I am going to regret it.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are tempting, prepossessing, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling or enravishing
3. to have eyes which are catching, sexy, drawing, transporting or taking
4. to have eyes which are yummy, have bedroom eyes

### **to have sad eyes**

1. to be depressed, sad, low, sorrowful, miserable, tearful, crush or discouraged  
My mother always **had such sad eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to be despondent, **heart-sick**, dispirited, **heavy-hearted**, downcast, grieved, **sick at heart**, melancholy, inconsolable, crestfallen or feeling low
3. (informal) to be **long faced**, **down in the mouth**, down or down in the dumps
4. (slang) to be glum, in the pits, blue, bummed out

### **to have seductive eyes**

1. to have eyes which are appetizing, ravishing, magnetizing, inflaming, bewitching, enchanting, intriguing, fascinating, inviting, mesmerizing, attractive, irresistible, appealing or ravishing  
He has such **seductive eyes** that if I don't leave now, I am going to regret it.
2. (more stylized) to have eyes which are alluring, enticing, entrancing, enthralling, transpiercing, tantalizing, arousing, spellbinding, provocative, engrossing, captivating, intriguing, enthralling diverting, enchanting, transfixing, titillating, winsome, enrapturing, ravishing or piercing
3. to have eyes which are **mouth-watering**, catching, drawing, transporting or taking,
4. to have eyes which are yummy

#### **to have sexy eyes**

1. to have eyes which are coy, sensuous, striking, dallying, beautiful, enchanting, coquettish, appealing, inviting, arousing, seductive, flirtatious, ensnaring or pleasing  
He is so gorgeous; he **has such sexy eyes**.
2. to have eyes which are bedeviling, exciting, vivifying, tantalizing, transfixing, sensual, rousing, beckoning, ravishing, wanton, captivating or come-hither
3. to have eyes which are fast and loose, jolting, **mouth-watering**, wolfish or foxy

#### **to have sharp eyes**

1. to be astute, sharp, sound, stable, thoughtful, all observant, sensible, intelligent, acute, alert, wide-awake, observant, penetrating, attentive, shrewd, quick, watchful, knowing or wise  
She has such **sharp eyes**. Nothing gets pass her.
2. (more stylistic) to be perceptive cogent, balanced, judicious, circumspect, sensible, sagacious, **Argus-eyed**, vigilant, keen,

discerning, perspicacious, informed, insightful, cognizant, piercing, penetrating or probing

3. (informal) to be sharp witted, taking it all in, **lynx-eyed**, sharp sighted, clear sighted, **right-minded**, **clear-eyed**, on the alert, sharp witted, **clear-minded**, **keen eyed**, **eagle-eyed**, quick sighted, **hawk-eyed**, not missing a thing, **sharp eyed**, quick witted, **long headed**, ready, on the lookout, on the alert, **on one's toes**, able to see right through someone or alert
4. (slang) to be on the ball, crackerjack, on the job, sharp as a tack, whiz-bang or brainy

### **to have shimmering eyes**

1. to have eyes which are moist with tears  
Her **shimmering eyes** greatly moved me.
2. to have eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful or glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **shimmering eyes**. They were beautiful.
3. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating or aglimmer
4. (informal) to have eyes which light up

### **to have shining eyes**

1. to have eyes which are moist with tears  
Her **shining eyes** greatly moved me.
2. to have eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful or glittering

The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **shining eyes**.

3. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillant, scintillating or aglimmer
4. (informal) to have eyes which light up

### **to have stars in one's eyes**

1. to be unreal, idealistic, romantic, unrealistic, impractical, or overly optimistic or dreamy, **have stars in one's eyes**  
She is so **starry-eyed** that she scares me.
2. (more stylistic) to be madcap, chimerical, quixotic, preposterous, utopian, inutile
3. (informal) to see life through rose colored glasses, be dreamy, live on cloud nine, be builder of castles in the sky, **head-in-the-sky** or spacey, **have one's head in the sky**
4. (Latin) in nubibus
5. to be greatly impressed, obsessed, fascinated, ruled, controlled or monopolized by Hollywood, celebrities and fame  
Ever since she went to Los Angeles she has **had stars in her eyes**.
6. to be prepossessed, fixated, or preoccupied by, absorbed or immersed in Hollywood, celebrities and fame
7. (informal) to be stage struck, wrapped up, crazed or gripped by, caught up in Hollywood, celebrities and fame

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4. (Latin) in nubibus

### **to have tears come to one's eyes**

1. to have tears stream, rise, spring to or gush from one's eyes, have tears have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, have tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**, be on the verge of tears, about to break down or dissolve into tears  
She **had tears come to her eyes** as she listened to the story.
2. (more stylized) to have tears rush forth, flow, pour forth or issue from one's eyes, shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming or overflowing with tears**, sob, be weepy or lachrymal,
3. (informal) to have tears spill out, overflow or spill over, be close to tears, **have red eyes** or **tears in one's eyes**
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

### **to have tears in one's eyes**

1. to have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, have tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**, be on the verge of tears, about to break down or dissolve into tears  
When I saw her, she had already found out. She **had tears in her eyes**.



2. (more stylized) to shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming or overflowing with tears**, sob, be weepy or lachrymal
3. (informal) to be close to tears, **have red eyes** or **tears in one's eyes**
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

#### **to have tears spring one's eyes**

1. to have tears stream, rise, spring to or gush from one's eyes, have tears have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, have tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**, be on the verge of tears, about to break down or dissolve into tears  
She **had tears spring to her eyes** as she listened to the story.
2. (more stylized) to have tears rush forth, flow, pour forth or issue from one's eyes, shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming or overflowing with tears**, sob, be weepy or lachrymal,
3. (informal) to have tears spill out, overflow or spill over, be close to tears, **have red eyes** or **tears in one's eyes**
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

#### **to have tears well up in one's eyes**

1. to have tears stream, rise, spring to or gush from one's eyes, have tears have eyes which are moist with tears, have eyes brimming with tears, have tears in one's eyes, have **moist, misty** or **dewy eyes**, be on the verge of tears, about to break down or dissolve into tears  
She **had tears well up in her eyes** as she listened to the story.

2. (more stylized) to have tears rush forth, flow, pour forth or issue from one's eyes, shed tears, weep, **have one's eyes brimming or overflowing with tears**, sob, be weepy or lachrymal,
3. (informal) to have tears spill out, overflow or spill over, be close to tears, **have red eyes** or **tears in one's eyes**
4. (slang) to bawl, boohoo, blubber

### **to have the public's eye**

1. to be popular, in the public, be in the glare or strong light of the public or of great interest, have notoriety, attention or popularity, be the subject of people's conversation, be the one that everyone is talking about, be the center of gossip, be celebrated or famous  
You **have the public's eye** ; take advantage of the situation.
2. (more stylized) to be prominent, acclaimed, eminent, notable, distinctive, in the harsh light or glare of the public, famed, renowned, infamous or notorious, to have one's person and name be in circulation, current or in the air
3. (informal) to be in the big time, in the bright light, in the blinding flash, in the spotlight, in the glare of public attention, in the limelight, in the spotlight, in the limelight, on the map, **on everyone's lips** or **in everyone's mouth**, **be in the mouth of rumormongers, gossipmongers**, be the scoop, inside info or the information, be the subject of a whispering campaign, in the news, **on everyone's tongue**
4. (slang) to be on the grapevine, be the poop, dirt, dope or low down, be talked of

### **to have tired eyes**

1. to be tired or exhausted  
You have such **tired eyed** that it looks like you're about to fall.

