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1. [mɑ:k] *n*

1. 1) знак

punctuation marks - знаки препинания

exclamation mark - а) восклицательный знак; б) знак факториала

interrogation mark, mark of interrogation - вопросительный знак

mark of accent - ударение, знак ударения

mark of cadency - *зеральд* знак принадлежности к младшей линии

he could not write his name but he made his mark - он поставил крест вместо подписи

John Smith, his mark - крест (поставленный вместо подписи) Джона Смита

2) метка, пометка

to put a mark against smb.'s name [on the margin] - поставить галочку против чьего-л. имени [на полях книги]

there were no (laundry) marks on his linen - на его белье не было меток (прачечной)

2. 1) штамп, штемпель

2) клеймо, тавро; фабричная марка, фабричное клеймо; торговый знак

3) штемпель (*котормым ставится фабричное клеймо*)4) ярлык (*с указанием цены*); ценник (*тж. price mark*)

3. ориентир; метка; зарубка; вежа

the tower was a mark for fliers - башня служила ориентиром для лётчиков

he went by marks left on the trees - он двигался по зарубкам на деревьях, зарубки на деревьях служили ему ориентиром

4. 1) отметка, черта

check mark - *спорт.* контрольная метка

the mark on the scale - отметка на шкале

high-water mark - а) *мор.* отметка уровня полной воды, уровень прилива; б) высшее достижение /-ая точка/;

кульминационный пункт

low-water mark - а) *мор.* отметка уровня малой воды, низшая точка отлива; б) (низший) предел, самый низкий уровень; [*ср.*

тж. ◇]

the mark on the sounding-line - *мор.* метка или указатель на лотлине

Plimsoll's mark - *мор.* марка Плимсола, грузовая марка

2) *спорт.* линия старта, старт

to get off the mark - стартовать, взять старт

to toe the mark - встать на стартовую черту [*см. тж.* ◇]

on your marks! - на старт!; по местам!

3) *спорт.* линия финиша

5. 1) след

tyre marks - следы шин

you have left /made/ dirty marks on the floor - вы наследили на полу

2) шрам, рубец; порез; царапина

there were marks of smallpox on his face - его лицо было изрыто оспой

3) след, отпечаток

marks of illness [of fatigue, of a blow] - следы болезни [усталости, удара /ушиба/]

your association with him has left its mark on you - твоё общение с ним наложило на тебя отпечаток /не прошло для тебя бесследно/

sorrow left its mark on her face - горе оставило следы на её лице

his novel bears marks of haste - видно, что этот роман писался в спешке

6. (родимое) пятно, родинка (*тж. mother's mark*)

they identified her by the mark on her arm - они опознали её по родимому пятну на руке

a horse with a white mark on its head - лошадь с белым пятном /с белой звездой/ на голове

7. норма; стандарт, уровень

(to be) above the mark - (быть) выше принятой /установленной/ нормы

(to be) below /beneath/ the mark - а) (быть) ниже принятой /установленной/ нормы, (быть) ниже должного уровня; б) (быть) не на высоте (*положения*)

to be near the mark - приближаться к принятой /установленной/ норме, приближаться к принятому /установленному/ стандарту

(to be) within the mark - (быть /находиться/) в пределах принятой /установленной/ нормы

(to be) up to the mark - а) (быть) на должной высоте; to keep smb. up to the mark - добиваться от кого-л. хороших показателей; б) (быть) в хорошем состоянии /в хорошей форме, в добром здравии/

he doesn't feel quite up to the mark - он неважно себя чувствует, он не в форме

to overstep the mark, to go beyond the mark - выходить за границы дозволенного, переходить границы; зайти слишком далеко, хватить, через край

8. отметка, балл, оценка (*знаний, поведения*)

bad mark - а) плохая отметка; б) что-л. говорящее не в пользу (*кого-л.*); то, что можно поставить в минус (*кому-л.*; *тж.* black mark)

this is a black mark against him - это ему припомнят

good mark - а) хорошая отметка; б) похвала; почёт, что-л. говорящее в пользу (*кого-л.*)

good [bad] mark in English [in geography] - хорошая [плохая] отметка по английскому языку [по географии]

the highest mark - высший балл, высшая оценка

to get a good [bad] mark at an examination - получить хорошую [плохую] отметку на экзамене

she got top marks in the exam - она сдала экзамен на «отлично»
they gave him 8 marks out of 10 - он набрал восемь баллов из десяти
I give him full marks for trying - я высоко ценю его старательность

