

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)

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

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

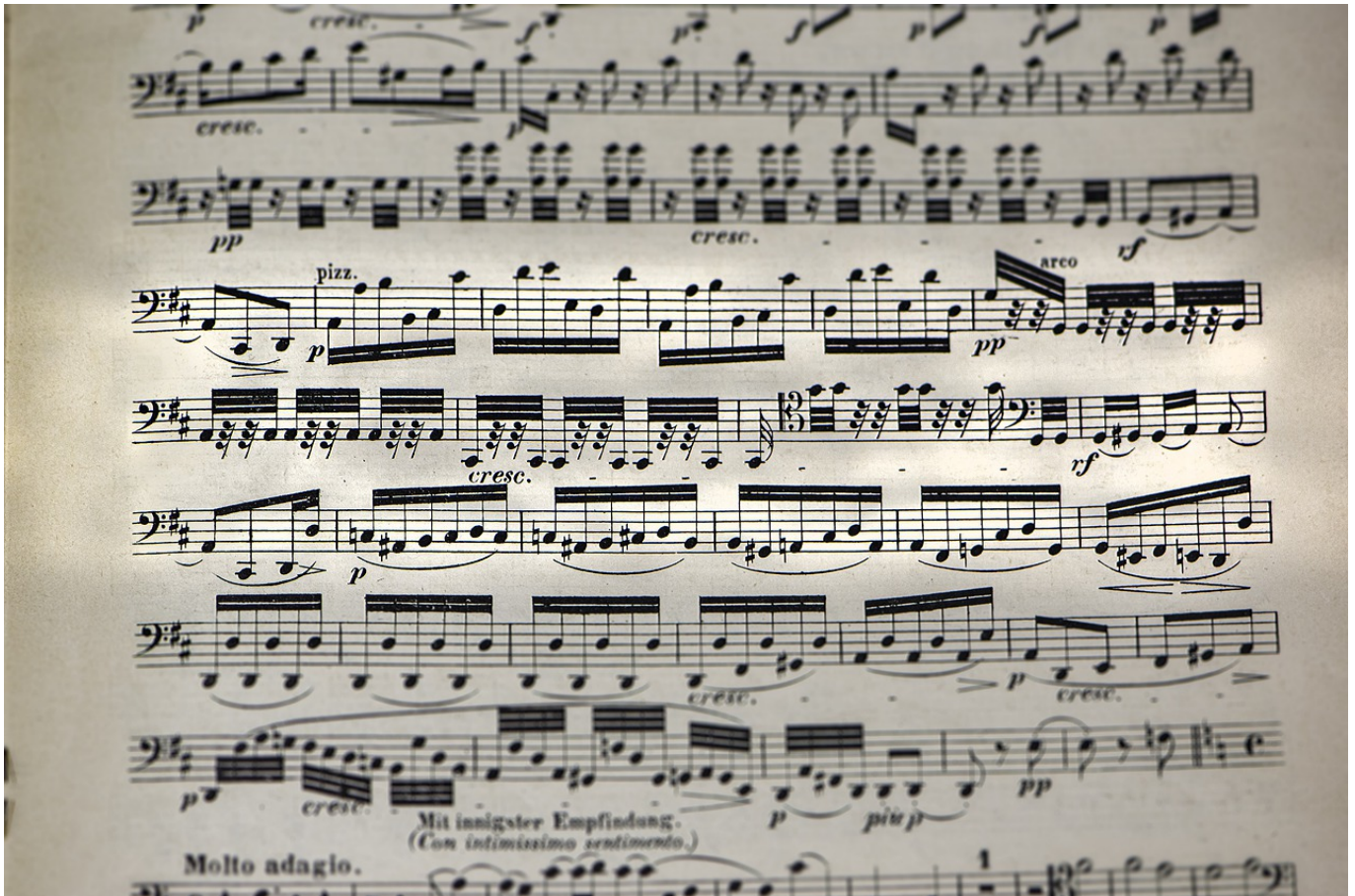
### mumble

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**.*



<b>daub</b>	Material used to daub walls. <i>A <b>daub</b> of paint.</i>
<b><u>defame</u></b>	Charge falsely or with malicious intent; attack the good name and reputation of someone. <i>The journalists have <b>defamed</b> me.</i>
<b>denigrate</b>	Criticize unfairly; disparage. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who <b>denigrate</b> their own country.</i>
<b>equivocal</b>	Open to more than one interpretation; ambiguous. <i>He has always been <b>equivocal</b> about the meaning of his lyrics.</i>
<b><u>equivocate</u></b>	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>The government have <b>equivocated</b> too often in the past.</i>
<b><u>evasive</u></b>	Avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger especially enemy fire. <i>Pilots are taught to take <b>evasive</b> action.</i>
<b>gibber</b>	Chatter inarticulately; of monkeys. <i>They shrieked and <b>gibbered</b> as flames surrounded them.</i>
<b><u>incoherent</u></b>	Not logical or internally consistent. <i>He was <b>incoherent</b> with sentiment.</i>
<b>lipstick</b>	Apply lipstick to. <i>Her <b>lipstick</b> was smudged.</i>
<b><u>mumble</u></b>	Say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear. <i>The old man had no teeth left and <b>mumbled</b> his food.</i>
<b><u>murmur</u></b>	A recurring sound heard in the heart through a stethoscope that is usually a sign of disease or damage. <i>She <b>murmured</b> softly to the baby in her arms.</i>
<b><u>mutter</u></b>	Make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath. <i>Back benchers were <b>muttering</b> about the next reshuffle.</i>
<b>palter</b>	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>This great work should not be <b>paltered</b> with.</i>
<b>prattle</b>	Idle or foolish and irrelevant talk. <i>Do you intend to keep up this childish <b>prattle</b>.</i>
<b>prevaricate</b>	Be deliberately ambiguous or unclear in order to mislead or withhold information. <i>He seemed to <b>prevaricate</b> when journalists asked pointed questions.</i>
<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>	Make (something) dirty; soil. <i>I am not accustomed to having my honour <b>smirched</b>.</i>
<b>smudge</b>	Make a smudge on soil by smudging. <i>He had a <b>smudge</b> on his cheek.</i>
<b>spot</b>	Mark with a spot or spots so as to allow easy recognition. <i>The men were <b>spotted</b> by police.</i>
<b>stain</b>	Produce or leave stains. <i>Red powder paint can <b>stain</b>.</i>
<b>sully</b>	Make dirty. <i><b>Sully</b> someone's reputation.</i>
<b>tint</b>	Dye someone's hair with a tint. <i>The sky was taking on an apricot <b>tint</b>.</i>
<b>unclear</b>	Not easy to see, hear, or understand. <i>Users are still <b>unclear</b> about what middleware does.</i>
<b>vague</b>	Of uncertain, indefinite, or unclear character or meaning. <i>Many patients suffer <b>vague</b> symptoms.</i>