2. to be wearied, fatigued or beat
3. (informal) to look worn out, washed out, wiped out, dog-tired, dead tired, dead, **dead on one's feet**, or ready to drop, be tuckered, bushed
4. (slang) to look fagged, fagged out, played out, spent, spent, pooped or pooped out, be done in, dog-tired, all in, dead on one's feet, like a dishrag

### **to have twinkling eyes**

1. to have eyes which are glinting, twinkling, glowing, glittering, lively, full of life, sparkling, dazzling, bright, shining, lit up, shimmering, glistening, gleaming, brilliant, beautiful, glittering  
The thing which I remember and love the most about her were her **twinkling eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to have eyes which are aglisten, resplendent, blazing, ravishing, bedazzling, iridescence, shimmering, illuminating, luminous, glistening, scintillating,
3. (informal) to have eyes which light up

### **to hit one between the eyes**

1. to surprise, amaze, stun, stagger, floor  
His action was so unexpected that I can only say that it **hit me between the eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to astonish, astound, stupefy, be taken unawares,
3. (informal) to bowl over, take one's breath away, **make one's head swim**, knock or throw for a loop, take aback, throw for a loss, dumbfound
4. (slang) to blow away, catch one short, **blow one's mind**

5. to get the idea, recognize, realize, grasp, understand  
One day it **hit me between the eyes**. He is not my friend; he has never been my friend. He has always been my enemy.
6. to fathom, apprehend, become cognizant of, discern, comprehend, glean, perceive
7. to **figure out**, hit one like a ton of brick, finally get it, **make head or tails of**, **get it through one's head**

**to hit one right between the eyes**

- 1 to surprise, astound, amaze, stun, stagger, stupefy, floor  
His action was so unexpected that I can only say that it **hit me right between the eyes**.
2. (more stylized) to astonish, astound, stupefy, be taken unawares,
3. (informal) to bowl over, take one's breath away, **make one's head swim**, knock or throw for a loop, take aback, throw for a loss, dumbfound
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7. to **figure out**, hit one like a ton of brick, finally get it, **make head or tails of**, **get it through one's head**

### **to hit the bull's eye**

1. to achieve, succeed, succeed in, realize, accomplish, complete  
He **hit the bull's eye** when he finally finished the book and finally got it published.
2. (more stylistic) to triumph, attain success, fulfill, be successful
3. (informal) to make good, clinch, strike oil, come through, bring off, carry off, strike gold, bring off, luck out, clinch, hit the jackpot, make it big
4. (slang) to hit the number

### **to keep an eye on**

1. to look, observe, regard, guard against, be on caution about  
**Keep an eye** on her. Given the opportunity, she will steal you blind.
2. (informal) to watch one step with, heed, give heed to, take note of, be on alert about, **mind**
3. to guard, watch over, protect, keep, look over, take care of  
I need you to **keep an eye on** the children.
4. to baby sit, **mind**, look after, sit with
5. to center one's attention on, direct one's thinking  
It is always important to **keep an eye on** what's the point of the question
6. (informal) to keep focus on, zero in one, home in on
7. seek, search for, hunt, look for, hunt for

8. (more stylistic) to quest for, pursue

**to keep an eye on the time**

1. to be aware or conscious of the time, watch the clock  
Don't be late. **Keep an eye on the time.**
2. (informal) **to be mindful of the time**, watch the clock

**to keep an eye out for**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive or heedful  
He has tried to escape many times; you **must keep an eye out for** any unusual activity on his part.
2. to watch out for, watch closely for look out for, **keep one's eyes skinned**, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, **keep one's eyes peeled for**  
While I'm downtown, I'll **keep an eye out for** your brother.

**to keep one's eyes close**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
You can not **keep your eyes close** . If you do you will never be able to help your children.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, undiscerning, oblivious
3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

### **to keep one's eyes closed to**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
You can not **keep your eyes close** to reality for very much longer.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, unapprehending, undiscerning, oblivious
3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

### **to keep one's eye on the ball**

1. to remain alert or vigilant to what is going on around one, be watchful, wary or heedful  
Don't worry about him; you **keep your eye on the ball**.
2. (informal) to maintain oneself awake, sharp, wide awake, on the alert or **mindful** to what is going on around one
3. to follow the details of a ball game so as to know what is happening  
To understand baseball, you must **keep your eye on the ball**.
4. to not swerve and always be aware of one's goal, maintain one's focus on the goal, aim, purpose, object, or end  
It is when all hope seems to be lost that it is especially important to **keep one's eyes on the ball**.
5. to be always be aware of the bigger picture, **keep one's eyes on the prize** or **on the bigger picture**

### **to keep one's eyes on the prize**

1. to not swerve and always be aware of one's goal, maintain one's focus on the goal, aim, purpose, object, or end  
It is when all hope seems to be lost that it is especially important to **keep one's eyes on the prize**.
2. to be always be aware of the bigger picture, **keep one's eyes on the prize** or **on the bigger picture**

### **to keep one's eyes on the road**

(said while driving) to take one's eyes off the road, look straight ahead, not look left or right

If you don't want to get into an accident, you have to **keep your eyes on the road**.

### **to keep one's eyes open**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive or heedful  
He **kept his eyes open**.
2. (informal) to watch out for, look out for, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, be wide awake to  
While I'm downtown, I'll **keep an eye out for** your brother.

### **to keep one's eyes open to**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive or heedful  
He **kept his eyes open to** any and all possibilities.
2. (informal) to watch out for, look out for, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, be wide awake to  
While I'm downtown, I'll **keep an eye out for** your brother.



### **to keep one's eyes peeled for**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive for or to, heedful of  
While I was on the bus, I **kept my eyes peeled for** a bathroom.
2. (informal) to **peel one's eye on**, watch out for, watch closely for look out for, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, **keep an eye out for**, **keep one's eyes skinned**

### **to keep one's eyes shut**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
You can not **keep your eyes shut**. Reality will always rear its ugly head.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, undiscerning, oblivious
3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

### **to keep one's eyes shut to**

1. to overlook, ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**  
You can not **keep your eyes shut** to reality for very much longer.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, uncomprehending, undiscerning, oblivious

3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **close one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **shut one's eyes to**, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

#### **to keep one's eyes skinned**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive for or to, heedful of  
**Keep your eyes skinned**; he should be returning any moment.
2. to watch out for, watch closely for look out for, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, **keep one's eyes peeled for**, **keep an eye out for**, **keep one's weather eye open**

#### **to keep one's weather eye open**

1. to be vigilant, watchful, on one's guard, be attentive for or to, heedful of  
**Keep your weather eyes opened**; one can not be too safe.
2. to watch out for, watch closely for look out for, to be on the alert for, be watchful for, **keep one's eyes open**, be on the look out for, **be open-eyed**, **keep an opened eye**, **keep one's eyes peeled for**, **keep an eye out for**, **keep one's eyes skinned**

#### **to keep the eyes on**

1. to stare at, watch closely, not let out of one's sight, keep one's attention riveted on, watch over carefully  
John will be okay. I will **keep my eyes on** him.
2. to not lose focus, keep to one's goal, keep going straight, not be swayed off course  
If you **keep your eyes on** your goal, you will achieve it.

### to lay eyes on

1. to see, behold, observe, watch, regard  
When he **laid his eyes on** her, he fell in love.
2. (informal) to **lay eyes on**, look at, light eyes on, light eyes on, catch sight of, **cast an eye upon**, look at, **eye**, **eyeball**
3. (slang) to catch sight of, take a gander, catch a glimpse of, spot

### to let someone have it right between the eyes

1. to attack, criticize, flay  
When I found out what he had done and how he did it, I **let him have it right between the eyes**.
2. (informal) to jump all over, pounce upon, lance into, haul over the coals, **get on someone's back**, shoot into, light into, pan, let someone have it, slam, fall on
3. (slang) to blast, tear into, shoot full of holes, let someone have it with both barrels, open up on, rip into, poke full of holes, shoot down, knock the bottom of

### to lift one's eyes

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **lifted her eyes** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**

3. to say a pray, pray, offer a pray  
She **lifted her eyes** hoping that everything would be alright.
4. to plead, ask, beg, call on, request  
The man **lifted his eyes**, silently begging the king for mercy.
5. (more stylistic) to supplicate, implore, press, appeal, beseech, invoke, cry for, entreat, besiege, solicit, apply to
6. (informal) to throw oneself on the mercy of the court, **throw oneself at the feet of**
7. to **lift one's eyes** or **head to look at someone**, raise or lift one's gaze or look at someone as a result of no longer being afraid, embarrassed or ashamed  
Although she was scared, she **lifted her eyes** and looked at her boss without flinching.
8. (more stylistic) to summon or gather up enough courage to meet someone's gaze or **meet someone's eyes**
9. (informal) to rouse, **nerve up** or call up one's courage to look at someone or **meet someone's eyes**

### **to lift one's eyes skyward**

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **lifted up her eyes skyward** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**

