

# char

I

1. [tʃɑ:] *n*
  1. случайная, подённая работа; подёнщина
  2. *pl* работа по дому
  3. *сокр.* от charwoman

2. [tʃɑ:] *v*
  1. выполнять подённую работу; ходить на подёнщину
  2. делать уборку (*обыкн.* о подёнщице)

II

1. [tʃɑ:] *n*
  - 1) что-л. обуглившееся; головешка; обуглившиеся, обугленные останки, остатки
  - 2) древесный уголь

2. [tʃɑ:] *v*
  - 1) обжигать; обугливать  
char red bones - обуглившиеся кости
  - 2) обугливаться

III

[tʃɑ:] *v*  
тесать (*камень*)

IV

[tʃɑ:] *n зоол.*  
голец (*Salvelinus spp.*)

V

[tʃɑ:] *n сл.*  
чай

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**char** [char chars charred charring] *verb, noun* *BrE* [tʃɑː(r)] *AmE* [tʃɑː]

*verb* (-rr-)

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to become black by burning; to make sth black by burning it  
**see also** ↑charred
2. **intransitive** (old-fashioned, *BrE*) to work as a cleaner in a house

• She went out charring in the mornings.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	char
	BrE /tʃɑː(r)/
	NAme /tʃɑːr/
he / she / it	chars
	BrE /tʃɑːz/
	NAme /tʃɑːrz/
past simple, past participle	charred
	BrE /tʃɑːd/
	NAme /tʃɑːrd/
-ing form	charring
	BrE /tʃɑːrɪŋ/
	NAme /tʃɑːrɪŋ/

Word Origin:

**v. sense 1** late 17th cent. ↑charcoal

**n. sense 2** late 16th cent. cha Chinese Mandarin dialect chá

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 bodies were charred beyond recognition.
- The flame licked through the paper, which charred and crinkled.
- The tables had been pocked and charred by cigarettes.

noun (old-fashioned, BrE)

1. **countable** = ↑charwoman
2. **uncountable** (informal) **tea**
  - a cup of char

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[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: charcoal]

1. [**intransitive and transitive**] to burn something so that its outside becomes black:

Roast the peppers until the skin begins to char and blister. ⇨ ↑charred

2. [**intransitive**] *British English old-fashioned* to work as a cleaner in a house, office, public building etc

II. **char**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>☞</sup> AmE<sup>☞</sup> noun

1. [**countable**] *British English old-fashioned* a ↑charwoman

2. [**uncountable**] *British English old-fashioned* tea:

a cup of char

## char

Freakuency Pack

12500 **7993**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **6642**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **6k** CHAR<sup>1863</sup>

char<sup>485</sup>

charring<sup>61</sup>

charred<sup>1282</sup>

chars<sup>35</sup>

uncharred<sup>0</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

155 **43649**<sup>287</sup> *nn1*

51 **81278**<sup>88</sup> *np1*

48 **92865**<sup>68</sup> *vv0*

34 **130898**<sup>35</sup> *vvi*

7 **313063**<sup>7</sup> *jj*