9. цель; мишень

to hit the mark - а) попасть в цель; б) попасть в точку; в) добиться своей цели
to miss /to fall wide of/ the mark - а) промахнуться; б) не добиться своей цели
to overshoot [to undershoot] the mark - **воен.** стрелять с перелётом [с недолётом], давать перелёт(ы) [недолёт(ы)]
you have overshoot the mark - **разг.** ты зашёл слишком далеко, это ты хватил
far from /wide of, short of, beside/ the mark - а) мимо цели; б) неправильно; не по существу; неуместно, некстати
an answer off the mark - ответ не попад
I don't think I am far from the mark - я не думаю, что я далёк от истины
your guess is beside the mark - вы не угадали
your calculation is beside the mark - вы неправильно рассчитали
off the mark - неточно; ошибочно, неправильно, неверно
you are right /way/ off the mark - ты ошибаешься; **разг.** ты попал пальцем в небо
he was afraid to become a mark for talkers - он опасался стать мишенью для пересудов

10. признак, показатель

a mark of intelligence [of ignorance, of resentment] - признак /показатель/ ума [невежества, обиды]
as a mark of goodwill [of my esteem] - в знак расположения [моего уважения]
to bear the mark(s) of smth. - иметь /проявлять, обнаруживать/ признак(и) чего-л.
politeness and consideration for others are marks of a good upbringing - вежливость и внимание к окружающим - признак хорошего воспитания /отличительные черты воспитанного человека/

11. известность; значительность

a man of mark - известный /знаменитый/ человек; значительный человек; человек, достойный /заслуживающий/ внимания
of great mark - очень известный, заслуживающий внимания
a man of great mark - выдающийся человек
of little mark - малоизвестный, не стоящий внимания
nothing worthy of mark occurred in your absence - в твоё отсутствие не произошло ничего примечательного
to make one's mark - выдвинуться, отличиться, сделать карьеру; иметь успех; приобрести известность
the books that have made their mark with the general public - книги, которые произвели большое впечатление на широкого читателя

12. **ист.**

1) рубеж, граница; марка (*пограничная область*)

2) марка, крестьянская община в средневековой Германии

13. **спорт. жарг.** подложечная ямка

14. **груб.** то, что по вкусу

15. **лингв.** помета, знак; признак

16. стирание зубов у лошади, по которому можно определить её возраст (**тж.** mark of the mouth)

◇ easy /**амер.** soft/ mark - а) лёгкая добыча; жертва; б) доверчивый человек, простак

to toe the mark - подчиняться требованиям, строго придерживаться правил; выполнять свой долг; [**см.** **тж.** 4, 2)]

to be at low-water mark - быть без гроша (в кармане), быть на мели [**ср.** **тж.** 4, 1)]

(God) bless /save/ the mark - с позволения сказать; боже упаси; подумать только

2. [mɑ:k] v

1. ставить знак, метку

to mark the accent - ставить ударение /знак ударения/

to mark books - шифровать книги (*в библиотеке*)

to mark the linen - метить бельё (*для прачечной*)

two of the pupils were marked absent - два ученика были отмечены как отсутствующие

he marked the date in his diary - он отметил этот день в своём ежедневнике

2. 1) штамповать, штемпелевать

2) клеймить, таврить (*скот*)

3) маркировать; ставить фабричную марку, фабричное клеймо *или* торговый знак

all furs are plainly marked as to the country of origin - на всех шкурках (меха) стоит клеймо страны-экспортёра

these goods were marked "best quality" ["all wool"] - на этих товарах была этикетка «высшего качества» [«чистая шерсть»]

4) (по)ставить расценку (*на товаре*)

the prices of these goods are all clearly marked on them - цены этих товаров чётко указаны на них

3. 1) отмечать, обозначать (*место*); размечать; расставлять указательные знаки

he marked the passage I was to read - он отметил отрывок, который мне следовало прочесть

this sign-post marks the direction - на этом столбе указано направление

to mark the trees - делать зарубки на деревьях

2) наносить (*на карту*)

to mark a place on the map - отметить место на карте

is our village marked on this map? - наша деревня нанесена на эту карту?

3) отмечать; указывать (*на шкале*)

the thermometer marked 40 in the shade - термометр показывал 40 градусов в тени

this hand marks the minutes - эта стрелка показывает минуты

4. 1) оставлять след, пятно

the wet cups have marked the table badly - стол испортили, потому что ставили на него мокрые чашки

his hobnails marked the floor - его кованые башмаки оставляли следы на паркете

2) **оставаться (о следе)**

this table marks very easily, don't put the hot cup on it - не ставь на этот стол горячий чайник, на нём сразу останется след

3) **оставлять шрам, рубец**

his face was marked with smallpox - его лицо было обезображено оспой

4) **оставлять след, отпечаток**

her face was marked with suffering - по её лицу было видно, что она много страдала в жизни