### to lift one's eyes star ward

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **lifted up her eyes star ward** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**

### to lift one's eyes up

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **lifted up her eyes** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**
3. to say a pray, pray, offer a pray  
She **lifted her eyes up** hoping that everything would be alright.
4. to plead, ask, beg, call on, request  
The man **lifted his eyes up**, silently begging the king for mercy.
5. (more stylistic) to supplicate, implore, press, appeal, beseech, invoke, cry for, entreat, besiege, solicit, apply to
6. (informal) to throw oneself on the mercy of the court, **throw oneself at the feet of**

7. to **lift one's eyes** or **head to look at someone**, raise or lift one's gaze or look at someone as a result of no longer being afraid, embarrassed or ashamed  
Although she was scared, she **lifted her eyes up** and looked at her boss without flinching.
8. (more stylistic) to summon or gather up enough courage to meet someone's gaze or **meet someone's eyes**
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### **to lift one's eyes upward**

1. to **lift one's eyes, lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes, raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes, lift one's head, lift up one's head**  
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1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
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#### **to light one's eyes on**

1. to see, behold, observe, watch, regard  
When he **lighted his eyes on** her, he fell in love.
2. (informal) to **lay eyes on**, look at, light eyes on, light eyes on, catch sight of, **cast an eye upon**, look at, **eye**, **eyeball**
3. (slang) to catch sight of, take a gander, catch a glimpse of, spot

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### **to live with one's eyes open**

1. to not ignore or dismiss reality, be conscious of one's reality  
I will only **live with my eyes open**. I will not be an ostrich.
2. to look at, see, or **keep one's eyes open to** what is going on around one, **not hide one's head in a hole**, to see what is plain to everyone, **not hide one's head in the sand**, purposely not **close one's eye to the handwriting on the wall**, not hide or run away from reality, not be able to close one's eyes, **not bury one's head in the sand**, **keep one's eyes to**, **not put one's head in a hole**, **not put one's head in the sand**, **not hide one's head in a hole**

### **to lock eyes**

1. to stare, look at someone directly in the face or in the eyes  
The minute that they **locked eyes**, they fell in love.
2. (more stylized) to hold one's gaze steadfast, stand agog, stare steady, look intently on, look intently upon, hold one's gaze, gaze at
3. (informal) to **eye**, **make eye contact**, **meet eyes**, **eyeball**, look hard at
4. (slang) to goggle, ogle
5. (to look at steady in a negative sense) to look daggers glare, gape, look at darkly, glare at, glower, glower at, leer at, gawk, stare angrily, scowl, stare down

### **to look at out of the corner of one's eyes**

1. to watch or observe someone without the person's knowledge, look at someone indirectly or at an angle  
He **kept looking at her out of the corner of his eyes**.
2. (highly stylized) to look askance or obliquely at (informal)

3. (informal) to look at someone sideways, slantwise or crookedly
4. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, look shyly at or give a side glance at so that one's interest is very obvious

### **to look at someone in the eye**

1. to **look at someone directly in the face**, **look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly  
**Look at me in the eye** and tell me that you don't love me.
2. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look at someone right in the face** or **in the eye**
3. to challenge, confront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear  
He **looked her straight in the eyes** and waited for her to react.
4. (more stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no apprehensive, to have no misgivings
5. (informal) to taunt, throw down the gauntlet, look straight in the face, stand up to, stand up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, tempt Providence, court destruction, go in harm's way
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### **to look at with calf's eyes**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, tease  
Little children are always **looking at each other with calf's eyes**.

2. (informal) to eye, **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, **give the glad eye**, **undress with one's eyes**, throw oneself at, wink at **flutter one's eyes at**, **make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyes at**, **look at with calf's eyes**, **follow with one's eyes**, **look at with goo-goo eyes**
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Little children are always **looking at each other with sheep's eyes**.
2. (informal) to eye, **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, **give the glad eye**, **undress with one's eyes**, throw oneself at, wink at **flutter one's eyes at**, **make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyes at**, **look at with calf's eyes**, **follow with one's eyes**, **look at with goo-goo eyes**
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### **to look in the eye**

1. to challenge, confront, affront, encounter, provoke, meet  
defiantly, defy, show no fear, not be afraid of, be unafraid or  
unafraid of  
He **looked in the eye** of danger but instead of running away, he  
kept moving forward.
2. (no stylistic) to affront, show no trepidation, demonstrate no  
apprehensive, to have no misgivings, front
3. (informal) to taunt, twist the lion's tail, throw down the gauntlet,  
square off against, **look straight in the face**, stand up to, stand  
up against, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **meet eyeball to  
eyeball**, bell the cat, tempt Providence, court decision, go in  
harm's way, **meet head on**

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### **to look in the eyes**

1. to **look at someone directly in the face**, **look at someone in the eye** without blink or unblinkingly  
Some killers can not **look in the eye** of their victims.
2. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look straight in the eyes**, **look at someone right in the face**, **look right in the eyes**, **look straight in the face**, **look in the face**
3. to challenge, confront, affront, encounter, provoke, meet defiantly, defy, show no fear  
He **looked in the eyes** of his enemy and laughed.
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### **to look out of half closed eyes**

1. to squint, **look out of squint-eyed**, look at suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes** or **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
When I told him how much I earned he **looked out of half closed eyes** and smiled cynically.

2. (more stylistic) to look at in a manner which is awry, aslant, skew, wry, asquint or askew, glance obliquely or dubiously, look askance
3. (informal) look at in a manner which is off-centered, **see with half an eye**, sideways, slantwise, off-balance, **cross-eyed**, crosswise, with a side glance or at an angle, look at crookedly, **screw up the eyes**

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### **to lower one's eyes**

1. to **not look at someone in the eyes**, **not meet someone's eyes**, lower one's gaze as a result of shyness, shame, embarrassment, as a show of respect or as a recognition of one's inferior status, **not make eye contact**  
As soon as she saw him come into the room, she **lowered her eyes** and **bit her lower lip**.
2. (more stylistic) to humble or lower oneself
3. (informal) to look down, **not meet another's eyes**, **not make or break eye contact**, **lower one's head**, **look at one's feet** or at the floor, **not look at someone in the eyes**, **keep one's eyes**

**down, not look at someone straight in the eyes, bend, stoop or curve one's shoulders, bow one's head**

**to make calf eyes at**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, tease  
It doesn't bother him that she is always **making calf eyes at** him.
2. (informal) to flirt with, throw oneself at, wink at, **flutter one's eyes at, make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **make eyes at, bat one's eyelashes, bat one's eyes at**
3. (slang) to ogle at, **make goo-goo eyes at**

**to make eye contact**

1. to look at someone directly in the face or in the eyes  
When he's lying he does not **make eye contact**.
2. (informal) to not to lower one's gaze, not to blink, **look at someone right in the face** or **in the eye, look someone straight in the face, lock eyes with**

**to make eyes at**

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She's always **making eyes at** me.
2. (informal) to **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, throw oneself at, wink at **flutter one's eyes at, make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **bat one's eyelashes, bat one's eyes at**
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### **to make goo-goo eyes at**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, tease  
Little children are always **making goo-goo eyes at** one another.
2. (informal) to eye, **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, **give the glad eye**, **undress with one's eyes**, throw oneself at, wink at, **flutter one's eyes at**, **make sheep eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyes at**, **look at with calf's eyes**, **follow with one's eyes**
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### **to make one's eyes pop out**

1. to be surprise, amazed, dumbfounded, astounded, shocked  
staggered,  
When I told him that he won a million, the news made her eyes pop out.
2. (informal) to be bowled over, hit like a ton of brick, flabbergasted, struck dumb, floored or staggered

### **to make eyes pop out of one's head**

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### **to make sheep eyes at**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest  
It is obvious that she likes him; she **is always making sheep eyes at him**.

2. (informal) to **make calf's eyes at**, flirt with, throw oneself at, wink at, **flutter one's eyes at**, look sweet at, wink at, play footsie, **make eyes at**, **bat one's eyelashes**, **bat one's eyes at**

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### **to make one's eyes water**

1. to **make one's eyes moist** or **watery**, **make one's eyes water**, cause one to become teary, cause one to cry, **cause tears to come to one's eyes**

I hate cutting up onions. Onions always **make my eyes water**.

