

Need another word that means the same as “slur”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “slur” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Slur” are: blur, dim, mumble, speak unclearly, garble, stumble over, stammer, blot, daub, smear, smirch, smudge, spot, aspersion, insult, slight, slander, libel, misrepresentation, defamation, calumny

Slur as a Noun

Definitions of "Slur" as a noun

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

- *An insinuation or allegation about someone that is likely to insult them or damage their reputation.*
- *(music) a curved line spanning notes that are to be played legato.*
- *A curved line spanning notes that are to be played legato.*
- *An act of speaking indistinctly so that sounds or words run into one another or a tendency to speak in such a way.*
- *A derogatory or insulting term applied to particular group of people.*
- *A disparaging remark.*
- *A curved line used to show that a group of two or more notes are to be sung to one syllable or played or sung legato.*
- *A blemish made by dirt.*



Synonyms of "Slur" as a noun (14 Words)

aspersion	A disparaging remark. <i>In the 19th century any reference to female sexuality was considered a vile aspersion.</i>
blot	A shameful act or quality that damages an otherwise good character or reputation. <i>The only blot on an otherwise clean campaign.</i>
calumny	The making of false and defamatory statements about someone in order to damage their reputation; slander. <i>A bitter struggle marked by calumny and litigation.</i>
daub	Material used to daub walls. <i>She stuck the painting up alongside the daubs made by her children.</i>
<u>defamation</u>	The action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel. <i>She sued him for defamation.</i>

<u>insult</u>	A deliberately offensive act or something producing the effect of deliberate disrespect. <i>The movement of the bone causes a severe tissue insult.</i>
libel	The action or crime of publishing a libel. <i>He was found guilty of a libel on a Liverpool inspector of taxes.</i>
<u>misrepresentation</u>	A willful perversion of facts. <i>She is seeking damages on allegations of misrepresentation.</i>
<u>slander</u>	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>He is suing the TV company for slander.</i>
slight	An insult caused by a failure to show someone proper respect or attention. <i>An unintended slight can create grudges.</i>
smear	Slandorous defamation. <i>There was an oil smear on his jacket.</i>
smirch	An act that brings discredit to the person who does it.
smudge	A blemish made by dirt. <i>He had a smudge on his cheek.</i>
<u>spot</u>	A small feature or part of something with a particular quality. <i>Night spot.</i>



Usage Examples of "Slur" as a noun

- *The comments were a slur on staff at the hospital.*
- *A racial slur.*
- *There was a trace of a slur in his voice.*
- *It is difficult for a woman to understand a man's sensitivity to any slur on his virility.*



Slur as a Verb

Definitions of "Slur" as a verb

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

- *Make damaging or insulting insinuations or allegations about.*
- *Speak (words) indistinctly so that the sounds run into one another.*
- *(of words or speech) be slurred.*
- *Pass over (a fact or aspect) so as to conceal or minimize it.*
- *Mark (notes) with a slur.*
- *Utter indistinctly.*
- *Play smoothly or legato.*
- *Speak disparagingly of; e.g., make a racial slur.*

- Perform (a group of two or more notes) *legato*.
- Become vague or indistinct.



Synonyms of "Slur" as a verb (7 Words)

blur

Make unclear indistinct or blurred.

*His novels **blur** the boundaries between criticism and fiction.*

dim

Make dim by comparison or conceal.

*His eyes **dimmed**.*

garble

Make false by mutilation or addition; as of a message or story.