5. **pass** **иметь родимые пятна или естественные метины**

wings marked with white lines - крылья с белыми полосами

6. 1) **выставлять отметку, балл (на письменной работе)**

to mark an exercise - проверять письменные упражнения

the teacher marked the examination papers - преподаватель выставил отметки на экзаменационных письменных работах

2) **выставлять балл (за выступление в соревнованиях, в конкурсе и т. п.)**

the judges marked his performance very high - судьи высоко оценили его выступление

3) **вести счёт, записывать очки (в игре)**

7. **отмечать, характеризовать; отличать, выделять**

such qualities usually mark a great scientist - подобные качества обычно свойственны /присущи/ большим учёным

this novel marks him as a great author - этот роман ставит его в ряд великих писателей

great scientific discoveries marked the 19th century - девятнадцатый век был отмечен великими научными открытиями

his reign was marked by great reforms - его царствование ознаменовалось серьёзными реформами

her manner is not marked by politeness - её поведение не отличается вежливостью

8. **отмечать, ознаменовывать**

to mark the occasion [the anniversary] - отметить событие [годовщину]

he called for champagne to mark the event - он велел подать шампанского, чтобы отпраздновать это событие

the event was marked by everyone - все отметили/отпраздновали/ это событие

his discovery marked an era in science - его открытие ознаменовало новую эпоху в науке

9. **выражать, проявлять**

they marked their approval by clapping - они выразили своё одобрение аплодисментами

he marked his displeasure by a frown - он выразил своё неодобрение недовольной grimасой

this marks the trend of public opinion - это отражает настроение общественного мнения

10. 1) **замечать, запоминать**

mark him well - запомни его хорошенько

mark my words - а) запомните мои слова; б) попомните мои слова; помяните моё слово

mark you, I don't agree with all he says - заметьте, я согласен не со всем, что он говорит

mark carefully how it is done /how to do it/ - следи и запоминай, как это делается

2) **поэт.** **замечать, наблюдать**

he was marked by everyone - его все заметили

I could mark him well - я его хорошо видел

11. **книжн.** **назначать, предназначать; предопределять**

his abilities marked him for success - его способности сулили ему успех

he was marked for greatness by his extraordinary talents - при таких необыкновенных способностях его, несомненно, ждало большое будущее

he was marked for death by his doctors - врачи приговорили его к смерти

if we are marked to die ... - если нам суждено умереть ...

12. **опекать, прикрывать (игрока - футбол)**

◇ to mark time - а) **воен.** обозначать шаг на месте; mark time, march! - на месте шагом марш! (команда); б) топтаться на месте; выжидать; в) тянуть время, медлить, волынить

II

[mɑ:k] *n*

1. марка (денежная единица Германии)

2. марка (мера веса, **особ.** золота или серебра)

3. марка (старинная английская монета)

mark

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mark [mark marks marked marking] *verb, noun* *BrE* [mɑ:k] ^ɹ *NAmE* [mɑ:rk] ^ɹ

verb

WRITE/DRAW

1. **transitive** to write or draw a symbol, line, etc. on sth in order to give information about it

• ~ **A (with B)** Items marked with an asterisk can be omitted.

• ~ **B on A** Prices are marked on the goods.

• ~ **sb/sth + adj.** The teacher marked her absent (= made a mark by her name to show that she was absent) .

• Why have you marked this wrong?

• Do not open any mail marked 'Confidential'.

SPOIL/DAMAGE

2. **transitive, intransitive** ~ (sth) to make a mark on sth in a way that spoils or damages it; to become spoilt or damaged in this way

• A large purple scar marked his cheek.

• The surfaces are made from a material that doesn't mark.

SHOW POSITION

3. **transitive** ~ **sth** to show the position of sth

Syn: ↑indicate

- The cross marks the spot where the body was found.
- The route has been marked in red.

CELEBRATE

4. **transitive** ~ **sth** to celebrate or officially remember an event that you consider to be important

- a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war

SHOW CHANGE

5. **transitive** ~ **sth** to be a sign that sth new is going to happen

- This speech may **mark a change in** government policy.
- The agreement marks a new phase in international relations.

GIVE MARK/GRADE

6. **transitive, intransitive** ~ **(sth)** (especially BrE) to give marks to students' work

- I hate marking exam papers.
- I spend at least six hours a week marking.

compare ↑grade

GIVE PARTICULAR QUALITY

7. **transitive, usually passive** (formal) to give sb/sth a particular quality or character

Syn: ↑characterize

- ~ **sb/sth** a life marked by suffering
- ~ **sb/sth as sth** He was marked as an enemy of the poor.

PAY ATTENTION

8. **transitive** (old-fashioned) used to tell sb to pay careful attention to sth

- ~ **sth** There'll be trouble over this, **mark my words**.
- ~ **what, how, etc...** You mark what I say, John.