2. (more stylized) to **bring tears to one's eyes**, **make one's eyes dewy**, **have tears come to one's eyes**, cause one to tear up, cause one to shed tears or weep, **cause one's eye to become tearful**, **lachrymose** or **weepy**, **cause one's eyes water**

3. (informal) to cause one to tear up or bawl

### **to meet one's eyes**

1. to **look at someone directly in the face**, **look someone directly in the face**

When I **met his eyes**, I fell in love.

2. (informal) to **make eye contact**, **look at someone right in the face** or **in the eye**, **lock eyes with**

3. (slang) to **meet eyeball to eyeball**, look up

### **to meet eyeball to eyeball**

1. to confront boldly, oppose directly, confront, encounter, meet courageously, challenge, confront, stand up to, provoke, dare, stand in opposition of, confront, stand opposed to, brazen, brazen out, brazen through

He met his enemy **eyeball to eyeball** to fight it out.

2. (more stylistic) to affront, oppugn, encounter, cross, thwart, **face in defiance**, threaten, defy
3. (informal) to not run away from, skate on thin ice, **put one's head in the lion's mouth**, **face**, brave, **face up to**, court destruction, tempt Providence, **meet eyeball to eyeball**, beard, stand oppose to, throw down the gauntlet, **come face to face**, beard the lion in his den, twist the lion's tail, **fly in the face of**, make bold, call into question, **be in someone's face**, **meet head on**, take up the gauntlet, throw down the glove or gage, **knock the chip off one's shoulder**, cross the line in the sand, **face the card down**, **face down**, **bring face to face**, **come face**, stand up to, **meet face to face**, **show one's teeth**, show fight
4. (slang) to **snap the fingers at**, take the bull by the horn, bell the cat, twist the lion's tail, out-brazen, brazen, brazen out, bell the cat, dance on the razor's edge, double-dare

#### **to not bat an eye**

1. to not react, to remain nonchalant, self-controlled, stoical, stoic, stolid or unemotional  
He **did not bat an eye** at the allegations.
2. (informal) to think nothing about, keep one's cool, maintain a cool head, roll with the punches, not to sweat it, take it in one's stride
3. (negative) to be untouched, hard, callous or unfeeling
4. (stylized/negative) obdurate, inured
5. (informal /negative) to be thick skinned, casehardened, hard-hearted, hard-boiled, hard-bitten

#### **to not be able believe one's own eyes**

1. to be amazed, astounded, stupefied, or awestruck by what one is looking at or seeing, not trust or believe what one is seeing

I could **not believe my own eyes** when I actually saw her walking towards me.

2. (more stylistic) to stand aghast or agog, be stunned, agog, rendered speechless, disconcerted, agape, discomfited, bewildered or confounded
3. (informal) to be flabbergasted, knocked over or out by, boggled, thrown for a loss, thunderstruck, taken aback, floored or bowled over by, **rub one's eyes, be left open-mouthed, not be able to believe one's eyes, not be able to believe one's ear, not believe one's eyes, not believe one's ear**, thrown off guard, **be hit between the eyes, left breathless, set one back on one's heels, take one's breath away**
4. (slang) to **blow one's mind**

#### **to not be able to close one's eyes**

1. to not be able to go to sleep, be unable to fall asleep, have insomnia  
I **was not able to close my eyes** all night.
2. to no longer be able to ignore reality or to close one's eyes to reality, choose to live what is rather than in fantasy land
3. to look at, see, or **keep one's eyes open to** what is going on around one, **not hide one's head in a hole**, to see what is plain to everyone, **not hide one's head in the sand**, purposely not **close one's eye to the handwriting on the wall**, not hide or run away from reality, not be able to close one's eyes, **not bury one's head in the sand, keep one's eyes to, not put one's head in a hole, not put one's head in the sand, not hide one's head in a hole**

#### **to not be able to take one's eyes off someone or something**

1. not to be able to stop looking at, fix one's sight or gaze on, **have one's eyes fixed, riveted, fixated or arrested on someone or something**, not be able to turn away, stare, glare or gaze at



Although the scene was especially blood, I **could not take my eyes off all the dead bodies.**

2. to hold or have the undivided attention of, be totally absorbed or engrossed in looking at someone or something
3. (informal) to **bend the eye, cock the eye, fix the eye, fix one's gaze, gawk, ogle, peel one's eyes on, goggle, rivet one's eyes on, rivet one's eyes upon, keep an eye on**

### **to not be fit for one's eyes**

1. to be not fitted, proper, suitable, fitting, well-suited, befitting  
I would love to go to the movies with you but I'm not taking the children. This picture is not **fit for children eyes.**
2. (more stylistic) to be not correspondent, apt, appropriate, well-adapted, apropos, corresponding
3. (informal) in keeping, just right for

### **to not believe one's own eyes**

1. to be amazed, astounded, stupefied, or awestruck by what one is looking at or seeing  
I **didn't believe my own eyes** when I saw her name in the newspaper.
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**between the eyes, left breathless, set one back on one's heels, take one's breath away**

4. (slang) to **blow one's mind**

**(to not have) a dry eye in the house**

1. to have the members of the audience crying  
The movie was so sad that there **was not a dry eye in the house.**
2. to have the members of the audience shedding tears, weeping, sobbing or wailing
3. to have the audience blubbering, boohooing or bawling

**to not look at someone in the eyes**

1. to not be able look at someone directly in the face, not be able to make eye contact, show one's shame, discomfort, shyness, bashfulness, discomfort or embarrassment  
I always knows when he's lying; he can not **look at me in the eyes.**
2. (more stylistic) to demonstrate one self-consciousness, awkwardness, uneasiness or disconcertment
3. (informal) to **not meet someone's eyes, keep one's heads down, hold one's head down, look at one's feet**, look at the floor

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2. (more stylistic) to demonstrate one self-consciousness, awkwardness, uneasiness or disconcertment, have a lowered gaze
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2. (more stylistic) to demonstrate one self-consciousness, awkwardness, uneasiness or disconcertment, have a lowered gaze
3. (informal) to **keep one's heads down, hold one's head down, look at one's feet**, look at the floor

### **to open one's eyes**

1. to finally realize the truth, finally accept reality, confront reality  
Last night, I **opened my eyes**. It is still hard to **face the truth**.

2. (informal) to come down from the clouds, **face reality**, confront what is, **face**, get clued in, figure out, take off one's rose colored glasses, **get one's head out of the clouds**, have one's illusions shattered, made to grow up
3. (slang) to be set straight, clued in, snapped out of it, made to see the real world or told the truth, have one's bubble burst

### **to open one's eyes to**

1. to finally realize the truth, finally accept reality, confront reality  
Last night, I **opened my eyes** to the type of person he was.
2. (more stylized) to be disabused, elucidated, undeceived, disillusioned, enlightened, illuminated, disenchanted, unbeguiled
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### **to open one's eyes**

1. to make someone finally realize the truth, enlighten, expose, reveal, unfold, divulge, unveil, unmask  
It is not easy to **open someone's eyes**, especially if the person wishes to remain blind.
2. (more stylized) to disabuse, elucidate, deceive, disillusion, enlighten, illuminate, disenchant, unbeguile
3. (informal) to have one understand, make plain, break the spell, let know, clue in, throw light on, make clear, spell out, shatter one's

illusion, make point out, shed light on, lay open, make someone grow up

4. (slang) to wake someone up, clue in, set straight, burst someone's bubble, snap someone out of it, set someone right, make someone see the real world, tell someone the truth

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### **to picture in the mind's eye**

to imagine, picture, envision, visualize, conjure or dream up

It is difficult to **picture in the mind's eye** a time when there is no longer war.

### **to poke out one's eyes**

1. to **take out one's eyes, remove one's eye**, blind, take away one's sight  
He tortured people by threatening to **poke out their eyes**.

2. (more stylistic) to render sightless, **gouge out the eyes of**, deprive of sight

3. (informal) to rob one of sight

### **to pull the wool over one's eyes**

1. to deceive, misguide, trick, play a trick on, fool  
I know who you are; you can't **pull the wool over my eyes**.

