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glamorize *VERB* glamorizes, glamorizing, glamorized
make something seem glamorous or romantic.

glamorous *ADJECTIVE*
excitingly attractive.

glamour *NOUN*
attractiveness, romantic charm.
[from an old meaning of *grammar* = magic]

glance *VERB* glances, glancing, glanced
1 look at something briefly. 2 strike something at an angle and slide off it. • The ball *glanced* off his bat.

glance *NOUN*
[origin unknown]

gland *NOUN* glands
an organ of the body that separates substances from the blood so that they can be used or secreted (passed out of the body).

glandular *ADJECTIVE*
[from Latin]

glare *VERB* glares, glaring, glared
1 shine with a bright or dazzling light. 2 stare angrily or fiercely.

glare *NOUN*
[from old German or old Dutch]

glaring *ADJECTIVE*
very obvious • a *glaring* error.

glassnost *NOUN*
the open reporting of news or giving of information, especially in the former Soviet Union.
[Russian, = openness]

glass *NOUN* glasses
1 a hard brittle substance that is usually transparent. 2 a container made of glass for drinking from. 3 a mirror. 4 a lens.

glassy *ADJECTIVE*
[from Old English]

glasses *PLURAL NOUN*
1 a pair of lenses in a frame, worn over the eyes to help improve eyesight. 2 binoculars.

glaze *VERB* glazes, glazing, glazed
1 fit a window or building with glass. 2 give a shiny surface to something. 3 become glassy.

glaze *NOUN* glazes
a shiny surface or coating, especially on pottery or food.
[from *glaze*]

glazier (*say* glay-zee-er) *NOUN* glaziers
a person whose job is to fit glass in windows.

gleam *NOUN* gleams
1 a beam of soft light, especially one that comes and goes. 2 a small amount of hope, humour, etc.

gleam *VERB* gleams, gleaming, gleamed
shine brightly, especially after cleaning or polishing.
[from Old English]

glean *VERB* glean, gleaned, gleaned
1 pick up grain left by harvesters. 2 gather bit by bit. • *Glean* some information.

gleaner *NOUN*
[via Latin from a Celtic language]

glee *NOUN*
great delight.
gleeful *ADJECTIVE* gleefully *ADVERB*
[from Old English]

glen *NOUN* glens
a narrow valley, especially in Scotland.
[from Scottish Gaelic or Irish]

glib *ADJECTIVE*
speaking or writing readily but not sincerely or thoughtfully.

glibly *ADVERB* glibness *NOUN*
[from an old word *glibbery* = slippery]

glide *VERB* glides, gliding, glided
1 move along smoothly. 2 fly without using an engine. 3 birds glide when they fly without beating their wings.

glide *NOUN*
[from Old English]

glider *NOUN* gliders
an aircraft without an engine that flies by floating on warm air currents called thermals.

glimmer *NOUN* glimmers
1 a faint light. 2 a small sign or trace of something. • a *glimmer* of hope.

glimmer *VERB* glimmers, glimmered, glimmered
shine with a faint, flickering light.
[probably from a Scandinavian language]

glimpse *NOUN* glimpses
a brief view.

glimpse *VERB* glimpses, glimpsing, glimpsed
see something briefly.
[probably from Old English]

glint *NOUN* glints
a very brief flash of light.

glint *VERB* glints, glinting, glinted
shine with a flash of light.
[probably from a Scandinavian language]

glisten (*say* glis-en) *VERB* glistens, glistening, glistened
shine like something wet or oily.
[from Old English]

glitter *VERB* glitters, glittering, glittered
shine with tiny flashes of light; sparkle.

glitter *NOUN*
tiny sparkling pieces used for decoration.
[from Old Norse]

gloaming *NOUN*
[Scottish] the evening twilight.
[from Old English]

gloat *VERB* gloats, gloating, gloated
be pleased in an unkind way that you have succeeded or that someone else has been hurt or upset.
[origin unknown]

global *ADJECTIVE*
1 to do with the whole world; worldwide. 2 to do with the whole of a system.

globally *ADVERB*
[from *globe*]

globalization *NOUN*
the process by which a business or organization becomes international.
[from Latin *globus* = sphere]

global warming *NOUN*
the increase in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere, caused by the greenhouse effect.

globe *NOUN* globes
1 something shaped like a ball, especially one with a map of the whole world on it. 2 the world. • She has travelled all over the *globe*. 3 a hollow round glass object.
[from Latin]

globular (*say* glob-yoo-ler) *ADJECTIVE*
shaped like a globe.
[same origin as *globe*]

globule (*say* glob-yoo-ler) *NOUN* globules
a small rounded drop.
[from Latin *globulus* = small globe]

gloom *NOUN*
1 darkness. 2 sadness or despair.
[origin unknown]

gloomy *ADJECTIVE* gloomier, gloomiest
1 almost dark. 2 depressed or depressing.
gloomily *ADVERB* gloominess *NOUN*

glorify *VERB* glorifies, glorifying, glorified
1 give great praise or great honour to. 2 make a thing seem more splendid or attractive than it really is. • It is a film that *glorifies* war.

glorification *NOUN*

glorious *ADJECTIVE*
splendid or magnificent.
gloriously *ADVERB*

glory *NOUN* glories
1 fame and honour. 2 praise. 3 beauty or magnificence.

glory *VERB* glories, glorying, gloried
rejoice; pride yourself. • They *gloried* in victory.
[from Latin]

gloss *NOUN* glosses
the shine on a smooth surface.

gloss *VERB* glosses, glossing, glossed
make a thing glossy.
[origin unknown]

gloss *VERB* glosses, glossing, glossed
- **gloss over** mention a fault or mistake only briefly to make it seem less serious than it really is.
[from old French *glosser* = flatter or deceive]

glossary *NOUN* glossaries
a list of difficult words with their meanings explained. • There is a *glossary* at the back of the book.
[from Greek *glossa* = tongue, language]

gloss paint *NOUN* gloss paints
a paint with a glossy finish.

glossy *ADJECTIVE* glossier, glossiest
smooth and shiny.
glossily *ADVERB* glossiness *NOUN*

glove *NOUN* gloves
a covering for the hand, usually with separate divisions for each finger and thumb.
gloved *ADJECTIVE*
[from Old English]

glow *NOUN*
1 brightness and warmth without flames. 2 a warm or cheerful feeling. • We felt a *glow* of pride.

glow *VERB* glows, glowing, glowed
shine with a soft, warm light.
[from Old English]

glower (*rhymes with flower*) *VERB* glowers, glowering, glowered
stare angrily; scowl.
[origin unknown]

glowing *ADJECTIVE*
very enthusiastic or favourable • a *glowing* review.

glow-worm *NOUN* glow-worms
a kind of beetle whose tail gives out a green light.