

slur

I

1. [slɜː] *n*
 1. пятно
to cast /to put, to throw/ a slur on /upon/ smb., smth. - порочить кого-л., что-л
to keep one's reputation free from all slurs - сохранить незапятнанную репутацию
 2. клеветническое обвинение, оскорбительный намёк, инсинуация
 3. редк. (нарочитое) невнимание, пренебрежение, унижение (чьего-л. достоинства)
 4. неотчётливое произношение (звуков, слов)
 5. полигр. марашка
2. [slɜː] *v*
 1. 1) произносить небрежно, невнятно; глотать (слова)
 - 2) писать неясно, неотчётливо
 - 3) делать наспех, небрежно
to slur one's lesson - выучить урок кое-как
 2. (часто over) замалчивать, обходить молчанием; принижать значение (чего-л.)
to slur (over) the faults - упоминать о недостатках лишь вскользь
to slur over the details - опускать подробности
the problem has been slurred over - эта проблема замалчивается
 3. полигр. ставить марашку

II

1. [slɜː] *n муз.*
лига, знак легато
2. [slɜː] *v муз.*
исполнять (группу звуков) легато

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slur [slʊr slʊrs slʊrɪd slʊrɪŋ] *verb, noun* BrE [slɜː(r)]¹ NAmE [slɜːr]²

verb (-rr-)

1. ~ **sth** | + **speech** to pronounce words in a way that is not clear so that they run into each other, usually because you are drunk or tired
• She had drunk too much and her speech was slurred.
2. ~ **sth** (**music**) to play or sing a group of two or more musical notes so that each one runs smoothly into the next
3. ~ **sb/sth** to harm sb's reputation by making unfair or false statements about them
• She accused the programme of slurring the company's name.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	slur
	BrE /slɜː(r)/
	NAmE /slɜːr/
he / she / it	slurs
	BrE /slɜːz/
	NAmE /slɜːrz/
past simple, past participle	slurred
	BrE /slɜːd/
	NAmE /slɜːrd/
-ing form	slurring
	BrE /slɜːrɪŋ/
	NAmE /slɜːrɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: originally as noun in sense 'thin, fluid mud', later as verb meaning 'smear', 'belittle (a person)', 'gloss over (a fault)'.

noun

1. ~ (on **sb/sth**) an unfair remark about sb/sth that may damage other people's opinion of them

Syn: †insult

- She had dared to **cast a slur** on his character.
 - (especially NAmE) The crowd started throwing bottles and shouting **racial slurs**.
2. (**music**) a curved sign used to show that two or more notes are to be played smoothly and without a break

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Example Bank:

- The comments cast a slur on her character.
- The joke was seen as a slur against the mentally ill.
- a slur on his good name

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I. **slur**¹ /slɜːr/ \$ slɜːr BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **slurred**, present participle **slurring**)

[Sense 1,3: Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Probably from Low German slurnn 'to shuffle']

[Sense 2: Date: 1600-1700; Origin: slur 'thin mud' (15-19 centuries)]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to speak unclearly without separating your words or sounds correctly

slur your words/speech

" She was slurring her words as if she was drunk.

" His voice sounded slurred.

2. [transitive] to criticize someone or something unfairly

3. [transitive] to play a group of musical notes smoothly together

II. **slur**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

1. an unfair criticism that is intended to make people dislike someone or something

slur on/against

" Milton regarded her comment as a slur on his country.

" How dare she cast a slur on (=criticize) my character?

" a racist slur

2. **technical** a curved line written over musical notes to show they must be played together smoothly

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