2. (more stylized) to misinform, delude, deceive, cozen, misdirect, defraud, mislead

3. (informal) to hoodwink, take in, trick, fool, lead astray

4. (slang) to pass one over, snooker, pull a fast one, **throw dust in the eyes of**, dupe, make a chump out of, pull a fast one, con, take for a ride, slip one over

### **to put a sparkle in one's eyes**

1. to make happy or pleased  
His presence has **brought a sparkle to her eyes**.

2. to satisfy, gratify, fulfill, give pleasure to, make content

3. (informal) to bring a spring in one's step, make one feel good, **bring a sparkle to one's eyes**

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### **to put before someone's eyes**

1. to picture, reveal, display, represent, paint, draw
2. (informal) to bring into view, mirror

### **to put in the public eye**

to bring into the public or into view, present, let the world know about  
examine or see

You had no right to **put in the public eye** every detail of my life.

### **to put one's eye out**

to blind someone

Stop waving that hanger in my face or you're going to **put my eye out**.

### **to put one's shoulders back and look someone in the eyes**

1. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed, **put one's shoulders back and look at someone in the eyes**  
You are a Castillo; therefore, you are to **put your shoulders back and look at her in the eyes**. There is no reason to flinch or blink.
2. (more stylistic) to demonstrate that one is unbowed, unbent, unrepentant, resolute, steadfast or firm, not to show trepidation, apprehensive or mortification

3. to show that one **has a mind of one's own** or that one is strong-willed, **hard-headed**, tough, **hard-nosed** or **strong minded**, **be stiff-backed**, show no fear, **keep** or **maintain one's head up**, hold, **keep** or **maintain one's head held up high**, **put one's shoulders back and hold one's head up high**

**to put one's shoulders back and look someone straight in the eyes**

1. to stand straight and proud, display or demonstrate one's dignity or strength, not show one's shame or embarrassment, to show one's pride, not to be embarrassed or ashamed, **put one's shoulders back and look at someone in the eyes**  
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**to raise one's eyes**

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
She **raised her eyes** the minute she heard the noise.
2. (more stylistic) to **direct one's eyes upward**, look skyward, look up, look heavenward, **raise one's eyes skyward**, **lift one's head skyward**, **raise one's eyes heavenward**, direct one's gaze skyward, direct one's gaze heavenward, look star ward, **direct one's eyes star ward**, **direct one's eyes to the wild blue yonder**, **raise one's head to the stars**, **raise one's head up**



3. to say a pray, pray, offer a pray  
She **raised her eyes** hoping that everything would be alright.
4. to plead, ask, beg, call on, request  
The man **raised his eyes**, silently begging the king for mercy.
5. (more stylistic) to supplicate, implore, press, appeal, beseech, invoke, cry for, entreat, besiege, solicit, apply to
6. (informal) to throw oneself on the mercy of the court, **throw oneself at the feet of**
7. to **lift one's eyes** or **head to look at someone**, raise or lift one's gaze or look at someone as a result of no longer being afraid, embarrassed or ashamed  
Although she was scared, she **raised her eyes** and looked at her boss without flinching.
8. (more stylistic) to summon or gather up enough courage to meet someone's gaze or **meet someone's eyes**
9. (informal) to rouse, **nerve up** or call up one's courage to look at someone or **meet someone's eyes**

#### **to raise one's eyes skyward**

1. to **lift one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, lift one's gaze, lift one's look, **raise one's eyes**, **raise one's head**, raise one's look, raise one's gaze, **lift up one's eyes**, **lift one's head**, **lift up one's head**  
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**to raise one's eyes up**

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3. to say a pray, pray, offer a pray

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4. to plead, ask, beg, call on, request

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Although she was scared, she **raised her eyes up** and looked at her boss without flinching.

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#### **to remove one's eyes**

1. to **take out one's eyes, remove one's eye**, blind, take away one's sight, **poke out of one's eyes**  
He tortured people by threatening to **remove their eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to render sightless, **gouge out the eyes of**, deprive of sight
3. (informal) to rob one of sight

#### **to rivet one's eyes on**

1. fix one's sight or gaze on, **have one's eyes fixed, riveted, fixated or arrested on someone or something**, not be able to turn away, stare, glare or gaze at, look at without turning away  
Although I tried to turn away, I **rivet my eyes on** him.
2. to hold or have the undivided attention of, be totally absorbed or engrossed in looking at someone or something
3. (informal) to **bend the eye, cock the eye, fix the eye, fix one's gaze**, gawk, ogle, goggle, **rivet one's eyes on, rivet one's eyes upon, keep an eye on**

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### to roll one's eyes

1. to have one's eyes or eyeballs go up in one's head, turn one's eyes upward, have one eyes move from side to side and top to bottom  
I will not allow you to **roll your eyes at me**.
2. (informal) to be googly-eyed
3. to show one's disgust or impatience with one's eyes  
Once his mother start talking, the child **rolled his eyes**.

### to rub one's eyes

1. common gesture or signal to demonstrate one's fatigue, sleepiness or tiredness  
I could tell that he was sleep; he kept **rubbing his eyes**.
2. common gesture or signal which is made immediately upon awaking, done to help one wake up  
Stop **rubbing your eyes** and get out of bed.
3. to be amazed, astounded, stupefied, or awestruck by what one is looking at or seeing  
I had to keep **rubbing my eyes** while watching her walking towards me.

4. (more stylistic) to stand aghast or agog, be stunned, agog, rendered speechless, disconcerted, agape, discomfited, bewildered or confounded, show disbelief
5. (informal) to be flabbergasted, knocked over or out by, boggled, thrown for a loss, thunderstruck, taken aback, floored or bowled over by, **rub one's eyes**, **be left open-mouthed**, **not be able to believe one's eyes**, **not be able to believe one's ear**, **not believe one's eyes**, **not believe one's ear**, thrown off guard, **be hit between the eyes**, **left breathless**, **set one back on one's heels**, **take one's breath away**
6. (slang) to **boggle one's mind**, **blow one's mind**

#### **to run one's eyes over**

1. to glance at briefly, scan, scrutinize, skim, skim and scan  
The women **ran their eyes over** her dress and, afterwards, snickered.
2. (more stylistic) to peruse, scrutinize
3. (informal) to give the once over, have a look at, **sweep one's eyes over**, run through, **eyeball**, look, read or check over, look, flip or leaf through the pages, pore, pore over, **eye**, vet

#### **to screw up the eyes**

1. to squint, **look out of squint-eyes**, look at suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes** or **out of the corner of one's eyes**  
When I told him how much I earned he **screwed up the eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to look at in a manner which is awry, aslant, skew, wry, asquint or askew, glance obliquely or dubiously, look askance

3. (informal) look at in a manner which is off-centered, **see with half an eye**, sideways, slantwise, off-balance, **cross-eyed**, crosswise, with a side glance or at an angle, look at crookedly, **screw up the eyes**

#### **to scrutinize someone with one's eyes**

1. to watch, observe, follow, behold  
Although he did not talk to the woman, he **scrutinized her with his eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to take stock of, scrutinize, survey, inspect, appraise
3. (informal) to keep tabs on, look at, **eye**, keep someone in one's sight, **keep an eye on**, **keep one's eyes open**, **keep one's eyes peeled**, ogle at, gawk at, stare at, leer at, give the once over, take a close look at, take a long look, size up, size, take a long look at, take a careful look at, give the once over, have a look at, **run one's eyes over**, **sweep one's eyes over**
4. (slang) to take a good long hard look at, check out, **eyeball**

#### **to see eye to eye**

1. to agree, be in agreement, have mutual understanding, arrive at an agreement, come to an understanding  
We never **see eye to eye**; it's amazing that we're friends.
2. (highly stylized) to conform, correspond, concur, assent, be in accord, accord, cohere, comply, harmonize, accede, chime, tally, dovetail
3. (informal) to jibe, **be of one mind**, **be of the same mind**, **be of like mind**, think alike, **go hand in glove**, strike a bargain, **go hand in hand**, stand together, fall in with



### **to see eye to eye with one about**

1. to agree about, be in agreement about, have mutual understanding about, arrive at an agreement about, come to an understanding about  
We never **see eye to eye with our neighbors about** anything.
2. (highly stylized) to conform, correspond, concur, assent, be in accord, accord, cohere, comply, harmonize, accede, chime, tally
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### **to see out of the corner of one's eye**

to notice something while one's attention is somewhere else,  
to see at the side of one while looking straight ahead

While I was talking to my father, I **saw him out of the corner of my eye**.

