

slave1. [sleɪv] *n*

1. 1) раб, невольник

they were sold for slaves - они были проданы в рабство

trade /traffic/ in slaves - работорговля

slave labour - рабский /подневольный/ труд

Slave States - *амер. ист.* рабовладельческие штаты

2) жертва, раб (*идей, страстей, чужой воли и т. п.*)

a slave of habit [of one's passions] - раб привычки [собственных страстей]

to be a slave of fashion - рабски следовать моде

to be a slave to alcohol [to ambition] - быть жертвой алкоголизма [собственного честолюбия]

to be a slave to a formula - слепо цепляться за какую-л. формулу

2. робот (*в фантастике*)

3. низкий угодник, раболепный прислужник

4. *спец.* исполнительный механизм манипулятора5. *тех.* вспомогательное устройство; ведомая станция2. [sleɪv] *a*

1. ведомый, управляемый

2. *тех.* копирующий, исполнительный (*о механизме*)3. [sleɪv] *v*1. работать до изнеможения, надрываться (*мж. slave away*)

to slave and toil to earn one's living - работать до изнеможения ради куска хлеба

to slave for one's master - работать на хозяина; работать подневольно

2. *редк.* обращаться как с рабом; помыкать3. *ист. редк.* торговать рабами

◇ to slave one's life /one's guts/ (out) - надрываться, кишки надрывать

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slave [slave slaves slaved slaving] *noun, verb* *BrE* [sleɪv] ^u *NAmE* [sleɪv] ^u

noun

1. a person who is owned by another person and is forced to work for them

• She treated her daughter like a slave.

• slave owners

2. a person who is so strongly influenced by sth that they cannot live without it, or cannot make their own decisions

• ~ **of sth** We are slaves of the motor car.

• ~ **to sth** Sue's a slave to fashion.

3. (*technical*) a device that is directly controlled by another oneWord Origin:

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Example Bank:

- I'll be working long hours for slave wages!
- She was forced to work as a virtual slave for a rich family.
- They work as wage slaves for 13 cents an hour.
- Virginia was the largest slave state in the Union.
- Without slave labour/labor, the tobacco industry would have collapsed.
- a railway built by slave labour
- a slave of habit
- a slave to fashion
- galley slaves at the oars of Mediterranean ships
- landowners who freed their slaves voluntarily
- studies comparing slave societies throughout history
- the abolition of the slave trade
- the slave quarters at the rear of the house
- the son of former slaves

verb intransitive ~ (away) (at sth)

to work very hard

• I've been slaving away all day trying to get this work finished.

• I haven't got time to spend hours **slaving over a hot stove** (= doing a lot of cooking) .

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	slave
	BrE /sleɪv/
	NAme /sleɪv/
he / she / it	slaves
	BrE /sleɪvz/
	NAme /sleɪvz/
past simple, past participle	slaved
	BrE /sleɪvd/
	NAme /sleɪvd/
-ing form	slaving
	BrE /sleɪvɪŋ/
	NAme /sleɪvɪŋ/

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[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: **esclave**, from Medieval Latin **sclavus**, from **Sclavus** (⇒ †**Slavic**); because in the early Middle Ages many Slavic people in central Europe were slaves]

1. someone who is owned by another person and works for them for no money

the slave trade (=the buying and selling of slaves, especially Africans who were taken to America)

2. **be a slave to/of something** to be so strongly influenced by something that you cannot make your own decisions – used to show disapproval:

^ˈ a **slave to** fashion

II. **slave**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb [intransitive always + adverb/preposition]

to work very hard with little time to rest

slave away (at something)

^ˈ I've been slaving away at this report.

slave over

^ˈ He's been slaving over his history essay.

slave (away) over a hot stove (=cook – used humorously)

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