*The connection was awful and kept **garbling** his voice.*

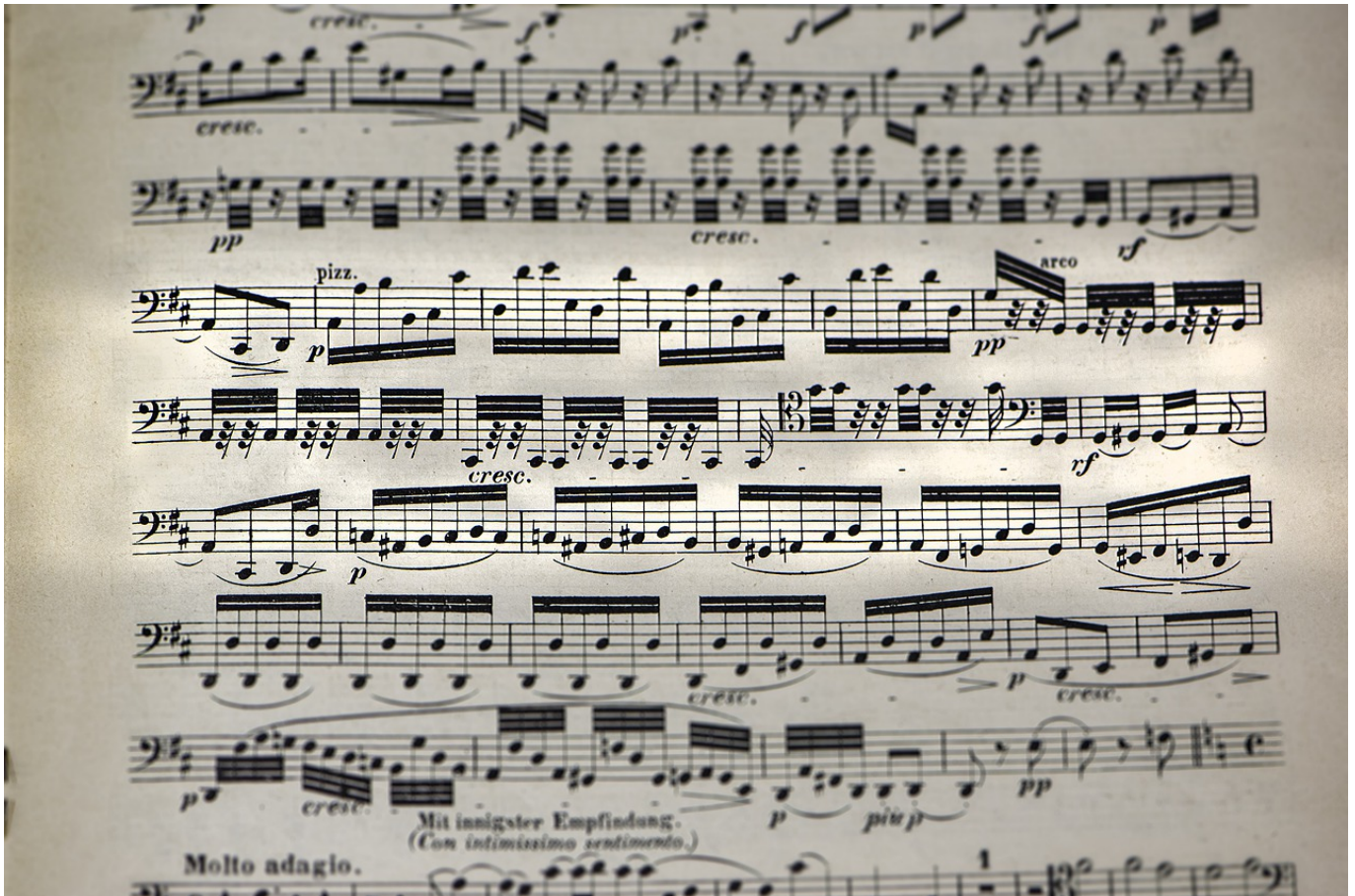
mumble

Say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear.

*The old man had no teeth left and **mumbled** his food.*

speak unclearly Use language.

- stammer** Say something with difficulty, repeating the initial letters of words and with sudden involuntary pauses.
*I **stammered** out my history.*
- stumble over** Miss a step and fall or nearly fall.



Usage Examples of "Slur" as a verb

- *His speech was beginning to slur.*
- *I was not trying to slur the integrity of the committee.*
- *I can play it if I don't slur the notes.*
- *The pianist slurred the most beautiful passage in the sonata.*
- *Your comments are slurring your co-workers.*
- *He was slurring his words like a drunk.*
- *Essential attributes are being slurred over or ignored.*



Associations of "Slur" (30 Words)

- ambiguous** Not clear or decided.
*An **ambiguous** situation with no frame of reference.*
- babble** (of flowing water) make a continuous murmuring sound.
*The **babble** of a brook.*
- babbling** Talking rapidly and continuously in a foolish, excited, or incomprehensible way.
*A gently **babbling** brook.*
- besmirch** Make (something) dirty or discoloured.
*The ground was **besmirched** with blood.*
- blot** Dry ink with blotting paper.
*The only **blot** on an otherwise clean campaign.*
- blur** Make unclear indistinct or blurred.
*It happened so fast it was just a **blur**.*

daub	Material used to daub walls. <i>A daub of paint.</i>
defame	Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>The journalists have defamed me.</i>
denigrate	Criticize unfairly; disparage. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i>
equivocal	Open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous. <i>He has always been equivocal about the meaning of his lyrics.</i>
equivocate	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>The government have equivocated too often in the past.</i>
evasive	Avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger especially enemy fire. <i>Pilots are taught to take evasive action.</i>
gibber	Chatter inarticulately; of monkeys. <i>They shrieked and gibbered as flames surrounded them.</i>
incoherent	Not logical or internally consistent. <i>He was incoherent with sentiment.</i>
lipstick	Apply lipstick to. <i>Her lipstick was smudged.</i>
mumble	Say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear. <i>The old man had no teeth left and mumbled his food.</i>
murmur	A recurring sound heard in the heart through a stethoscope that is usually a sign of disease or damage. <i>She murmured softly to the baby in her arms.</i>
mutter	Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath. <i>Back benchers were muttering about the next reshuffle.</i>
palter	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>This great work should not be paltered with.</i>
prattle	Idle or foolish and irrelevant talk. <i>Do you intend to keep up this childish prattle.</i>
prevaricate	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>He seemed to prevaricate when journalists asked pointed questions.</i>
smear	Stain by smearing or daubing with a dirty substance. <i>Someone was trying to smear her by faking letters.</i>

smirch	Make (something) dirty; soil. <i>I am not accustomed to having my honour smirched.</i>
smudge	Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>He had a smudge on his cheek.</i>
spot	Mark with a spot or spots so as to allow easy recognition. <i>The men were spotted by police.</i>
stain	Produce or leave stains. <i>Red powder paint can stain.</i>
sully	Make dirty. <i>Sully someone's reputation.</i>
tint	Dye someone's hair with a tint. <i>The sky was taking on an apricot tint.</i>
unclear	Not easy to see, hear, or understand. <i>Users are still unclear about what middleware does.</i>
vague	Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning. <i>Many patients suffer vague symptoms.</i>