### **to see with a jaundice eye**

1. to look at something with a disapproving, skeptical, hesitant overly critical or suspicious eye, not trust, not believe, doubt

He knew that he was not convincing her; she **sees everything with a jaundice eye.**

2. (informal) to be from Missouri, **look at something with a chary, guarded, nervous, uneasy, shaky or leery eye, have a jaundice eye**

### **to see with half an eye**

1. to figure out or see something immediately, be clear, obvious, evident, unquestionable or plain  
Anyone can **see with half an eye** that he's not guilty
2. (informal) to **be plain as the nose on one's face**, out and out, clear cut, beyond a shadow of a doubt, free from doubt
3. to squint, **look out of squinted-eyes**, look at suspiciously, unbelievably, disapprovingly, **out of half-closed eyes** or **out of the corner of one's eyes**
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### **to see with one's own eyes**

1. to witness something, be present  
I **saw the murder with my own eyes.**
2. to see, sight, be an eye-witness to  
I know that he's not dead because I **saw him with my own eyes.**
3. (more stylized) to behold, discern, look upon, cast an eye upon

4. (informal) to **lay eyes upon**, look at, **set eyes on**, **eye**

### **to set eyes on**

1. to see, hold in view, look at  
When he **set eyes on** her, he realized that he had been wrong.
2. (more stylized) to behold, regard. discern, look upon, cast an eye upon
3. (informal) to **lay eyes upon**, **see with one's own eyes**, **eye**
4. (slang) to take a gander

### **to shut one's eyes**

1. to ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely **keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**, turn one's attention away from, no longer pay attention to, ignore, overlook, no longer regard, dismiss  
You can not **shut** your eyes. She needs you to face reality.
2. to pay no heed to, minimize, de-emphasize, underplay, slight, purposely be unconscious, purblind, imperceptive, unapprehending, undiscerning, oblivious
3. to pretend not to see, gloss over, **shut one's eyes to**, look the other way, wink or blink at, see no evil, be blind to, pay no attention to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **keep one's head in the sand**, **hide one's head in the sand**, sneeze at, play down, make a light case, not take into account, be blind as a bat, **keep one's eyes closed to** what is going on around one, **hide one's head in a hole**, never mind, wink at, take no notice of, **bury one's head in the sand**, think no more of, **put out of one's mind**

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1. to ignore, disregard, choose not to see, neglect, purposely

**keep one's eyes shut** or **closed to**, turn one's attention away from, no longer pay attention to, ignore, overlook, no longer regard, dismiss

He is used to **shutting his eyes** to all his director's abuses and lies.

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#### **to size someone up with one's eyes**

1. to watch, observe, follow, behold  
Although he did not talk to the woman, he **sizes her up with his eyes**.
2. (more stylistic) to take stock of, scrutinize, survey, inspect, appraise
3. (informal) to keep tabs on, look at, **eye**, keep someone in one's sight, **keep an eye on**, **keep one's eyes open**, **keep one's eyes peeled**, ogle at, gawk at, stare at, leer at, give the once over, take a close look at, take a long look, size up, size, take a long look at, take a careful look at, give the once over, have a look at, **run one's eyes over**, **sweep one's eyes over**
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#### **to take one's eyes off someone or something**

1. to no longer watch, be attentive to or heedful of, physically turn away from, leave alone  
The moment he **took his eyes off the child**, she ran away.
2. to stop watching over, minding, baby-sitting, keeping tabs on, **keeping an eye on**, keeping an eye out or holding in view

#### **to take out one's eyes**

1. to **take out one's eyes**, **remove one's eye**, blind, take away one's sight, **poke out of one's eyes**  
He tortured people by threatening to **take out their eyes**.
2. to render sightless, **gouge out the eyes of**, deprive of sight
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### **to throw dust in someone's eyes**

1. to deceive, mislead, misdirect, misinform, outmaneuver, outsmart  
She **threw dust in his eyes** in order to mislead him.
2. (more stylized) to delude, beguile, outflank, circumvent, outwit
3. (informal) to hoodwink, take in, trick, fool, lead astray, pass one over, **pull the wool over the eyes of, pull the wool over someone's eyes**, stack the deck, throw for a curve, deal from the bottom of the deck, dupe
4. (slang) to give someone a bum steer, make a chump out of, snooker, pull a fast one, sting, con, dupe, flimflam, load the dice, snow, take in

### **to turn a blind eye to**

1. to ignore, pay no heed to, disregard, not be heedful of, overlook, take no notice of, not regard  
He **turned a blind eye to** all her pleas and walked away.

2. be blind to, **turn a deaf ear to**, **dismiss from one's mind**, dismiss from one's thoughts, brush aside, pretend not to see

**to turn one's eyes away**

to look away, look in the direction away from, look aside, direct one's eyes from, direct one's eyes away

She **turned her eyes away** and lowered her head.

**to turn one's eyes away from**

to look away from, look aside, look in the direction away from

After **turning her eyes away** from her husband, she walked away.

**to turn one's eyes to**

to look in the direction of, look in the direction towards, look at, **direct one's eyes to**, **direct one's eyes toward**

She **turned her eyes to** her mother and cried.

**to turn one's eyes toward**

to look in the direction of, look in the direction towards, look at, **direct one's eyes to**, **direct one's eyes toward**

She waited until after he finished talking before **turning her eyes toward** him.

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**to undress with one's eyes**

1. to look at someone in such a way to show one's interest, tease  
I hate when men **undress a woman with their eyes**.

2. (informal) to eye, flirt with, ogle, gawk at, give the once over, **make eyes at, bat one's eyes at, look at with calf's eyes, follow with one's eyes, look at with goo-goo eyes**
3. (slang) to ogle at

### **to view with beady eyes**

to look on or at doubtfully, dubiously, disbelievingly, skeptically or critically

You're wasting your time trying to convince him; he **views everything with beady eyes.**

### **to wipe the dust from one's eyes**

1. to make someone see or **face reality**, tell someone the truth about something  
By the time he **wiped the dust from my eyes**, it was much too late.
2. (stylized) to unbeguile, disabuse, undeceive, disenchant, disillusion, disentrance, disillusionize
3. to clue someone in, burst someone's bubble, **open the eyes of**, set someone right, break the spell, make someone grow up, wake someone up, set someone correct, make someone see the real world
4. (slang) to make someone see the light, snap someone out of it, set someone straight, set straight

### **to wipe the dust from one's own eyes**

1. to see or face reality, face the truth about something, stop looking at the world through rose colored glasses  
By the time I **wiped the dust from my eyes**, it was much too late.



2. to unbeguile, disabuse, undeceive, disenchant, disillusion, disentrance disillusionize, awaken
3. to clue in, **open one's eyes**, set oneself right, break the spell, grow up, wake up, see the real world, see what is
4. (slang) to see the light, snap out of it,

### **An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth**

1. to retaliate, take reprisals or revenge,  
I do not like violence but I do believe in **an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.**
2. (informal) measure for measure, to give someone a taste of his or her own medicine, tit for tat, blow for blow, a game that two can play, like for like
3. (Latin) quid pro quo

### **Here's mud in your eye!**

an informal toast

### **My eye!**

an exclamation of contradiction or surprise

**My eye!** He just doesn't get it.

### **That's one in the eye for ...**

to rebuff, sub, cut, freeze someone out, put down

She did not invite her brother. **That was one in the eye for him.**

**The hand is quicker than the eye**

(said while doing a card or magic trick)

1. to outwit, hoodwink, outsmart, get the best of, get the better
2. (informal) to slip one over on someone, pull a fast one

**The scales fall from the one's eyes.**

to finally see what really is, see reality, **open one's eyes**

**The scales finally fell from his eyes** and he saw the consequences of his actions.

**There is more than meet the eyes.**

there is more than one is able to see or discern or observe

**There was not a dry eye in the house.**

to have everyone in the audience crying or in tears

**Wait to you see the white of their eyes.**

wait until you are as close as possible

Don't fire. **Wait to you see the white of their eyes.**

... **when you were just a twinkle in your father's eyes**

... before you were born

## **Appendix 1**

### **Religious-based words which entered into the English language from the Church as a result of Christianization:**

abbot, alms, altar, angel, anthem, ark, candle, canon, chalice, cleric, deacon, disciple, epistle, hymn, litany, manna, martyr, mass, minister, noon, nun, offer, organ, palm, pope, priest, psalm, relic, rule, shrine, stole, synod, temple, tunic, Antichrist, apostle, cantor, cell, cloister, collect, creed, demon, font, idol, nocturne, prime, prophet, Sabbath, synagogue

