

SLUR, *v. t.* [*D. slordig*, sluttish.] To soil; to sully; to contaminate; to disgrace.

2. To pass lightly; to conceal.

With periods, points and tropes he *slurs* his crimes. *Dryden.*

3. To cheat; to trick. [*Unusual.*] *Prior.*
4. In *music*, to sing or perform in a smooth-gliding style. *Busby.*

SLUR, *n.* Properly, a black mark; hence, slight reproach or disgrace. Every violation of moral duty should be a *slur* to the reputation.

2. In *music*, a mark connecting notes that are to be sung to the same syllable, or made in one continued breath of a wind instrument, or with one stroke of a stringed instrument.

SLUSE, a more correct orthography of *sluice*.

SLUSH, *n.* Soft mud, or a soft mixture of filthy substances. [This may be the Eng. *slutch*.]

SLUT, *n.* [*D. slet*, a slut, a rag; *G. schlotterig*, negligent, slovenly; *schlottern*, to hang loosely, to wobble or waddle.]

1. A woman who is negligent of cleanliness, and who suffers her person, clothes, furniture, &c., to be dirty or in disorder.

Shak. King.

2. A name of slight contempt for a woman.

L'Estrange.

SLUTTERY, *n.* The qualities of a slut; more generally, the practice of a slut; neglect of cleanliness and order; dirtiness of clothes, rooms, furniture or provisions.

Dryden.

SLUTTISH, *a.* Not neat or cleanly; dirty; careless of dress and neatness; disorderly; as a *sluttish* woman.

2. Disorderly; dirty; as a *sluttish* dress.

3. Meretricious. [*Little used.*] *Holiday.*

SLUTTISHLY, *adv.* In a sluttish manner; negligently; dirtily.

SLUTTINESS, *n.* The qualities or practice of a slut; negligence of dress; dirtiness of dress, furniture and in domestic affairs generally.

Sidney. Ray.

SLY, *a.* [*G. schlau*; *Dan. slue*. *Qu. D. sluk*, underhand, privately; *sluiken*, to smuggle; which seem to be allied to *sleek* and *sleight*.]

1. Artfully dextrous in performing things secretly, and escaping observation or detection; usually implying some degree of meanness; artfully cunning; *applied to persons*; as a *sly* man or boy.

2. Done with artful and dextrous secrecy; as a *sly* trick.

3. Marked with artful secrecy; as *sly* circumsppection.

Milton.

4. Secret; concealed.

Envy works in a *sly* imperceptible manner. *Watts.*

SLY'-BOOTS, *n.* A sly, cunning or waggish person. [*Low.*]

SLYLY, **SLYNESS**. [See *Stily*, *Sliness*.]

SMACK, *v. t.* [*W. ysmac*, a stroke; *Sax. smæccan*, to taste; *D. smaaken*; *G. schmecken*; *Sw. smaka*; *Dan. smager*; *D. smak*, a cast or throw. The primary sense is to throw, to strike, whence to touch or taste; *Gr. μαχά*, a battle; as *battle* from *beat*.]

1. To kiss with a close compression of the lips, so as to make a sound when they separate; to kiss with violence. *Pope.*

2. To make a noise by the separation of the lips after tasting any thing. *Gay.*

3. To have a taste; to be tinetured with any particular taste.

4. To have a tincture or quality infused.

All sects, all ages *smack* of this vice. *Shak.*

SMACK, *v. t.* To kiss with a sharp noise. *Donne.*

2. To make a sharp noise with the lips.

3. To make a sharp noise by striking; to crack; as, to *smack* a whip.

SMACK, *n.* A loud kiss. *Shak.*

2. A quick sharp noise, as of the lips or of a whip.

3. Taste; savor; tincture. *Spenser. Carver.*

4. Pleasing taste. *Tusser.*

5. A quick smart blow.

6. A small quantity; a taste. *Dryden.*

7. [*D. smakschip*. Lye supposes it to be the *Sax. snacca*, from *snaca*, snake, and so named from its form. *Qu.*] A small vessel, commonly rigged as a cutter, used in the coasting and fishing trade.

Mar. Dict.

SMALL, *a.* [*Sax. smal*, *smal*, thin, slender, little; *G. schmal*, *D. smal*, narrow; *Dan. smal*, narrow, strait; *smaler*, to narrow, to diminish; *Sw. smal*; *Russ. malo*, small, little, few; *malyu* and *umaliayu*, to diminish; *Slav.* to abase; *W. mal*, small, trivial, light, vain, like, similar; *malu*, to grind, and *malau*, to make similar; *Gr. ὀμαλός*. See *Mill, Mold, Meal*.]

