

**spur****1. [spɜː] n****1. 1) шпора**

to put /to set/ spurs to one's horse - пришпоривать лошадь [*ср. тж.* 2)]

**2) пришпоривание, «палка», понукание**

to need the spur - нуждаться в понукании, быть медлительным

to put /to set/ spurs to smb. - подгонять /поторапливать/ кого-л. [*ср. тж.* 1)]

he needs the spur - ему нужна палка, он работаетиз-под палки

to him difficulties were only spurs to new efforts - трудности только подхлестывали его

**2. pl****1) *уст.* шпоры как символ рыцарского достоинства**

to win one's spurs - быть посвящённым в рыцари [*см. тж.* 2)]

**2) признание, награда; слава; (доброе) имя**

to win one's spurs - завоевать признание; приобрести имя [*см. тж.* 1)]

to win one's spurs back again - восстановить своё доброе имя

our team hasn't won its spurs yet - наша команда ещё не проявила себя /не показала, на что она способна/

he won his academic spurs as a holder of a chair in a university - он получил признание своих научных заслуг на посту заведующего кафедрой в университете

**3. стимул, побуждение**

under the spur of poverty [of curiosity] - вынуждаемый бедностью [побуждаемый любопытством]

**4. 1) отросток (на крыле или лапе у птиц; тж. spur shoot)****2) петушиная шпора****5. острый наконечник, шип, зуб (на альпинистской палке, обуви и т. п.)****6. металлический наконечник, надеваемый на шпору бойцового петуха****7. *бот.* шпорец; пенёк (*веточки*)****8. отрог (*горы*)****9. *стр.*****1) подкос, контрфорс****2) буна****10. *геол.* ответвление (*жилы*)****11. *ж.-д.* тупик, ветка (*тж. spur track*)****12. спорынья (*болезнь растений*)**

◇ on the spur of the moment /of the occasion/ - а) мгновенно, тут же; б) экспромтом

to dish up the spurs - дать понять гостям, что пора уходить

to have got a spur in one's head - быть под мухой

**2. [spɜː] v****1. пришпоривать****2. бить шпорами (*о птице*)****3. побуждать, подстрекать (*часто spur on*)**

to spur smb. to do smth. - побуждать /поощрять/ кого-л. сделать что-л.

to spur smb. on to some action - толкать кого-л. на какой-л. поступок; подстрекать кого-л. к какому-л. действию

he was spurred (on) by poverty to commit a crime - на преступление его толкнула нужда

spurred by anger - побуждаемый гневом

**4. 1) приделывать шпоры, снабжать шпорами****2) надевать шпоры****5. мчаться во весь опор, спешить (*тж. spur on*)**

we were spurring onward /forward/ all night - мы мчались вперёд всю ночь

**6. ставить подпорку, подпирать**

◇ to spur a willing horse - подгонять кого-л. без всякой нужды; подгонять и без того добросовестного работника

**spur**

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**spur** [spɜː spɜːs spɜːd spɜːrɪŋ] **noun, verb** *BrE* [spɜː(ɹ)] *NAmE* [spɜːr]

**noun**

**1.** a sharp pointed object that riders sometimes wear on the heels of their boots and use to encourage their horse to go faster

• He dug his spurs into the horse's sides.

**2.** **usually singular ~ (to sth)** a fact or an event that makes you want to do sth better or more quickly

**Syn:** ↑motivation

• His speech was a powerful spur to action.

• A few encouraging words might provide just the spur she needs.

**3.** an area of high ground that sticks out from a mountain or hill

**4.** a road or a railway/railroad track that leads from the main road or line

**Word Origin:**

Old English spora, spura, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **spoor** and German **Sporn**, also to ↑**spurn**.

**Example Bank:**

• The research provided a spur for reform.

• a spur to action

• A few words from you might provide just the spur she needs.

Idioms: ↑on the spur of the moment ▪ ↑win your spurs

verb (-rr-)

- to encourage sb to do sth or to encourage them to try harder to achieve sth
  - ~ **sb/sth (on) to sth/to do sth** Her difficult childhood spurred her on to succeed.
  - My trainer spurred me to keep up a pace of four miles an hour.
  - ~ **sb/sth into sth** I was **spurred into action** by the letter.
  - ~ **sb/sth (on)** The band has been spurred on by the success of their last single.
- ~ **sth** to make sth happen faster or sooner
  - The agreement is essential to spurring economic growth around the world.
  - The fire, spurred by high temperatures and strong winds, had burnt more than 140 acres.
- ~ **sth** to encourage a horse to go faster, especially by pushing the ↑spurs on your boots into its side
  - As he shouted his order he spurred the horse forward suddenly.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	spur
	BrE /spɜː(r)/
	NAme /spɜːr/
he / she / it	spurs
	BrE /spɜːz/
	NAme /spɜːz/
past simple, past participle	spurred
	BrE /spɜːd/
	NAme /spɜːrd/
-ing form	spurring
	BrE /spɜːrɪŋ/
	NAme /spɜːrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- An increase in the country's arsenal could spur an arms race in the region.
- My trainer spurred me to keep up a pace of six kilometres an hour.
- The agreement is essential to spurring economic growth.
- The band has been spurred on by the success of their last single
- The fire, spurred by high temperatures and strong winds, spread quickly.

## spur

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I. **spur**<sup>1</sup> /spɜːr/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: spura]

1. **on the spur of the moment** suddenly, without any previous planning or thought:  
" We would often decide what to play on the spur of the moment. ⇒ ↑spur-of-the-moment

2. a fact or event that makes you try harder to do something

**spur to**

- " It provided the spur to further research.
- " The crowd's reaction only acted as a spur.

3. a sharp pointed object on the heel of a rider's boot which is used to encourage a horse to go faster

4. **earn/win your spurs** to show that you deserve to succeed because you have the right skills

5. a piece of high ground which sticks out from the side of a hill or mountain

6. a railway track or road that goes away from a main line or road

II. **spur**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " verb (past tense and past participle **spurred**, present participle **spurring**)

1. [transitive] (also **spur somebody on**) to encourage someone or make them want to do something:  
" The band were spurred on by the success of their last two singles.

**spur somebody (on) to do something**

" His misfortunes spurred him to write.

**spur somebody (on) to something**

- " the coach who spurred him on to Olympic success
- " It was an article in the local newspaper which finally spurred him into action.

2. [transitive] to make an improvement or change happen faster **SYN encourage** :

" Lower taxes would spur investment and help economic growth.

3. [intransitive and transitive] to encourage a horse to go faster, especially by pushing it with special points on the heels of your boots

## spur

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RANGE: **5k SPUR** 4875

spur 1933

spurs 758

spurring 360  
spurred 1824

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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