

## 8 Words to do with light

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dazzle	glow
flicker	sparkle
flare	flash

### Literal meaning

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- This is what the dying embers of a fire do. \_\_\_\_\_
- Sailors who are in difficulty fire these into the air to attract attention. \_\_\_\_\_
- This is what lightning does. \_\_\_\_\_
- This is what the sun does. \_\_\_\_\_

g. This is what diamonds do, or the sea on a bright, clear day. \_\_\_\_\_

h. A candle \_\_\_\_\_ in a breeze, and casts shadows round a room.

### Metaphorical meaning

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- He's not much good at creative thinking, but he really \_\_\_\_\_ at anything that requires manual dexterity.
- People say that just before death, the whole of your life \_\_\_\_\_ in front of you.
- He prepared a gourmet meal, totally unassisted, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an eye.
- Violence has \_\_\_\_\_ up again on the island of Kroana, where the situation is bordering on civil war.
- As soon as I saw her come on stage, I was \_\_\_\_\_ both by her beauty and performance.
- When our eyes met, a \_\_\_\_\_ of recognition crossed his face, but he made no other sign that he remembered me.
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## answer key

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