

tarnish

1. [ˈtɑːnɪʃ] *n*

- 1. 1) тусклость; матовость; неяркость
 - 2) тусклое пятно
 - 3) тусклая, матовая поверхность
 - 2. налёт, потускнение
 - 3. позорное пятно, тень
- there's no tarnish on them - они ничем себя не запятнали

2. [ˈtɑːnɪʃ] *v*

- 1. 1) вызывать потускнение, лишать блеска; окислять
- tarnished by damp - потускневший от влаги
- he couldn't bear to have his dream tarnished - **образн.** он не мог смириться с тем, что кто-то покушается на его мечту
- 2) тускнеть, терять блеск; окисляться
- 2. порочить, пятнать, бросать тень; позорить
- to tarnish one's honour [one's reputation, one's name] - запятнать свою честь [репутацию, своё имя]

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tar-nish [tarnish tarnishes tarnished tarnishing] **verb, noun** *BrE* [ˈtɑːnɪʃ]

NAmE [ˈtɑːrnɪʃ]

verb

- 1. **intransitive, transitive** if metal tarnishes or sth tarnishes it, it no longer looks bright and shiny
 - The mirrors had tarnished with age.
 - ~ **sth** The silver candlesticks were tarnished and dusty.
 - 2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to spoil the good opinion people have of sb/sth
- Syn:** †taint
- He hopes to improve the newspaper's somewhat tarnished public image.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	tarnish
	BrE / ˈtɑːnɪʃ/
	NAmE / ˈtɑːrnɪʃ/
he / she / it	tarnishes
	BrE / ˈtɑːnɪʃɪz/
	NAmE / ˈtɑːrnɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	tarnished
	BrE / ˈtɑːnɪʃt/
	NAmE / ˈtɑːrnɪʃt/
-ing form	tarnishing
	BrE / ˈtɑːnɪʃɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈtɑːrnɪʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a verb): from French **terniss-**, lengthened stem of **ternir**, from **terne** 'dark, dull'.

Example Bank:

- their severely tarnished reputation

noun singular, uncountable

a thin layer on the surface of a metal that makes it look dull and not bright

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I. **tar-nish**¹ /ˈtɑːnɪʃ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **verb**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Old French; Origin: ternir 'to make dull']

- 1. **[transitive]** if an event or fact tarnishes someone's ↑reputation, record, image etc, it makes it worse:
 - His regime was tarnished by human rights abuses.
- 2. **[intransitive and transitive]** if metals such as silver, ↑copper, or ↑brass tarnish, or if something tarnishes them, they become dull and lose their colour:
 - Gold does not tarnish easily.
 - tarnished silver spoons

II. **tarnish**² *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** [singular, uncountable]

dullness of colour, or loss of brightness

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