

blur

1. [blɜː] *n*
 1. пятно, клякса
 2. 1) помутнение, потемнение, расплывчатость
 - 2) неясные, расплывшиеся очертания; что-л. неясное, неотчётливое
the blur of the spring foliage - лёгкая дымка весенней зелени
he went on reading until the print was only a blur - он читал до тех пор, пока буквы не слились в одну сплошную массу
 3. пятно, порок
a blur on his honour - пятно на его чести
to cast a blur upon smb.'s reputation - чернить чью-л. репутацию
 4. **КИНО** нерезкость

2. [blɜː] *v*

1. пачкать, марать; делать кляксы
2. 1) делать неясным; затуманивать; затемнять (*сознание и т. п.*)
tears blurred her eyes - слёзы застилали ей глаза
the tracks are blurred - следы полустёрты
the haze blurs the outlines of the mountains - дымка скрывает очертания гор
the vision became blurred - видимость стала плохой
our sense became blurred - наши чувства притупились
- 2) делаться неясным, затемняться
her eyes blurred with tears - её взор затуманился слезами
3. стирать, изглаживать (*тж. blur out*)
to blur out distinctions - стирать различия
4. 1) пятнать (*репутацию и т. п.*)
- 2) уродовать
a face blurred by selfishness - лицо, которое портила печать эгоизма

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blur [blur blurs blurred blurring] **noun, verb** BrE [blɜː(ɹ)]¹ NAmE [blɜːr]²**noun usually singular**

1. a shape that you cannot see clearly, often because it is moving too fast
 - His arm was a rapid blur of movement as he struck.
 - Everything is a blur when I take my glasses off.
2. something that you cannot remember clearly
 - The events of that day were just a blur.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'smear that partially obscures something').

Example Bank:

- The object was a dim blur in the moonlight.
- a blur of colours and patterns
- a blur of fire and smoke

verb (-rr-)

1. **intransitive, transitive** if the shape or outline of sth blurs, or if sth blurs it, it becomes less clear and sharp
 - The writing blurred and danced before his eyes.
 - ~ **sth** The mist blurred the edges of the buildings.
2. **transitive, intransitive** ~ (**sth**) if sth blurs your eyes or vision, or your eyes or vision blur, you cannot see things clearly
 - Tears blurred her eyes.
3. **intransitive, transitive** to become or make sth become difficult to distinguish clearly
 - The differences between art and life seem to have blurred.
 - ~ **sth** She tends to **blur the distinction** between her friends and her colleagues.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	blur
	BrE /bɜː(r)/
	NAmE /bɜːr/
he / she / it	blurs
	BrE /bɜːz/
	NAmE /bɜːrɪz/
past simple, past participle	blurred
	BrE /bɜːd/
	NAmE /bɜːrd/
-ing form	blurring
	BrE /bɜːrɪŋ/
	NAmE /bɜːrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- His work has blurred the boundaries between children's and adults' fiction.
- The line between make-believe and reality became increasingly blurred.

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I. **blur**¹ /blɜːr/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable usually singular]

1. a shape that you cannot see clearly

blur of

- I saw the blur of the car as it passed in front of me.
- The island was a blur through misty rain.

2. something that you cannot remember clearly:

- The days before the accident were a blur.

II. **blur**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *verb* (past tense and past participle **blurred**, present participle **blurring**) [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: Probably from blear, ⇨ [↑]bleary]

1. to become difficult to see, or to make something difficult to see, because the edges are not clear:

- The street lights were blurred by the fog.
- Many of the details in the picture are blurred.

2. to be unable to see clearly:

- Tears blurred her eyes.
- His vision was blurred.

3. to make the difference between two ideas, subjects etc less clear:

- His films blur the boundaries between fact and fiction.
- The design of the conservatory is meant to blur the distinction between the house and the garden.

—blurry *adjective*:

- a few blurry photos of their holiday

⇨ [↑]blurred

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