

Need another word that means the same as “slander”? Find 34 synonyms and 30 related words for “slander” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Slander” are: aspersion, calumny, defamation, denigration, defamation of character, character assassination, libel, asperse, besmirch, calumniate, defame, denigrate, smear, smirch, sully, defame someone's character, blacken someone's name, give someone a bad name, tell lies about, speak evil of, speak ill of, drag through the mire, drag through the mud, fling mud at, sling mud at, throw mud at, sully someone's reputation, run a smear campaign against, cast aspersions on, spread scandal about, tarnish, taint, misrepresent**

## Slander as a Noun

### Definitions of "Slander" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “slander” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An abusive attack on a person's character or good name.*
- *Words falsely spoken that damage the reputation of another.*
- *A false and malicious spoken statement.*
- *The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.*



## Synonyms of "Slander" as a noun (7 Words)

<b>aspersion</b>	The act of sprinkling water in baptism (rare). <i>I don't think anyone is casting <b>aspersions</b> on you.</i>
<b>calumny</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>A bitter struggle marked by <b>calumny</b> and litigation.</i>
<b>character assassination</b>	A characteristic property that defines the apparent individual nature of something.
<b><u>defamation</u></b>	A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions. <i>She sued him for <b>defamation</b>.</i>
<b>defamation of character</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name.
<b>denigration</b>	A belittling comment. <i>Their constant <b>denigration</b> by a hostile media.</i>

**libel**

The action or crime of publishing a libel.  
*She sued two newspapers for **libel**.*



**Usage Examples of "Slander" as a noun**

- *He is suing the TV company for slander.*
- *I've had just about all I can stomach of your slanders.*





## Slander as a Verb

### Definitions of "Slander" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "slander" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Make false and damaging statements about (someone).*
- *Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone.*
- *Charge falsely or with malicious intent.*

### Synonyms of "Slander" as a verb (27 Words)

**aspere**

Charge falsely or with malicious intent.  
*He **aspered** the place and its inhabitants.*

<b>besmirch</b>	Smear so as to make dirty or stained. <i>The ground was <b>besmirched</b> with blood.</i>
<b>blacken someone's name</b>	Make or become black.
<b>calumniate</b>	Make false and defamatory statements about. <i>He has been calumniating the Crown and all the conservative decencies.</i>
<b>cast aspersions on</b>	Throw forcefully.
<b><u>defame</u></b>	Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>He claimed that the article <b>defamed</b> his family.</i>
<b>defame someone's character</b>	Charge falsely or with malicious intent.
<b>denigrate</b>	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who <b>denigrate</b> their own country.</i>
<b>drag through the mire</b>	Use a computer mouse to move icons on the screen and select commands from a menu.
<b>drag through the mud</b>	Pull, as against a resistance.
<b>fling mud at</b>	Move in an abrupt or headlong manner.
<b>give someone a bad name</b>	Cause to have, in the abstract sense or physical sense.
<b>libel</b>	Defame someone by publishing a libel. <i>The newspaper was accused of <b>libeling</b> him.</i>
<b>misrepresent</b>	Give a false or misleading account of the nature of. <i>This statement <b>misrepresents</b> my intentions.</i>
<b>run a smear campaign against</b>	Move along, of liquids.
<b>sling mud at</b>	Hurl as if with a sling.
<b>smear</b>	Stain by smearing or daubing with a dirty substance. <i>Someone was trying to <b>smear</b> her by faking letters.</i>
<b>smirch</b>	Smear so as to make dirty or stained. <i>I am not accustomed to having my honour <b>smirched</b>.</i>
<b>speak evil of</b>	Give a speech to.
<b>speak ill of</b>	Make a characteristic or natural sound.
<b>spread scandal about</b>	Strew or distribute over an area.
<b>sully</b>	Make dirty. <i>She wondered if she dared <b>sully</b> the gleaming sink.</i>
<b>sully someone's reputation</b>	Place under suspicion or cast doubt upon.

