

# **gloss** verb (1)

**glossed; glossing; glosses**

## **Definition of gloss (Entry 2 of 4)**

*transitive verb*

- 1 a** : to mask the true nature of : give a deceptively attractive appearance to — used with *over*  
the misery was general, where not *glossed over* by liberal application of alcohol  
— Marston Bates
- b** : to deal with (a subject or problem) too lightly or not at all — used with *over*  
*glosses over* scholarly controversies rather than confronting them head-on  
— John Israel
- 2** : to give a gloss to