### **Non-religious Latin based words which came into English through the Church:**

cap, sock, silk, purple, chest, mat, sack, beet, lentil, pear, radish, doe, oyster, lobster, mussel, to cook, box, pine, lily, marshmallow, myrrh, rue, savory, master, school, Latin, grammatical, verse, meter, gloss, notary, anchor, fan, fever, place, sponge, elephant, phoenix, circle, legion, giant, consul, talent, accent, to brief, decline, history, paper, term, title, cucumber, ginger, winkle

## **Appendix 2**

### **Most Frequently Used Words In English**

#### **Agricultural terms**

sheep, shepherd, ox, earth, plough, swine, dog, wood, field, corn

### **Days of the week**

Monandæg (day of the moon), Tiwesdæg (day of the god, Tig), Wodnesdæg (day of the god, Woden), Ðunresdæg (day of the god, Thunor), Frigedæg (the day of the goddess, Friga), Sæternesdæg (the day of the Roman god, Saturn), Sunnandæg (the day of the sun)

### **Other words**

the, is, you, man, and, for, for, of, in, on, to, under, æfter, beforan, behindan, bi (by), hwæt (what), hwy (why), ofer (over), æt (at), socc (sock), scoh (shoe), mete (meat), butere (butter), milc (milk), egg, hunig (honey), ceses (cheese), summer, winter, the, is, you, man, house, God, heaven, hell, Holy Ghost, Doomsday, god-spell, Gospel, Easter (from the Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre), Yule (from the midwinter god, Geol (pronounced 'Yule')) call, shirt, hat, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, time, corn, night, wood, blood, gold, burg, home, wine, word, book, life, king, sea, water, old

### **Old English**

mann  
wif  
cild  
hūs  
benc  
mete  
gærs  
leaf  
fugol  
god  
heah

### **Modern English**

man  
wife  
child  
house  
bench  
meat, food  
grass  
leaf  
fowl, bird  
good  
high

strang	strong
etan	eat
drincan	drink
slæpan	sleep
libban	live

### **Appendix 3.**

## **Terms and words from the Old Norse Period**

### **closed class words**

#### **Old Norse**

#### **Anglo-Saxon**

they	hie
their	hiera
them	him
are	aron

### **other closed class words**

both, same, through, till, are

## **Old Norse word which replace Anglo-Saxons**

#### **Old Norse**

#### **Anglo-Saxon**

egg	ey
sister (syster)	sweostor
loan	læn
weak (wac)	veikr
take	niman
anger	torn, grama, irre

bark  
wing  
sky  
window

rind  
feþra  
uprodor/wolcen  
eagþyrel

### **Words brought into English from Old Norse which had no equivalent in Old English**

call, die, rugged, flat, tight, kid, steak, anger, awe, bait, boon, crooked, saw, wand, wrong, freckle

### **Old Norse supplied English with useful pair of synonyms**

#### **English**

shatter

sick

carve

wish

craft

hide

no

whole

rear

from

#### **Norse**

scatter

ill

cut

want

skill

skin

nay

hale

raise

fro

## **Words which entered into English from Old Norse after 1000**

### **nouns**

band, booth, bull, dirt, down (feathers), egg, fellow, freckle, kneel, kid, leg, link, reindeer, reef, scab, scales, scrap, seat, sister, skin, skirt, sky, snare, steak, swain, window, birch, boon, gait, gap, guess, loan, race, rift, score, skill, slaughter, snare, stack, swain, thrift, tidings, trust, want, window

### **verbs**

call, crawl, die, get, give, lift, raise, rid, scare, take, cast, clip, crave, droop, gape, kindle, nag, scowl, snub, sprint, thrust

### **adjectives**

flat, loose, low, odd, tight, weak, awkward, ill, meek, sly, rotten, tattered, muggy

### **pronouns**

they, their, them, both, same, though, till

### **Words which begin with "sk" normally came from Danes**

**scalp, scrape, scrub, scare, scathe, score, skate, skew, ski, skid, skill, skin, skip, skirt, skull, sky**

## Appendix 4

### Germanic and English Cognates of some of the most common words

English	Frisian	Dutch	German	Swedish	Danish
cheese	tsiis	kaas	Käse	ost	ost
day	dei	dag	Tag	dag	dag
goose	goes	gans	Gans	gås	gås
through	troch	door	durch	igennem	igennem
yesterday	juster	gisteren	gestern	i går	i går
sun	sinne	zon	Sonne	sol	sol
fox	foks	vos	Fuchs	räv	ræv
sit	sitte	zitten	Sitzen	sitta	sidde
book	boek	boek	Buch	bok	bog, bestille
red	read	rood	Rot	röd	rød
sleep	sliepe	slapen	Schlafen	sova	sove søvn
night	natt	nacht	nacht	nat	
snow	snie	sneeuw	schnee	snö	sne
seven	sân	zeven	sieben	sju	syv
foot	foet	voet	fuss	fot	fod, pote
fish	fisk	vis	fisch	fisk	fiske, fisk
heart	hert	hart	herz	hjärta	hjerte
ten		tien	zehn	tio	ti
tooth	tosk	tand	zahn	tand	tand
eat	eat, ite	eten	essen	äta, fört	ära æde



sword	swurd	zwaard	Schwert	svärd, värja	
path	paad	pad	Pfad	stig, bana	sti
hand	han	hand	Hand	hand	hånd
help	helpe	helpen	helfen	hjälp,	hjalpa
three	trije	drie	drei	tre	þrír
heart	hert	hart	Herz	hjärta	hjarta
oak	iik	eik	Eiche	ek	eik

### **English**

cheese

day

goose

yesterday

sun

fox

sit

book

red

sleep

night

snow

seven

### **Norwegian**

ost

dag

gås

i går

sol

rev

sitte

bok

rød

sove, søvn

natt

sne

sju

foot	fot
fish	fisk, fiske
heart	hjerte
ten	ti
tooth	tann
eat	fortære
path	sti
hand	hand
help	hjelp
three	tre
heart	hjerte
oak	eik

## **Appendix 5**

### **Old English**

eam  
 anda  
 andig  
 andian  
 æþele  
 æþeling  
 dryhten/ frea  
 leod  
 dema

### **French** (replacement)

uncle  
 envy  
 envious  
 to envy  
 noble  
 nobleman  
 prince  
 people  
 judge

dom	judgment
cyphere	witness
firen	crime
scyldig	guilty
here	army
cempa	warrior
sibb	peace
blæd	flower
bleo	color
adl	disease
ieldu	age
lof	praise
lyft	air
hold	gracious
earn	poor
sltpe	cruel
gecynde	natural
wuldor	glory
wlite	beauty
wlitig	beautiful
andettan	confess
beorgan	preserve, defend
bieldan/ elnian	encourage

dihtan	compose
flitan	contend
healsian	implore
herian	praise
leanian	reward
miltsian	pity

## **Appendix 6**

### **French words which came into English**

#### **1066-1250**

abbot, canon, cardinal, clergy, countess, empress, duke, court, rent, cell,  
 justice, miracle, Baptist, dame, prince, chapel, image, lion, reason,  
 pilgrim, saint, virgin, obedience, religion, sermon, prophet, patriarch,  
 archangel, circumcision, sacrament, fruit, sepulcher, custom, admiral,  
 crown, astronomy, council, journey, rob, large, silence, dangerous,  
 jealous, glutton, joy, tempt, witness, chapter, lesson, story, medicine,  
 confessor, constable, heir, chair, butler, peace, justice, uncle, aunt,  
 cousin, lamp, rose, catch, change, mercy, poor, rich, wait, ,prove, war,  
 arrive, pay