1. Slender; thin; fine; of little diameter; hence in general, little in size or quantity; not great; as a *small* house; a *small* horse; a *small* farm; a *small* body; *small* particles.

2. Minute; slender; fine; as a *small* voice.

3. Little in degree; as *small* improvement; *small* acquirements; the trouble is *small*.

There arose no *small* stir about that way. *Acts ix.*

4. Being of little moment, weight or importance; as, it is a *small* matter or thing; a *small* subject.

5. Of little genius or ability; petty; as a *small* poet or musician.

6. Short; containing little; as a *small* essay.

7. Little in amount; as a *small* sum; a *small* price.

8. Containing little of the principal quality, or little strength; weak; as *small* beer.

9. Gentle; soft; not loud. *I Kings xix.*

10. Mean; base; unworthy. [*Colloquial.*]

SMALL, *n.* The small or slender part of a thing; as the *small* of the leg or of the back. *Sidney.*

SMALL, *v. t.* To make little or less. [*Not in use.*]

SMALLAGE, *n.* A plant of the genus *Apium*, water parsley. *Lee.*

SMALL-BEER, *n.* [*small* and *beer*.] A species of weak beer.

SMALL-COAL, *n.* [*small* and *coal*.] Little wood coals used to light fires. *Gay.*

SMALL-CRAFT, *n.* [*small* and *craft*.] A vessel, or vessels in general, of a small size, or below the size of ships and brigs, intended for foreign trade.

SMALLISH, *a.* Somewhat small. *Chaucer.*

SMALLNESS, *n.* Littleness of size or extent; littleness of quantity; as the *smallness* of a fly or of a horse; the *smallness* of a hill.

2. Littleness in degree; as the *smallness* of trouble or pain.

3. Littleness in force or strength; weakness; as *smallness* of mind or intellectual powers.

4. Fineness; softness; melodiousness; as the *smallness* of a female voice.

5. Littleness in amount or value; as the *smallness* of the sum.

6. Littleness of importance; inconsiderableness; as the *smallness* of an affair.

SMALL-POX, *n.* [*small* and *pox*, *pocks*.] A very contagious disease, characterized by an eruption of pustules on the skin; the variolous disease.

SMALLY, *adv.* *small'-ly*. In a little quantity or degree; with minuteness. [*Little used.*] *Ascham.*

SMALT, *n.* [*D. smelten*, *Dan. smelter*, to melt; *G. schmelz*, from *schmelzen*, to melt, to smelt; *Sw. smält*, id.; a word formed on *melt*.]

A beautiful blue glass of cobalt; flint and potash fused together.

SMARAG'D, *n.* [*Gr. σμαραγδος*.] The emerald.

SMARAG'DINE, *a.* [*L. smaragdinus*, from the Greek.]

Pertaining to emerald; consisting of emerald, or resembling it; of an emerald green.

SMARAG'DITE, *n.* A mineral; called also green diallage. *Ure.*

SMAR'IS, *n.* A fish of a dark green color. *Dict. Nat. Hist.*

SMART, *n.* [*D. smert*; *G. schmerz*; *Dan. smerle*. This word is probably formed on the root of *L. amarus*, bitter, that is, sharp, like *Fr. piquant*. See the root סָמַר, *Ar. سمر*.]

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1. Quick, pungent, lively pain; a pricking local pain, as the pain from puncture by nettles; as the *smart* of bodily punishment.

2. Severe pungent pain of mind; pungent grief; as the *smart* of affliction.

SMART, *v. t.* [*Sax. smortan*; *D. smerten*; *G. schmerzen*; *Dan. smerter*.]

1. To feel a lively pungent pain, particularly a pungent local pain from some piercing or irritating application. Thus Cayenne pepper applied to the tongue makes it *smart*.

2. To feel a pungent pain of mind; to feel sharp pain; as, to *smart* under sufferings.

3. To be punished; to hear penalties or the evil consequences of any thing.

He that is surety for a stranger shall *smart* for it. *Prov. xi.*

SMART, *a.* Pungent; pricking; causing a keen local pain; as a *smart* lash or stroke; a *smart* quality or taste. *Shak. Granville.*

2. Keen; severe; poignant; as *smart* pain or sufferings.

3. Quick; vigorous; sharp; severe; as a *smart* skirmish.

4. Brisk; fresh; as a *smart* breeze.

5. Acute and pertinent; witty; as a *smart* reply; a *smart* saying.

6. Brisk; vivacious; as a *smart* rhetorician. Who, for the poor renown of being *smart*, Would leave a sting within a brother's heart! *Young.*

SMART, *n.* A cant word for a fellow that affects briskness and vivacity.