

mother-of-pearl *(moth-er-of-pearl)*

Definition

n. A smooth, shining iridescent substance forming the inner layer of the shell of some mollusks, especially oysters and abalones, used in ornamentation.

Example Sentence

The jewelry box was inlaid with **mother-of-pearl**, giving it a shimmering appearance.

More Example Sentences

She admired the **mother-of-pearl** buttons on her grandmother's vintage coat.

Synonyms

nacre; shell; iridescence

Antonyms

matte; dull; opaque

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