IN SPORT

9. **transitive** ~ **sb** (in a team game) to stay close to an opponent in order to prevent them from getting the ball

- Hughes was marking Taylor.
- Our defence had him closely marked.

see also ↑marking

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	mark
	BrE /ma:k/
	NAmE /ma:rk/
he / she / it	marks
	BrE /ma:ks/
	NAmE /ma:rks/
past simple, past participle	marked
	BrE /ma:kt/
	NAmE /ma:rkɪt/
-ing form	marking
	BrE /ma:kɪŋ/
	NAmE /ma:rkiŋ/

Word Origin:

v. and n. senses 1 to 10 Old English mearc gemergen mearcian Germanic Indo-European Latin **margo** 'margin'

n. sense 11 Old English marc Old Norse mo□rk ↑mark

Thesaurus:

mark verb

1. T

- Prices are marked on the goods.

label • • **highlight** • • **flag** • |BrE **tick** • |AmE **check** •

mark/label/highlight/flag/tick/check sth **with** sth

mark/highlight sth **in** red, yellow, etc.

mark/highlight/flag/tick/check an **item**

mark/highlight/flag a/an **word/paragraph/passage/section/error**

Mark or label? When you use **mark**, you usually have to say how sth is **marked**; when sth is **labelled**, sb has written sth on it, for example to say what it is or who it belongs to

- The path is marked in red.
- All luggage must be clearly labelled.

2. T, I (BrE)

• Have you marked our homework?

correct • **especially AmE grade** •

mark/correct/grade a/an/sb's **paper/essay/assignment/work/homework**

mark/grade a/an **test/examination /project/student/pupil**

grade/mark sb/sth **A/B/C, etc.**

Example Bank:

- 'Lyrical Ballads' conveniently marks the beginning of nineteenth-century poetry.
- All buildings are marked on the map.
- Certain words were marked as important.
- Christianity has indelibly marked the culture and consciousness of Europe.
- Mark the position of all the building sites in black.
- Members of the club officially marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- My room was clearly marked on the plan.
- She carefully marked where the screws were to go.
- Some of the crates were marked for export.
- The boundary was marked with a dotted line.
- The paperweight had fallen onto the desk, badly marking the surface.
- The town is still deeply marked by the folk memory of the Depression.
- The wedding ceremony publicly marks the beginning of commitment to another through marriage.
- This speech appears to mark a change in government policy.
- I spent the whole vacation marking exam papers.
- If you don't hand your homework in on time I won't mark it.
- Most teachers spend at least two hours a day marking.
- She was marked down for bad spelling.
- Sorry, I should have marked that right.
- You can be marked up if your writing shows particular creativity.

Idioms: ↑close to the mark ▪ ↑get off the mark ▪ ↑hit the mark ▪ ↑leave a mark ▪ ↑make a mark ▪ ↑mark time ▪ ↑mark you ▪ ↑not be up to the mark ▪ ↑off the mark ▪ ↑on the mark ▪ ↑on your marks, get set, go! ▪ ↑slow off the mark ▪ ↑up to the mark

Derived ↑mark somebody down ▪ ↑mark somebody down as something ▪ ↑mark somebody off ▪ ↑mark somebody out as something ▪ ↑mark something down ▪ ↑mark something off ▪ ↑mark something out ▪ ↑mark something up

noun

SPOT/DIRT

1. a small area of dirt, a spot or a cut on a surface that spoils its appearance

- The children left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor.
- a burn/scratch mark
- Detectives found no marks on the body.

2. a noticeable spot or area of colour on the body of a person or an animal which helps you to recognize them

- a horse with a white mark on its head
- He was about six feet tall, with no **distinguishing marks** .

see also ↑birthmark, ↑marking

SYMBOL

3. a written or printed symbol that is used as a sign of sth, for example the quality of sth or who made or owns it

- punctuation marks
- Any piece of silver bearing his mark is extremely valuable
- I put a mark in the margin to remind me to check the figure.

see also ↑question mark, ↑exclamation mark, ↑trademark

SIGN

4. a sign that a quality or feeling exists

- On the day of the funeral businesses remained closed as a **mark of respect** .
- Such coolness under pressure is the mark of a champion.

STANDARD/GRADE

5. (especially BrE) a number or letter that is given to show the standard of sb's work or performance or is given to sb for answering sth correctly

- to get a **good/poor mark** in English
- to give sb a **high/low mark**
- What's the **pass mark** (= the mark you need in order to pass) ?
- I got **full marks** (= the highest mark possible) in the spelling test.
- (ironic) 'You're wearing a tie!' ' **Full marks for observation.**'

see also ↑black mark, ↑grade

LEVEL

6. a level or point that sth reaches that is thought to be important

- Unemployment has passed the four million mark.

- Ratings had soared towards the 20 million mark.
- The needle was flickering around the 80 mark.
- She was leading at the half-way mark.

