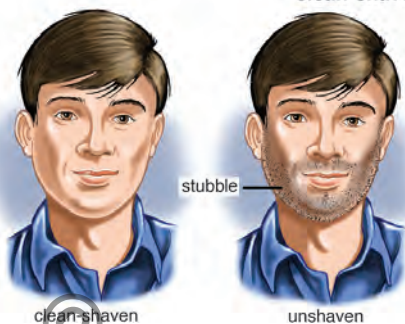


clean-shaven



**clean-shaven** *adj.* a man who is clean-shaven does not have hair on his face

**clean-up** /ˈkliːn.ʌp/ *n.* [C usually singular] a process in which you clean something thoroughly: *The cleanup of the oil spill took months.* —**cleanup** *adj.*

**clear**<sup>1</sup> /kliːr/ ●●● *adj.*

**1 SIMPLE/EASY** easy to understand, hear, read, or see: *clear instructions* | *The law is quite clear on this issue.* | *Smith was very clear about the school's policies on the matter.* | *It is clear to me that the company will have to make further job cuts.* | *Have I made myself clear?* | *Hugh had made it perfectly clear (that) he wasn't interested.* | *We must send out a clear message/signal to voters.*

**THESAURUS** noticeable, obvious, striking, evident, apparent, conspicuous, unmistakable, manifest → NOTICEABLE

**2 CERTAIN** impossible to doubt: *clear evidence* | *It's not clear how it happened.* | *It became clear that he would soon die.* | *a clear case/example of fraud* | *In this situation, there is no clear winner.*

**3 SURE ABOUT STH** [not before noun] feeling sure that you understand something (ANT) **confused**: *I'm not clear about what you want me to do.*

**4 SEE THROUGH** easy to see through: *clear glass bottles* | *a clear mountain lake*

**5 WEATHER** weather that is clear is bright with no rain or clouds: *a clear sky*

**6 NOT BLOCKED** not blocked, hidden, or covered by anything: *a clear view of the harbor* | *smooth clear skin*

**7 a clear conscience** the knowledge that you have done the right thing and should not feel guilty [Origin: 1200–1300 Old French *cler*, from Latin *clarus* “clear, bright”]

**clear**<sup>2</sup> ●●● *v.*

**1 MAKE NEAT** [T] to make a place neat by removing things from it: *Snowplows quickly cleared the streets of snow.* | *They spent the morning clearing garbage from the front yard.* | *If you clear the table (=take away the dishes, forks, etc.), I'll make the coffee.* | *Can you clear a space for my books?*

**2 REMOVE** [T] to make people, cars, etc. leave a place: *Within minutes, police had cleared the*

*area.* | *Trucks have just finished clearing the wreck from the road.*

**3 LEGAL CHARGE** [T] to prove that someone is not guilty of something: *The jury cleared Johnson of the murder charge.*

**4 WEATHER** [I] also **clear up** if the weather or sky clears, it becomes brighter

**5 PERMISSION** [T] to give or get official permission to do something: *Has the plane been cleared for landing?* | *I'll have to clear it with my boss first.*

**6 CHECK** [I.T.] if a check that is made out to you clears, the money is paid into your bank account

**7 clear your throat** to cough a little so that you can speak clearly

**8 clear the air** to talk about a problem in order to solve a disagreement: *You need to meet with him and try to clear the air.*

**9 GO OVER** [T] to go over a fence, wall, etc. without touching it: *The plane barely cleared the fence as it came down.*

**10 clear a debt/loan** to get rid of a debt by paying what you owe

**clear sth** ↔ **away** *phr. v.* to make a place look neat by removing things or putting them where they belong: *Clear all these toys away before you go to bed.*

**clear sth** ↔ **out** *phr. v.* to make a place neat by removing things from it: *I need to clear out that closet.*

**clear up** *phr. v.*

**1 clear sth** ↔ **up** to explain or solve something, or make it clearer: *We need to clear up a few points before the meeting begins.*

**2** if an infection clears up, it gets better

**clear**<sup>3</sup> ●●● *adv.* **1** away from someone or something: *Firemen pulled the driver clear of the wreckage. **2 steer/stay/keep clear (of sb/sth)** to avoid someone or something because of possible danger or trouble: *She told us to stay clear of the construction site. **3** all the way: *You can see clear to the Rockies today.***

**clear**<sup>4</sup> *n.* **in the clear, a)** not having difficulties because of something: *The debt is being paid off, but we're not in the clear yet.* **b)** not guilty of something

**clear-ance** /ˈkliːr.əns/ ●●● *n.* [C.U.] **1** official permission to do something: *Kameny was denied a security clearance.* **2** the distance between two objects that is needed to stop them touching: *We need twelve feet of overhead clearance for the truck.*

**clearance sale** *n.* [C] an occasion when goods in a shop are sold cheaply in order to get rid of them

**'clear-cut** *adj.* certain or definite: *a clear-cut decision*

**clear-headed** *adj.* able to think clearly and sensibly

**clear-ing** /ˈkliːrɪŋ/ ●●● *n.* [C] a small area in a forest, where there are no trees

**clear-ly** /ˈkliːrli/ ●●● *adv.* **1** without any doubt: *Clearly, he felt he was to blame.* | *Leslie was clearly*