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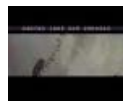
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Definition: (adjective) Shining brilliantly; resplendent.

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Usage: Hidden nooks and corners, unused to observation, suddenly gleam and blush in effulgent exposure,—like lovers whom the unexpected turning on of a light has revealed kissing in the dark.

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**Svetlana Savitskaya Becomes the First Woman to Perform a Spacewalk (1984)**

Savitskaya is a former Soviet female aviator and cosmonaut who flew aboard *Soyuz T-7* in 1982, becoming the second woman in space some 19 years after Valentina Tereshkova. She logged nearly 20 days in space during her career, including three and a half hours spent outside the *Salyut 7* space station in 1984, when she became the first woman to perform a spacewalk. Before becoming a cosmonaut, she was a test and sport pilot and a parachutist. What world records did she set? [More...](#) [Discuss](#)

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The term Macropod refers to animals with what feature?

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- Long ears
- Big eyes
- Giant tongue

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