MACHINE/VEHICLE

- 7. Mark** (followed by a number) a particular type or model of a machine or vehicle
- the Mark II engine

IN GAS OVEN

- 8. Mark** (BrE) (followed by a number) a particular level of temperature in a gas oven
- Preheat the oven to gas Mark 6.

SIGNATURE

- 9.** a cross made on a document instead of a signature by sb who is not able to write their name

TARGET

- 10.** (formal) a target
- Of the blows delivered, barely half found their mark.
 - to **hit/miss the mark**

GERMAN MONEY

- 11.** = †Deutschmark

more at overstep the mark/line **at** †overstep toe the mark **at** †toe v., wide of the mark **at** †wide adj.

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mark noun

1. C

- The kids left dirty marks on the wall.

stain • **smear** • **smudge** • **spot** • **streak** • **fingerprint** • **blot** • **blemish** • **speck** •

a mark/stain/smear/smudge/spot/streak/fingerprint/blot/blemish/speck **on** sth

leave a mark/stain/smear/smudge/streak/fingerprint/blot/speck

remove a mark/stain/smear/smudge/spot/fingerprint/blemish/speck

2. C

- The horse had a white mark on its head.

spot • **dot** • **patch** •

a mark/spot/dot/patch **on** sth

with marks/spots/dots/patches

a **blue, black, red, etc.** mark/spot/dot/patch

3. (especially BrE)

- What's the pass mark?

grade • **score** • **result** •

a **high/low/good/poor** mark/grade/score

a **final** mark/grade/score/result

get a mark/a grade/a score/your results

Mark or grade? In British schools a **mark** is often more precise than a **grade**, expressed as a particular number out of 10 or 100, for example; **grade** is often a letter such as A, B or C, covering a range of marks. However, in American schools a **grade** can be a letter or a number, and **mark** is not usually used.

Synonyms:

mark

stain • fingerprint • streak • speck • blot • smear • spot

These are all words for a small area of dirt or another substance on a surface.

mark • a small area of dirt or other substance on the surface of sth, especially one that spoils its appearance: ▪ The kids left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor.

stain • a dirty mark on sth that is difficult to remove, especially one made by a liquid: ▪ blood stains

fingerprint • a mark on a surface made by the pattern of lines on the end of a person's finger, often used by the police to identify criminals: ▪ Her fingerprints were all over the gun.

streak • a long thin mark or line that is a different colour from the surface it is on: ▪ She had streaks of grey in her hair.

speck • a very small mark, spot or piece of a substance on sth: ▪ There isn't a speck of dust anywhere in the house.

blot • a spot or dirty mark left on sth by a substance such as ink or paint being dropped on a surface

smear • a mark made by sth such as oil or paint being spread or rubbed on a surface

spot • a small dirty mark on sth: ▪ There were grease spots all over the walls.

a streak/speck/blot/smear/spot **of** sth

a **greasy** mark/stain/smear

a/an **ink** mark/stain/blot/spot

a/an **grease** mark/stain/spot
to **leave** a mark/stain/fingerprint/streak/speck/blot/smear

Synonyms:

patch

dot • mark • spot

These are all words for a small part on a surface that is a different colour from the rest.

patch • an area of sth, especially one which is different from the area around it: ▪ a white dog with a black patch on its head ◊▪ patches of dense fog

dot • a small round mark on sth, especially one that is printed: ▪ The letters 'i' and 'j' have dots over them. ◊▪ The island is a small green dot on the map.

mark • a noticeable area of colour on the body of a person or animal: ▪ The horse had a white mark on its head.

spot • a small round area that is a different colour or feels different from the surface it is on: ▪ Which has spots, a leopard or a tiger?

a patch/dot/mark/spot **on** sth

with patches/dots/marks/spots

a **blue/black/red, etc.** patch/dot/mark/spot

Example Bank:

