

**scorch**

1. [skɔ:tʃ] *n*
  1. 1) ожог
  - 2) след, пятно от ожога
2. *разг.* езда с бешеной скоростью (*на автомобиле и т. п.*)
2. [skɔ:tʃ] *v*
  1. 1) обжигать; подпаливать  
 to scorch one's face [one's hand] - обжигать, лицо [руку]  
 to scorch linen in ironing - подпалить бельё при глаженье  
 the pie tastes scorched - пирог подгорел  
 she scorched the soup and ruined its flavour - суп у неё пригорел и потерял вкус
  - 2) обжигаться; подпаливаться
  2. 1) выжигать; иссушать  
 the sun scorched the buds - солнце выжгло бутоны  
 grass scorched by the sun - выжженная солнцем трава  
 frost scorched the buds - мороз побил почки
  - 2) выгорать; коробиться от жара
  3. ранить, больно задевать (*чью-л.*) чувства (*резкой критикой, едким сарказмом и т. п.*)
  4. *разг.* мчаться с бешеной скоростью, гнать машину  
 the cyclist scorched down the road (at a dangerous speed) - велосипедист пронёсся по дороге (с опасной скоростью)
  5. сжигать дотла; полностью уничтожать  
 scorched earth - выжженная земля

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**scorch** [scorch scorches scorched scorching] *BrE* [skɔːtʃ] *NAmE* [skɔːrtʃ]

- verb**
1. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) | ~ sth + adj.** to burn and slightly damage a surface by making it too hot; to be slightly burned by heat
    - I scorched my dress when I was ironing it.
    - Don't stand so near the fire— your coat is scorching!
  2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to become or to make sth become dry and brown, especially from the heat of the sun or from chemicals
    - scorched grass
    - The leaves will scorch if you water them in the sun.
  3. **intransitive + adv./prep. (BrE, informal)** to move very fast
    - The car scorched off down the road.
    - She scorched to victory in the sprint final.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	scorch
	BrE /skɔːtʃ/
	NAmE /skɔːrtʃ/
he / she /it	scorches
	BrE /skɔːtʃɪz/
	NAmE /skɔːrtʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	scorched
	BrE /skɔːtʃt/
	NAmE /skɔːrtʃt/
-ing form	scorching
	BrE /skɔːtʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /skɔːrtʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as a verb): perhaps related to Old Norse *skorpna* 'be shrivelled'.

Synonyms:

**burn**  
 char • scald • scorch • singe  
 These words all mean to damage, injure, destroy or kill sb/sth with heat or fire.  
**burn** • to damage, injure, destroy or kill sb/sth with fire, heat or acid; to be damaged, etc. by fire, heat or acid: ▪ She burned all his letters. ◊▪ The house ▪ burned down ▪ in 1995.  
**char** • [usually passive] to make sth black by burning it; to become black by burning: ▪ The bodies had been charred beyond recognition.  
**scald** • to burn part of your body with very hot liquid or steam.  
**scorch** • to burn and slightly damage a surface by making it too hot: ▪ I scorched my dress when I was ironing it.  
**singe** • to burn the surface of sth slightly, usually by mistake; to be burnt in this way: ▪ He singed his hair as he tried to light his cigarette.  
**scorch or singe?**  
 Things are **scorched** by heat or fire. Things can only be **singed** by fire or a flame.  
 to burn/scald **yourself/your hand**  
 to burn/scorch/singe your **hair/clothes**  
 burned out/charred/scorched **remains/ruins/buildings**

Example Bank:

- The buildings around us were scorched by the fire.
- Wildfires have scorched over two million acres of forest.

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I. **scorch**<sup>1</sup> /skɔːt/\$ skɔːrt/ BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> verb

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. [intransitive and transitive] if you scorch something, or if it scorches, its surface burns slightly and changes colour:  
The walls had been blackened and scorched by fire.
2. [transitive] if strong heat or wind scorches plants, it dries and damages them:  
Direct sunlight will scorch the plant's leaves.
3. [transitive] if strong heat scorches you, it burns you:  
The hot sand scorched our feet.
4. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] *British English informal* to travel extremely fast  
**scorch along/down/across etc**  
He scorched out of the gate, almost crashing his new sports car.

—scorched adjective

THESAURUS

■ to burn something

- **burn** to damage or destroy something with fire or heat: She lit a fire and burned his letters one by one.
- **set fire to something** (also **set something on fire**) to make something start burning so that it gets damaged: Vandals set fire to an empty warehouse. | Teresa wondered if the burning log might set fire to the curtains. | The Vikings attacked villages along the coast and set them on fire. | Sparks from the fireplace could easily set the curtains on fire.
- **scorch** to damage the surface of something by burning it so that a dark mark is left on it: Having the iron on a very high heat can scorch the fabric. | The heater was left on all night and it scorched the wall.
- **singe** /sɪndʒ/ to damage hair, wool, paper etc by burning it slightly so that the ends or edges are burnt: The flames were hot enough to singe your eyebrows.
- **scald** to burn your skin with very hot liquid or steam: The coffee was so hot it nearly scalded his tongue. | It's easy to knock a pan off the stove and scald yourself. | He was scalded by steam escaping from the broken pipe.
- **ignite** *technical* to make something start to burn, especially something that burns easily such as a gas or chemical: The gas is ignited by an electrical spark. | It appears he threw away a lit cigarette which ignited the petrol spilt on the ground.

II. **scorch**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>u</sup> AmE<sup>u</sup> noun

1. [countable] a mark made on something where its surface has been burnt:  
There were scorch marks on the kitchen worktop where a hot pan had been placed.
2. [uncountable] brown colouring on plants caused by some plant diseases

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