

**slight**

I

1. [slait] *n*  
пренебрежение, неуважение  
to put a slight on /upon/ smb. - проявить неуважение /пренебрежение/ к кому-л.; третировать кого-л.
2. [slait] *v*
  - 1) пренебрегать, относиться небрежно  
to slight one's duties [one's work] - пренебрегать своими обязанностями [своей работой]  
to slight over smth. - а) делать что-л. второпях /кое-как/; б) игнорировать что-л.
  - 2) третировать, обращаться пренебрежительно  
to slight smb. - относиться к кому-л. свысока  
to feel slighted - чувствовать себя ущемлённым

II

[slait] *a*

1. 1) худощавый, тонкий, изящный, хрупкий  
a slight girlish figure - изящная девичья фигура  
to be slight of figure - быть худощавым; быть хрупкого сложения
- 2) некрепкий, слабый  
slight foundation [framework, support] - непрочное основание [-ый каркас, -ая опора]
2. 1) слабый, незначительный, несерьёзный  
a slight attack of illness - лёгкий приступ болезни  
slight alleviation [injury] - небольшое облегчение [повреждение]  
a slight cold - лёгкая простуда  
a slight decline - незначительное снижение  
not the slightest doubt - ни малейшего сомнения  
not the slightest (degree) - нисколько, ни на йоту  
not the slightest use in doing it - пользы от этого ровно никакой  
it did not embarrass me in the slightest - это меня ничуть не смутило  
to be in slight demand - *ком.* пользоваться незначительным спросом
- 2) необильный, неплотный  
slight meal - лёгкая еда
3. поверхностный, неглубокий  
slight knowledge - поверхностные знания

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**slight** [slait] **slights slighted slighting slighter slightest** adjective, noun, verb

BrE [slait] \* NAmE [slait] \*

adjective (slight·er, slight·est)

1. very small in degree
  - a slight increase/change/delay/difference
  - I woke up with a slight headache.
  - The damage was slight.
  - She takes offence at the slightest thing (= is very easily offended).
  - There was **not the slightest** hint of trouble.
  - He is, without the slightest doubt, the greatest living novelist.
  - He never had the slightest intention of agreeing to it.
  - The picture was at a slight angle.
  - A slight breeze was blowing.
2. small and thin in size
  - a slight woman
  - He was of slight build.
  - She was smaller and slighter than I had imagined.
3. (formal) not deserving serious attention
  - This is a very slight novel

Word Origin:

Middle English; the adjective from Old Norse *slétt* 'smooth' (an early sense in English), of Germanic origin; related to Dutch *slechts* 'merely' and German *schlicht* 'simple', *schlecht* 'bad'; the verb (originally in the sense 'make smooth or level'), from Old Norse *slétta*. The sense "treat with disrespect" dates from the late 16th cent.

Thesaurus:**slight** *adj.*

• The damage was slight.

**small** • • **modest** • • **minimal** • • **minor** • • **marginal** • |especially written **negligible** • • **insignificant** • |especially spoken **little****Opp:** big, **Opp:** majora/an slight/small/modest/minimal/minor/marginal/insignificant/little **change/difference/improvement**a/an slight/small/minor/insignificant/little **problem**a slight/small/minor/little **error/mistake/defect/accident**

a slight/small/minimal chance

**Slight or small?** Use either word to talk about changes or problems. Use **slight** but not **small** to talk about medical problems, feelings or things that affect the senses; use **small** but not **slight** to talk about amounts

- a slight cold/headache/movement/touch
- a small amount/number/quantity, etc.

Example Bank:

- She looked very slight, almost fragile.
- She never had the slightest intention of agreeing.
- She smiled to hide her slight embarrassment.
- She spoke with a slight foreign accent.
- She takes offence at the slightest thing.
- The accident had left him with a slight limp.
- The eyes of predators are highly sensitive to the slightest movement.
- The slight figure of a woman emerged from the house.
- The slightest noise will wake him.
- The slightest touch will set off the alarm.
- There's been a slight increase in the number of unemployed in this area.
- Unfortunately, this plate has a slight flaw in it.
- You may experience some slight discomfort after the operation.

Idiom: †not in the slightest

Derived Word †slighting

**noun ~ (on sb/sth)**

an act or a remark that criticizes sth or offends sb

**Syn:** †insult

- Nick took her comment as a slight on his abilities as a manager.

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**verb usually passive ~ sb**

to treat sb rudely or without respect

**Syn:** †insult

- She **felt slighted** because she hadn't been invited.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we / they	slight
	BrE /slaɪt/
	NAme /slaɪt/
he / she / it	slights
	BrE /slaɪts/
	NAme /slaɪts/
past simple, past participle	slighted
	BrE /slaɪtɪd/
	NAme /slaɪtɪd/
-ing form	slighting
	BrE /slaɪtɪŋ/
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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **slight**<sup>1</sup> **S2 W3** /slaɪt/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> adjective (comparative **slighter**, superlative **slightest**)

[Word Family: adjective: †slight, slightest; verb: †slight; noun: †slight; adverb †slightly]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from Middle Dutch slicht]

1. [usually before noun] small in degree **OPP big**:

- a slight improvement
- a slight increase
- a slight change of plan
- a slight pause
- a slight problem

2. **not the slightest chance/doubt/difference etc** no chance, doubt etc at all:

- I didn't have the slightest idea who that man was.

3. someone who is slight is thin and delicate **OPP stocky**

4. **not in the slightest** *British English spoken* not at all:  
" 'Did he mind lending you the car?' 'Not in the slightest.'

II. **slight**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[*Word Family*: adjective: ↑slight, slightest; verb: ↑slight; noun: ↑slight; adverb: ↑slightly]

to offend someone by treating them rudely or without respect:

" Derek felt slighted when no one phoned him back.

—**slight** *noun* [countable]:

" She may take it as a slight on her ability as a mother.

" a slight to his authority

## slight

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