- Does he have any distinguishing marks?
- How did you get that mark on your shirt?
- How many marks out of ten would you give it?
- I got full marks for my homework.
- If you get below 40 marks, you're not allowed to go up into the next class.
- Marks are deducted for incorrect spelling.
- She took off a mark for bad handwriting.
- Shock tactics often fall wide of their mark.
- Spending has now reached the \$1 million mark.
- Such thoughtful behaviour is the mark of a true gentleman.
- The dirty water left a mark around the side of the bathtub.
- The experience left a deep mark on her memory.
- The festival organizers deserve high marks.
- The river was at its low-water mark.
- The shot found its mark.
- Their relationship was approaching the two-year mark.
- There were grubby marks on the wall.
- There were two small puncture marks on her arm.
- These greasy marks just won't come out.
- This year's sales figures have already passed the mark set last year.
- We've reached the halfway mark in the show.
- What's the pass mark in chemistry?
- Women are continuing to make their mark in business.
- You get two marks for each correct answer.
- Your grammar is not quite up to the mark.
- a good mark for geography
- around the \$500 mark
- the real mark of a master craftsman
- 'You're wearing a tie!' ' Full marks for observation.'
- A faint pencil mark showed where the house was on the map.
- Do you have any distinguishing marks?
- He tried to remove the marks with bleach.
- I got a good mark in English.
- I got full marks in the spelling test.
- Look for a bird with a blue mark on its wings.
- On the day of the funeral businesses remained closed as a mark of respect.
- Police examined the tyre marks left in the mud.
- Skid marks curved across the road.
- The horse had a white mark on its head.
- The iron left scorch marks on my new shirt.
- The kids left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor.
- The marks wouldn't come off the floor.
- Why did she have scratch marks on her face?
- a question/exclamation mark

See also: ↑ up to snuff

mark

I. **Deutsch** **mark** /'dɔɪtʃmɑ:k\$/ -mɑ:k **BrE** **AmE** (also **mark**) *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1900-2000; Language: German; Origin: 'German mark']

the standard unit of money used in Germany before the ↑euro

II. **mark** ¹ **S3 W2** /mɑ:k\$ mɑ:rk *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1-20, 22: Language: Old English; Origin: mearc 'border, edge, sign']

[Sense 21: Date: 1800-1900; Language: German]

1. **DIRT** a spot or dirty area on something that spoils its appearance:

" I can't get these marks out of my T-shirt.

" His feet left dirty marks all over the floor.

" The skid marks (=marks left by a car's tyres) were over 30 feet long.

2. **DAMAGED AREA** a cut, hole, or other small sign of damage

burn/scratch/bite etc mark

" a burn mark on the kitchen table

" There were scratch marks all over the victim's body.

3. **COLOURED AREA** a small area of darker or lighter colour on a plain surface such as a person's skin or an animal's fur:

" The kitten is mainly white with black marks on her back. ⇒ ↑birthmark

4. **WRITING** a shape or sign that is written or printed:

" What do those strange marks at the top mean?

" Make a mark at the bottom of the page.

5. **LEVEL/NUMBER** a particular level, number, amount etc

pass/reach/approach etc the ... mark

" The temperature is not expected to reach the 20 degree mark in the next few days.

" In 1976 unemployment in Britain passed the one million mark.

6. **STUDENT'S WORK** *especially British English* a letter or number given by a teacher to show how good a student's work is **SYN**
grade *American English*

good/high mark

" The highest mark was a B+.

" Her marks have been a lot lower this term.

" She always gets good marks.

pass mark (=the mark you need in order to pass an exam)

" The pass mark was 75%.

full/top marks (=the highest possible mark)

7. **full/top marks for effort/trying/persistence etc** *British English spoken* used to praise someone for trying hard to do something, even though they did not succeed:

" I have to give you top marks for determination.

8. **high/low mark** approval or disapproval of something or of the way someone has done something:

" Parents gave the kit high marks.

" his low marks as transportation chief

9. **make/leave your mark** to become successful or famous:

" It took him only two games to make his mark.

make/leave your mark as

" He made his mark as a pianist in the 1920s.

make/leave your mark on/in

" He has left his mark on baseball history.

10. **leave/make its mark on somebody/something** to affect someone or something so that they change in a permanent or very noticeable way:

" Singers like Franklin and Redding helped gospel music make its mark on popular culture.

" Growing up during the war had left its mark on her.

11. **off the mark/wide of the mark** not correct **SYN inaccurate** :

" Our cost estimate was way off the mark.

12. **close to the mark** correct:

" His next guess was closer to the mark.

13. **be a mark of something** to show that someone or something is a particular thing, has a particular quality etc **SYN be a sign of something**:

" The ability to perform well under pressure is the mark of a true champion.

14. **a mark of respect/honour/affection etc** something that happens or is done to show respect, honour etc

a mark of respect/honour/affection etc for

" The plaque awarded to Grant is a mark of recognition for his years of service.

" There was a two-minute silence as a mark of respect for the dead.

15. **Mark 2/6 etc** (also **mark 2/6 etc**)

a) *especially British English* a particular type or model of a car, machine etc:

" an old Mark 2 Ford Cortina

b) a measurement used in Britain for the temperature of a gas ↑overt

" Cook for 40 minutes at gas mark 6.

16. **hit/miss the mark**

a) to hit or miss the thing that you were shooting at

b) to succeed or fail to have the effect you wanted:

" Although it contains a certain amount of truth, this theory ultimately misses the mark.

17. **be quick/slow/first etc off the mark** *informal* to be quick, slow, first etc to understand things or react to situations:

" You'll have to be quick off the mark if you want to find a job around here.

