

# clarity

**Clarity** means clearness. Clean water running down a mountain has *clarity*. So does a lovely singing voice: it's clear and pure.

If you bring clarity to a situation, you help people see what really happened by clearing up misunderstandings or giving explanations. Sometimes people talk about having moments of clarity when suddenly everything about a particular situation or even about life itself comes into focus. People also talk about good writing having clarity when it is precise, clean, and easy to understand.

## Definitions of clarity

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*n* the quality of being coherent and easily understood

Synonyms: [clearness](#), [limpidity](#), [lucidity](#), [lucidness](#), [pellucidity](#)

Antonyms: [abstruseness](#), [obscureness](#), [obscurity](#), [reconditeness](#)

the quality of being unclear or abstruse and hard to understand

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Types: [show 6 types...](#)

## Word Family

clarity

the "clarity" family

## Usage Examples

It's a perilous undertaking to tell such a complicated story through the imagined magical thinking of childhood, and aside from some bright flashes of ingenuous insight, the telling offers more confusion than **clarity**.

*New York Times* Jan 18, 2018

Meyerowitz is certainly stylish — there is always a formal **clarity** in his work — but he can't be pinned down to two or three styles.

*New York Times* Jan 17, 2018

Type of: [comprehensibility](#), [understandability](#)  
the quality of comprehensible language  
or thought

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*n* the quality of being transparent or  
clear

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*"when she awoke the **clarity** was back in her  
eyes"*

Synonyms: [clearness](#), [uncloudedness](#)

Antonyms: [opacity](#), [opaqueness](#)  
the quality of being opaque to a degree;  
the degree to which something reduces  
the passage of light

Types: [show 8 types...](#)

Type of: [quality](#)  
an essential and distinguishing attribute  
of something or someone

In my view, the 79-word monstrosity prevented any  
**clarity** of thought.

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Brown's new formula brought simplicity, **clarity** and  
equity to school funding.

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