**1250-13.50**

action, cost, deceit, dozen, ease, fault, force, grief, labor, number,  
opinion, pair, piece, season, sound, square, substance, task, use,  
bucket, calendar, face, gum, , metal, mountain, ocean, people, actual,  
brief, certain, clear, common, contrary, eager, easy, final, honest, real,  
second, single, solid, strange, sudden, usual, allow, apply, approach,  
arrange, carry, close, continue, count, cover, defeat, destroy, excuse,  
force, form, increase, inform, join, move, please, proceed, push,  
remember, travel

**By 1300 the following French words were already used in English****nouns**

action, adventure, affection, age, air, bucket, bushel, calendar,  
carpenter, cheer, city, coast, comfort, cost, country, courage, courtesy,  
coward, crocodile, cruelty, damage, debt, deceit, dozen, ease, envy, error,  
face, faggot, fame, fault, flower, folly, force, hour, joy, malice, manner,  
marriage, metal, mountain, number ocean, odor, order, pair, person,  
piece, point, poverty, powder, power, quality, quart, rage, reason, river,  
scandal, seal, season, sign, sound, sum, tailor, tavern, unity, use, vision,  
waste

## **adjectives**

able, abundant, active, actual, amiable, amorous, barren, blank, brief, calm, certain, chaste, chief, clear, common, contrary, courteous, cruel, double, eager, easy, faint, feeble, fierce, final, firm, foreign, frail, frank, gay, gentle, gracious, hasty, honest, horrible, innocent, jolly, liberal, malicious, mean, moist, natural, nice, obedient, original, perfect, pliant, poor, principal

## **verbs**

advance, advise, aim, allow, apply, approach, arrange, arrive, betray, butt, carry, change, chase, close, comfort, commence, complain, conceal, consider, continue, count, cry, cull, deceive, declare, defeat, defer, defy, delay, desire, destroy, embrace, enclose, endure, enjoy, enter, err, excuse, flatter, flourish, force, forge, form, furnish, grant, increase, inform, inquire, join, languish, launch, mount, move, murmur, muse, nourish, obey, oblige, observe, pass, pay, pierce, pinch, please, practice, praise, prefer, proceed, propose, prove, purify, pursue, push, quit, receive, refuse, rejoice, relieve, remember, reply, rinse, rob, satisfy, save, scald, serve, spoil, strangle, strive, shun, succeed, summon, suppose, surprise, tax, tempt, trace, travel, tremble, wait, waive, waste, wince

## **Law**

plea, suit, plaintiff, defendant, judge, advocate, attorney, bill, petition, complaint, inquest, summons, hue and cry, indictment, jury, juror, panel, felon, evidence, proof, bail, ransom, judgment, verdict, sentence, decree, award, punishment, prison

## **Fashion and Social Life**

apparel, habit, gown, robe, garment, attire, cape, coat, frock, collar, veil, train, chemise, petticoat, lace, embroidery, buckle, button, to embellish, to adorn

## **colors**

blue, brown, vermilion, scarlet, saffron, russet, tawny

## **fruit, food, herbs, and etc.**

raisin, fig, date, grape, orange, lemon, cherry, peach, confection, pasty, tart, jelly, spice, clove, thyme, herb, mustard, vinegar, cinnamon, nutmeg, to roast, to boil, to stew, to fry, to broach, to blanch, to grate, to mince

## **Art, Learning, and Medicine**

art, painting, sculpture, music, beauty, color, figure, image, tone, title, volume, chapter, parchment, paper, pen

## **Post 1350**

adolescence, appellation, tort, combustion, distribution, immensity,  
pacification, representation, sumptuous

## **Other words from French adopted into English:**

fashion, gown, robe, lace, button, boot, satin, fur, ruby, pearl, blue  
dinner, supper, taste, feast, tension, beef, veal, mutton, pork, toast,  
cream, sugar, salad, lettuce, fruit, cherry, peach, herb, roast, boil, stew,  
fry, grate, mince, goblet, saucer, plate, platter, table, palace, mansion,  
ceiling, chimney, tower, porch, curtain, lamp, medicine, physician,  
surgeon, pain, stomach, place, part, use, city, line, state, sure, change,  
close, course, pay, please, face, quit, coat, brown, air, country, flower,  
hour, manner, noise, number, people, river, able, large, nice, poor, real,  
safe, second, carry, move, pass, wait, to preach, to pray, to change, to  
repent, to confess, to adore, to sacrifice, to convert, to anoint, to ordain,  
to usurp, to oppress, to repeal



**Appendix 7**  
**The etymology of irregular verbs in English**

**List one**

**Those verbs which entered into English prior to 900:**

to arise

to be

to bear

to beat

to become

to break

to burn

can

to cling

to come

to creep

to deal

to do

to draw

to drink

to drive

to drop

to eat

to fall

to feel

to fly

forbear

to forego

to forget

to forgive

to give

to go

to grow

to hang

to have

to hear

to hide

to hold

to know

to lead

to lean

to leap

to learn

to leave

lend

to let

to lie

to light

to lose

to make

may

to mean

to meet

to read

to ride

to ring

to say

to see

to seek

to sell

to send

to set

to sew

to shake

to shear

to shine

to shoot

to show

shrink

to sing

to sit

to slay

to sleep

to sow

to speak

to spin

to spring

to stand

to steal

to string

to swear

to swell

to swim

to swing

to teach

to tear

to tell

to think

to tread

to understand

to wake

to wear

to weave

to weep

to win

to wind

to wring

to write

**List two**

**Those verbs which entered into English prior to 1150:**

to awake

to back

to backbite

to begin

to bend

to bind

to bite

to bleed

to blow

to breed

to bring

to build

to burst

to buy

to choose

to feed

to feel

to fight

to forbid

to grind

to hit

to keep

to kneel

to prove

to put

to rise

to run

to shed

to sink

to slide

to slink

to smell

to spend

to spill

to stick

to sting

to stink

to stride

to strike

to take

to throw

**List three**

**Those verbs which entered into English after 1175:**

to backslide (entered into English between 1575 to 1585)

to bet (1585-95)

to browbeat (1575-85/ brow (before 1000))

to catch (from Latin and Norman French/ 1175-1275)

to cost (entered English between 1200 to 1275/ Anglo-French)

to cut (entered English between 1175 to 1225 from Old English 'cyttan'  
akin to Old Swedish 'kotta' and Old Norse 'kuti')

to dig (entered English between 1275 to 13.75/ derived from Old English  
'dic' (ditch) which entered into the language before 900)

to fling (entered English between 1275-13.00)

to foretell (entered English between 1250-13.00)

to get (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old Norse 'geta'  
(to obtain, to beget)

to hurt (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old French  
'heuter' and Old Norse 'hrutr')

to lay (entered English between 13.00-13.50 derived from Middle French)

to pay (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle French 'payen' which had been derived from Old French paier)

to quit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old French 'quite')

to rid (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English 'ryddan' (to trash) which was derived for ryhja (to clear)

to sling (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Old Norse 'slyngva' (to sling) Old English slingan (to wind or twist)

to slit (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from the Germanic 'schlitzten (to split or slit) Old English 'slite' (a slit), Anglo-Saxon 'slitan' (to tear or break through) Danish 'slide'

to sneak (entered English between 1590-1600 derived from Middle English 'sniken' Old English 'snican'

to spell (entered English between 1250-13.00 derived from Old French 'espeller' Old English 'spellian' (to announce) Old High German - spellon Old Norse spjalla

to split (entered English between 1570-1580 derived from Middle English 'splitten' Dutch 'splitten' which is akin to Middle High German 'splizen' German 'spleissen'

to spoil (entered English between 13.00-13.50 derived from Middle English spoilen Old French espoillier Latin spoliare)



to spread (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Old English sprædan Middle English spreden)

to strive (entered English between 1175-1225 derived from Middle English 'striven' (to quarrel, to strive) Old French 'estriver' Dutch strijven German 'streben' (to strive)

to sweep (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'swepen' Old English 'gesepa' German 'schweifen')

to thrive (entered English between 1150-1200 derived from Middle English thriven Old Norse 'thrifast' (to thrive)

to thrust (entered English between 1125-1275 derived from Middle English 'thrusten' Old Norse 'thrysta' (to force or press)

to try (entered English between 1250-13.00 derived from Middle English 'trien' (to try a legal case) Anglo-French and Old French 'trier' Late Latin tritare (to separate the corn from the stalk) Latin 'trilus' (to thresh corn)