18. **not up to the mark** *British English*

- a) not good enough:
Her work just isn't up to the mark.
- b) *old-fashioned* not well and healthy:
I'm not feeling quite up to the mark today.
19. **the halfway mark** the point in a race, journey, or event that is half way between the start and the finish
20. **bear the mark of something**
- a) to show the physical signs of something which happened in the past:
His face bore the marks of many missions.
- b) if something bears the mark of something or someone, it has signs that show who or what made it or influenced it:
His speech bore all the marks of his military background.
21. **on your mark(s), get set, go!** *spoken* said in order to start a race
22. **MONEY** the standard unit of money used in Germany before the **↑euro**
23. **SIGNATURE** *old use* a sign in the form of a cross, used by someone who is not able to write their name
- HINT:** ▶ Do not use **mark** to mean 'a product made by a particular company'. Use **make** or **brand**: *an expensive make of camera* | *a well-known brand of toothpaste*
- ⇒ **↑exclamation mark**, ⇒ **overstep the mark** at **↑overstep(2)**, ⇒ **↑punctuation mark**, **↑question mark**, **↑speech marks**
- ...

COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ verbs

- **make a mark** Her lipstick had made a mark on his collar.
- **leave a mark** (=make a mark) The glass had left a mark on the table.
- **remove a mark** The product removes greasy marks from clothes.
- **a mark comes off/out** I can't get this dirty mark to come out.
- **a mark fades** (=it gradually disappears) His scratch marks have faded, but the memories never will.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + mark

- **a black mark** There were black marks all over the floor.
 - **a dirty mark** What's that dirty mark on your coat?
 - **a greasy mark** It's good for getting greasy marks off carpet.
 - **a tyre mark** *British English*, **a tire mark** *American English* (=a mark left on the ground by a vehicle's tyre) The track was pretty soft and there were tyre marks.
 - **a skid mark** (=a long tyre mark caused by a car that has lost control) After the accident, two sets of skid marks were found.
 - **a scorch/burn mark** (=a mark caused by burning) There appeared to be scorch marks on the ceiling.
 - **a stretch mark** (=a mark on your skin caused by stretching) Most women get stretch marks when they have a baby.
 - **a bite mark** (=a mark where something has bitten you) Her arms were covered in itchy bite marks.
 - **a scratch mark** The chairs had made scratch marks on the floor.
- ...

THESAURUS

■ a dirty mark

- **mark** a dirty area on something that spoils its appearance: The bark of the tree had made black marks on her trousers.
- **spot** a small mark on something: a grease spot on my shirt
- **stain** a mark that is difficult to remove, especially one made by a dark liquid: a wine stain on the tablecloth | blood stains
- **smudge** a mark that is made when something touches against a surface: There was a smudge of lipstick on his cheek. | He had a smudge of chalk on his jacket.
- **smear** a mark that is made by a small amount of something spread across a surface: The table had a smear of paint on the top.
- **fingerprint** (also **fingermark** *British English*) a mark on the surface of something that is made by someone's fingers: The glass was covered with greasy fingerprints.

■ a mark on your skin

- **blemish** a mark on your skin that spoils its appearance: John grew a beard to hide the blemishes on his chin.
- **mole** a small dark, sometimes raised, mark on your skin: Some moles may become cancerous. | Helena found a mole on her arm which had definitely not been there before.
- **freckles** small light brown marks on your skin, especially on your face but also on your arms, shoulders etc: She had a light sprinkling of freckles across her nose.
- **birthmark** a permanent mark on your skin that you have had since you were born: There was a small birthmark on her left cheek.
- **bruise** a purple or brown mark on your skin that you get because you have fallen or been hit: Her legs were covered in cuts and bruises.
- **scar** a permanent mark on your skin, caused by a cut or by something that burns you: The injury left a small scar on his forehead.
- **pimple/zit** (also **spot** *British English*) a small raised red mark or lump on your skin, which usually appears when a child is between 12 and 18 years old: When I was a teenager I had terrible spots. | The boy had a few pimples under his chin.
- **wart** a small hard raised mark on your skin caused by a virus: His face was covered in hairy warts.
- **blister** a small area of skin that is swollen and full of liquid because it has been rubbed or burned: There was a blister on his arm where the boiling milk had splashed him.
- **rash** an area of small red spots on your skin, caused by an illness or an **↑allergy**: I can't eat strawberries - they give me a rash.

