

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)

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

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

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

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

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