<b>taint</b>	Affect with a bad or undesirable quality. <i>The rennet should be soaked in water containing sufficient salt to keep it from <b>tainting</b>.</i>
<b>tarnish</b>	Lose or cause to lose lustre, especially as a result of exposure to air or moisture. <i>Lemon juice would <b>tarnish</b> the gilded metal.</i>
<b>tell lies about</b>	Give instructions to or direct somebody to do something with authority.
<b>throw mud at</b>	Utter with force; utter vehemently.

## Usage Examples of "Slander" as a verb

- *They were accused of slandering the head of state.*

## Associations of "Slander" (30 Words)

<b>abet</b>	Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing. <i>He was not guilty of murder but was guilty of aiding and <b>abetting</b> others.</i>
<b>aspersion</b>	The act of sprinkling water in baptism (rare). <i>I don't think anyone is casting <b>aspersions</b> on you.</i>
<b>belittle</b>	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>Don't <b>belittle</b> his influence.</i>
<b>calumniate</b>	Make false and defamatory statements about. <i>He has been <b>calumniating</b> the Crown and all the conservative decencies.</i>
<b>calumny</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>A bitter struggle marked by <b>calumny</b> and litigation.</i>
<b>contumely</b>	Insolent or insulting language or treatment. <i>The Church should not be exposed to gossip and <b>contumely</b>.</i>
<b>curse</b>	Invoke or use a curse against. <i>She'd put a <b>curse</b> on him.</i>
<b>decry</b>	Express strong disapproval of. <i>They <b>decry</b> human rights abuses.</i>
<b>defamation</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>She sued him for <b>defamation</b>.</i>
<b>defame</b>	Damage the good reputation of (someone); slander or libel. <i>The journalists have <b>defamed</b> me.</i>

<b>denigrate</b>	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who <b>denigrate</b> their own country.</i>
<b>denigration</b>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>Their constant <b>denigration</b> by a hostile media.</i>
<b>deprecation</b>	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).
<b>derogatory</b>	Expressive of low opinion. <i>She tells me I m fat and is always making <b>derogatory</b> remarks.</i>
<b>detraction</b>	The act of discrediting or detracting from someone's reputation (especially by slander). <i>Let it be no <b>detraction</b> from his merits to say he is plainspoken.</i>
<b>detractor</b>	A person who disparages someone or something. <i>The island say its <b>detractors</b> has been devoured by development.</i>
<b>disparagement</b>	The act of speaking contemptuously of.
<b>disparaging</b>	Expressive of low opinion. <i><b>Disparaging</b> remarks about council houses.</i>
<b>humiliation</b>	Strong feelings of embarrassment. <i>The conference decision was a <b>humiliation</b> for the union s executive.</i>
<b>insult</b>	A disrespectful or scornfully abusive remark or act. <i>Turning his back on me was a deliberate <b>insult</b>.</i>
<b>libel</b>	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>The jury found that he was <b>libelled</b> by a newspaper.</i>
<b>malign</b>	Having or exerting a malignant influence. <i>Believed in witches and <b>malign</b> spirits.</i>
<b>obloquy</b>	A false accusation of an offense or a malicious misrepresentation of someone's words or actions. <i>Conduct to which no more <b>obloquy</b> could reasonably attach.</i>
<b>opprobrium</b>	A state of extreme dishonor. <i>The critical <b>opprobrium</b> generated by his films.</i>
<b>rumor</b>	Tell or spread rumors. <i>It was <b>rumored</b> that the next president would be a woman.</i>
<b>smirch</b>	Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>I am not accustomed to having my honour <b>smirched</b>.</i>
<b>sully</b>	French statesman (1560-1641). <i><b>Sully</b> someone s reputation.</i>
<b>traduce</b>	Speak unfavorably about. <i>It was regarded as respectable political tactics to <b>traduce</b> him.</i>

**vilification**      A rude expression intended to offend or hurt.  
*The widespread **vilification** of politicians.*

**vilify**            Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.  
*He has been vilified in the press.*