III. **mark**² **S2 W2 BrE** ^{AmE} **verb**

[Word Family: **verb** **↑mark**; **adverb** **↑markedly**; **adjective**: **↑marked** ≠ **↑unmarked**]

[Language: Old English; Origin: mearcian]

1. **WRITE ON SOMETHING** [**transitive**] to write or draw on something, so that someone will notice what you have written:

I've marked the pages you need to look at.

mark something with something

When you're done, put your sheet in the envelope marked with your name.

mark something on something

▪ Peter marked his name on the first page.

mark something personal/fragile/urgent etc

▪ a document marked 'confidential'

mark somebody present/absent (=write on an official list that someone is there or not there, especially in school)

▪ Any student who is more than 20 minutes late for class will be marked absent.

▪ All school uniform should be clearly marked with the child's name.

2. DAMAGE [intransitive and transitive] to make a mark on something in a way that spoils its appearance or damages it, or to become spoiled in this way:

▪ Take off your shoes so you don't mark the floor.

▪ The disease had marked her face for life.

▪ The table marks easily, so please be careful.

3. CELEBRATE [transitive] to celebrate an important event:

▪ celebrations to mark Australia Day

mark something with something

▪ Carter's 90th birthday will be marked with a large party at the Savoy Hotel.

▪ Mrs Lawson was presented with a gold watch to mark the occasion.

4. SHOW POSITION [transitive] to show where something is:

▪ A simple wooden cross marked her grave.

▪ He had marked the route on the map in red.

mark something with something

▪ Troop positions were marked with colored pins.

▪ She placed a bookmark between the pages to mark her place.

5. YEAR/MONTH/WEEK [transitive] if a particular year, month, or week marks an important event, the event happened on that date during a previous year:

▪ This week marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Joseph Priestley.

6. SHOW A CHANGE [transitive] to be a sign of an important change or an important stage in the development of something:

▪ Her latest novel marks a turning point in her development as a writer.

▪ The move seemed to mark a major change in government policy.

▪ These elections mark the end of an era.

7. QUALITY/FEATURE [transitive usually passive] if something is marked by a particular quality or feature, it is a typical or important part of that thing **SYN characterize :**

▪ The villages of East Anglia are marked by beautiful churches with fine towers.

8. STUDENT'S WORK [transitive] especially British English to read a piece of written work and put a number or letter on it to show how good it is **SYN grade American English:**

▪ I've got a pile of exam papers to mark.

9. SPORT [transitive] especially British English to stay close to a player of the opposite team during a game **SYN guard American English**

10. be marking time to spend time not doing very much except waiting for something else to happen:

▪ I was just marking time until a better job came up.

11. mark time if soldiers mark time, they move their legs as if they were marching, but remain in the same place

12. (you) mark my words! spoken used to tell someone that they should pay attention to what you are saying:

▪ They're going to regret firing me, you mark my words!

13. mark you British English old-fashioned used to emphasize something you say **SYN mind you:**

▪ Her uncle's just given her a car – given, mark you, not lent.

⇒ ↑marked

mark somebody/something ↔ down phrasal verb

1. to write something down, especially in order to keep a record:

▪ Mark down everything you eat on your daily chart.

mark somebody/something down as something

▪ The teacher marked him down as absent.

2. to reduce the price of something **OPP mark up ⇒ **markdown** :**

▪ Winter coats have been marked down from \$80 to \$50.

3. especially British English to give a student a lower result in a test, paper etc because they have made mistakes:

▪ Students will be marked down for failing to follow directions.

mark somebody/something down as something phrasal verb

British English to consider someone or something to be a particular type of person or thing:

▪ When I first saw Gilbert play I marked him down as a future England player.

mark somebody/something ↔ off phrasal verb

1. to make an area separate by drawing a line around it, putting a rope around it etc:

▪ The competitors' arena had been marked off with cones.

2. to make a mark on a list to show that something has been done or completed **SYN tick off, check off:**

▪ Mark off each of the names on the list as I call them out.

3. British English to make something or someone different from other things or people of a similar type **SYN distinguish**

mark somebody/something ↔ off from

▪ Sara's natural flair for languages marked her off from the other students.

mark somebody/something ↔ out phrasal verb

1. to show the shape or position of something by drawing lines around it:

A volleyball court had been marked out on the grass.

2. *British English* to make someone or something seem very different from or better than other similar people or things

mark somebody/something out as something

" His stunning victory marked him out as the very best horse of his era.

mark somebody out for something

" She seemed marked out for success.

mark something ↔ up *phrasal verb*

1. to increase the price of something, so that you sell it for more than you paid for it **OPP mark down**:

" Compact discs may be marked up as much as 80%. ⇒ ↑mark-up

2. to write notes or instructions for changes on a piece of writing, music etc:

" I have to mark up the pages and send them back to the printer.

mark

Freakuency Pack

12500 **1175**^{MCW}

15000 **900**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k MARK** 87042

mark 49698

marked 13628

markedly 1603

unmarked 1154

marker 2840

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marking 2697

markings 1093

marks 11653

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