

Need another word that means the same as “stigma”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “stigma” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Stigma” are: brand, mark, stain, shame, disgrace, dishonour, cicatrix**

## Stigma as a Noun

### Definitions of "Stigma" as a noun

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

- *The apical end of the style where deposited pollen enters the pistil.*
- *A symbol of disgrace or infamy-Genesis.*
- *(in a flower) the part of a pistil that receives the pollen during pollination.*
- *(in Christian tradition) marks corresponding to those left on Christ's body by the Crucifixion, said to have been impressed by divine favour on the bodies of St Francis of Assisi and others.*
- *An external tracheal aperture in a terrestrial arthropod.*
- *A skin lesion that is a diagnostic sign of some disease.*
- *A symbol of disgrace or infamy.*
- *A visible sign or characteristic of a disease.*
- *A mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.*
- *A mark or spot on the skin.*



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

- brand** A brand name.  
*They entertained millions with their inimitable **brand** of comedy.*
- cicatrix** The scar of a healed wound.
- disgrace** A state of dishonor.  
*If he'd gone back it would have brought **disgrace** on the family.*
- dishonour** A state of shame or disgrace.  
*They have brought **dishonour** upon our family.*
- mark** A figure or letter representing the total number of marks awarded in an examination or competition and signifying a person's score.  
*Many candidates lose **marks** because they don't read the questions carefully.*
- shame** A person, action, or situation that brings a loss of respect or honour.  
*The incident had brought **shame** on his family.*
- stain** A coloured patch or dirty mark that is difficult to remove.  
*He regarded his time in gaol as a **stain** on his character.*



### **Usage Examples of "Stigma" as a noun**

- *Debt has lost its stigma and is now a part of everyday life.*
- *The stigma of having gone to prison will always be with me.*
- *Knee deformities or other stigmata of childhood rickets.*



## Associations of "Stigma" (30 Words)

- belittle** Express a negative opinion of.  
*Don't **belittle** his influence.*
- besmirch** Damage (someone's reputation).  
*He had **besmirched** the good name of his family.*
- blob** An indeterminate roundish mass or shape.  
***Blobs** of paint.*
- blot** Dry ink with blotting paper.  
*The concentration necessary to her job **blotted** out all the feelings.*
- calumny** Slander (someone).  
*A bitter struggle marked by **calumny** and litigation.*
- daub** Material used to daub walls.  
***Daub** the wall.*

<b><u>defame</u></b>	Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>The journalists have <b>defamed</b> me.</i>
<b>defector</b>	A person who has abandoned their country or cause in favour of an opposing one. <i>Staff interviewed escapees and <b>defectors</b> to the West.</i>
<b>degrade</b>	Reduce (someone) to a lower rank, especially as a punishment. <i>When exposed to light the materials will <b>degrade</b>.</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>derogate</b>	Disparage (someone or something). <i>It is typical of him to <b>derogate</b> the powers of reason.</i>
<b>dirt</b>	The state of being covered with unclean things. <i>The sweat and <b>dirt</b> of industry.</i>
<b>disgrace</b>	Reduce in worth or character, usually verbally. <i>If he'd gone back it would have brought <b>disgrace</b> on the family.</i>
<b>fleck</b>	A small particle or speck of something. <i>Brushing a few <b>flecks</b> of dandruff from his suit.</i>
<b>insurgent</b>	A person fighting against a government or invading force; a rebel or revolutionary. <i>A series of <b>insurgent</b> attacks.</i>
<b>maculate</b>	Make dirty or spotty, as by exposure to air; also used metaphorically. <i>A dirty white T shirt <b>maculated</b> with barbecue sauce.</i>
<b>quisling</b>	Someone who collaborates with an enemy occupying force. <i>He had the <b>Quisling</b> owner of the factory arrested.</i>
<b><u>rebel</u></b>	Take part in a rebellion renounce a former allegiance. <i><b>Rebel</b> forces.</i>
<b><u>regime</u></b>	A coordinated programme for the promotion or restoration of health a regimen. <i>Ideological opponents of the <b>regime</b>.</i>
<b><u>slander</u></b>	The action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation. <i>He is suing the TV company for <b>slander</b>.</i>
<b>smear</b>	Stain by smearing or daubing with a dirty substance. <i>The popular press were indulging in unwarranted <b>smears</b>.</i>
<b>smirch</b>	Discredit (a person or their reputation); taint. <i>The window was <b>smirched</b> by heat and smoke.</i>

- smudge** Make a smudge on soil by smudging.  
*He had a **smudge** on his cheek.*
- speckle** A small spot or patch of colour.  
***Speckle** the wall with tiny yellow spots.*
- stain** Produce or leave stains.  
*Red wine **stains** the table cloth.*
- subversive** A subversive person.  
*The government claimed we were **subversives** or terrorists.*
- sully** Make dirty.  
*She wondered if she dared **sully** the gleaming sink.*
- traitor** A person who says one thing and does another.  
*He was a **traitor** to his own class.*
- treason** The crime of murdering someone to whom the murderer owed allegiance, such as a master or husband.  
*They were convicted of **treason**.*
- variegated** Having a variety of colors.  
***Variegated** yellow bricks.*

