

stir

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1. [stɜː] *n*

1. шевеление, движение

a stir of warm wind - дуновение тёплого ветерка

no stir in the air - безветрие

there is not a stir - ничто не шелохнётся

2. помешивание, размешивание

to give the fire a stir - помешать в камине

to give one's coffee a stir - помешать кофе

3. суматоха, суета, переполох

to make a stir - наделать шуму, произвести сенсацию; привлечь всеобщее внимание, возбудить общий интерес

to cause a stir - вызвать волнение, взволновать, взбудоражить

to create little stir - не вызвать широкого отклика, пройти незамеченным

4. толчок, подталкивание

5. *редк.* движение (в народе, обществе и т. п.)

6. движение души, смутное чувство

a stir of hope - проблеск надежды

2. [stɜː] *v*

1. 1) шевелить, двигать

to stir the fire with a poker - помешать в камине кочергой

the wind stirred the leaves - ветер шевелил листья (деревьев)

he couldn't stir a foot - он не мог сделать ни шагу; он не мог пошевелиться

a faint smile stirred her lips - лёгкая улыбка тронула её губы

2) шевелиться, двигаться

not to stir out of the house - не выходить из дому

don't stir! - не шевелись!; сиди смирно!

nobody was stirring in the house - в доме все отдыхали /спали/

he is not stirring yet - он ещё не вставал

2. мешать, помешивать, размешивать; взбалтывать (*мж.* stir up)

to stir one's tea [one's coffee] - помешивать чай [кофе]

add a tin of tomato to the mixture and stir them well - влейте в смесь банку томатной пасты и хорошенько размешайте /разотрите/

you can stir a small amount of thinner into the paint - в краску можно подбавить немного разбавителя

3. (*мж.* stir up)

1) волновать, возбуждать

to stir the blood - а) волновать кровь; б) возбуждать энтузиазм

to stir smb.'s wrath - вызвать чей-л. гнев

to stir smb. to pity - возбудить /вызвать/ в ком-л. жалость

to stir smb.'s passions - пробудить чью-л. страсть

a book that stirs the soul - книга, которая волнует (душу)

the town was stirred by a deep emotion - город был охвачен глубоким волнением

2) волноваться, возбуждаться

my blood stirs at the very thought of it - всё во мне кипит при одной мысли об этом

pity stirred in his heart - в его сердце пробудилась /шевелинулась/ жалость

◇ not to stir an eyelid - глазом не моргнуть, бровью не повести

not to stir a finger - и пальцем не пошевелить

to stir one's stumps - поторапливаться пошевеливаться

to stir abroad /forth, out/ - выйти из дому /на улицу/

II

[stɜː] *n сл.*

тюрьма, тюрюга, катаджка

stir

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stir [stɪr stɪrs stɪrəd stɪrɪŋ] *verb, noun* BrE [stɜː(ɹ)]^а NAmE [stɜː(ɹ)]^а*verb* (-rr-)

MIX

1. **transitive** to move a liquid or substance around, using a spoon or sth similar, in order to mix it thoroughly• ~ **sth** She stirred her tea.

• Stir the paint before you use it.

• ~ **sth into sth** The vegetables are stirred into the rice while it is hot.• ~ **sth in** Stir in the milk until the sauce thickens.

MOVE

2. **intransitive, transitive** to move, or to make sth move, slightly

• She heard the baby stir in the next room.

• ~ **sth/sb** A slight breeze was stirring the branches.

• A noise stirred me from sleep.

3. **intransitive, transitive** to move, or to make sb move, in order to do sth

- You haven't stirred from that chair all evening
- ~ **yourself/sb** Come on, stir yourself. You're late!
- Their complaints have finally stirred him into action.

FEELINGS

4. **transitive ~ sb (to sth)** to make sb excited or make them feel sth strongly

- a book that really stirs the imagination
- She was stirred by his sad story.

5. **intransitive (of a feeling or a mood)** to begin to be felt

- A feeling of guilt began to stir in her.
- New optimism was stirring throughout the country.

CAUSE TROUBLE

6. **transitive, intransitive ~ (it)** (BrE, informal, disapproving) to try to cause trouble

- You're just stirring it!

see also ↑stirrer

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | stir |
| | BrE /stɜː(r)/ |
| | NAmE /stɜːr/ |
| he / she / it | stirs |
| | BrE /stɜːz/ |
| | NAmE /stɜːrɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | stirred |
| | BrE /stɜːd/ |
| | NAmE /stɜːrd/ |
| -ing form | stirring |
| | BrE /stɜːrɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /stɜːrɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

stir verb T

- Stir in the milk until the sauce thickens.

beat • • whip • • whisk • • blend • • mix •

stir/beat/whisk/blend/mix sth **into** sth

stir/beat/whisk/blend/mix A and B **together**

stir/beat/whisk/blend/mix **ingredients**

beat/whip/whisk **cream/eggs/egg whites**

Collocations:

Cooking

Preparing

prepare a dish/a meal/a menu/dinner/the fish

weigh out 100g/4oz of sugar/the ingredients

wash/rinse the lettuce/spinach/watercress

chop/slice/dice the carrots/onions/potatoes

peel the carrots/onion/potatoes/garlic/orange

grate a carrot/the cheese/some nutmeg

remove /discard the bones/seeds/skin

blend/combine/mix (together) the flour and water/all the ingredients

beat/whisk the cream/eggs/egg whites

knead/shape/roll (out) the dough

Cooking

heat the oil in a frying pan

preheat /heat the oven/(BrE) the grill/(NAmE) the broiler

bring to (BrE) the boil/(NAmE) a boil

stir constantly/gently with a wooden spoon

reduce the heat

simmer gently for 20 minutes/until reduced by half

melt the butter/chocolate/cheese/sugar

brown the meat for 8-20 minutes

drain the pasta/the water from the pot/in a colander

mash the potatoes/banana/avocado

Ways of cooking

cook food/fish/meat/rice/pasta/a Persian dish

bake (a loaf of) bread/a cake/(especially NAmE) cookies/(BrE) biscuits/a pie/potatoes/fish/scones/muffins

boil cabbage/potatoes/an egg/water
fry/deep-fry/stir-fry the chicken/vegetables
grill meat/steak/chicken/sausages/a hot dog
roast potatoes/peppers/meat/chicken/lamb
sauté garlic/mushrooms/onions/potatoes/vegetables
steam rice/vegetables/spinach/asparagus/dumplings
toast bread/nuts
microwave food/popcorn/(BrE) a ready meal

Serving

serve in a glass/on a bed of rice/with potatoes
arrange the slices on a plate/in a layer
carve the meat/lamb/chicken/turkey
dress/toss a salad
dress with/drizzle with olive oil/vinaigrette
top with a slice of lemon/a scoop of ice cream/whipped cream/syrup
garnish with a sprig of parsley/fresh basil leaves/lemon wedges/a slice of lime/a twist of orange
sprinkle with salt/sugar/herbs/parsley/freshly ground black pepper

Synonyms:

mix

stir • mingle • blend

These words all refer to substances, qualities, ideas or feelings combining or being combined.

mix • to combine two or more substances, qualities, ideas or feelings, usually in a way that means they cannot easily be separated; to be combined in this way: ▫ Mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. ◇ ▫ Oil and water do not mix.

stir • to move a liquid or substance around, using a spoon or sth similar, in order to mix it thoroughly: ▫ She stirred her tea.

mingle • to combine or be combined. **Mingle** can be used to talk about sounds, colours, feelings, ideas, qualities or substances.

It is used in written English to talk about how a scene or event appears to sb or how they experience it: ▫ The sounds of laughter and singing mingled in the evening air. ◇ ▫ He felt a kind of happiness mingled with regret.

blend • to mix two or more substances or flavours together; to be mixed together: ▫ Blend the flour with the milk to make a smooth paste.

mix or blend?

If you **blend** things when you are cooking you usually combine them more completely than if you just **mix** them. **Mix** can be used to talk about colours, feelings or qualities as well as food and substances. In this meaning **blend** is mostly used in the context of cooking. It is also used to talk about art, music, fashion, etc. with the meaning of 'combine in an attractive way'.

to mix/mingle/blend (sth) **with** sth

to mix/stir/mingle/blend sth **into** sth

to mix/stir/mingle/blend sth **together**

to mix/stir/blend **ingredients**

to mix/mingle/blend **flavours**

to mix/blend **colours**

mixed/mingled **feelings**

to mix/stir/blend sth **thoroughly/well/gently**

Example Bank:

- Boil the mixture, stirring frequently.
- Bring to the boil, stirring all the time.
- Chop an onion and stir it into the sauce.
- Going back there stirred up a lot of memories for her.
- Gradually stir in the beaten egg.
- It was not music to set hearts on fire or deeply stir the emotions.
- Stir over a medium heat for three minutes.
- The students stirred restlessly in their seats.
- The wind came in tiny puffs that hardly stirred the surface of the water.
- The wind hardly stirred the surface of the water.
- He was stirred by the child's sad story.
- It's a book that really stirs the imagination.
- Nothing stirred except the wind.
- She could hear the baby stirring in the next room.
- The atmosphere in a theatre never failed to stir her blood.
- The encounter stirred long-forgotten feelings within her.
- The preachers were stirred to new zeal.
- This brutal killing has stirred the nation's conscience.
- You haven't stirred from that chair all evening

Idioms: ↑stir the blood ▫ ↑stir your stumps

Derived ↑stir somebody up ▫ ↑stir something up

noun

1. **singular** excitement, anger or shock that is felt by a number of people

Syn: ↑commotion

- Her resignation **caused quite a stir**.
2. **countable, usually singular** the action of stirring sth
- Could you give the rice a stir?

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Example Bank:

- The discovery caused something of a stir among physicists.
- There was quite a stir about the book.

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I. **stir**¹ **S3 W3** /stɜː/\$stɜː/ *BrE* " *AmE* " **verb** (past tense and past participle **stirred**, present participle **stirring**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: styrian]

1. **MIX** [transitive] to move a liquid or substance around with a spoon or stick in order to mix it together:

" Stir the paint to make sure it is smooth.

stir something with something

" She stirred her coffee with a plastic spoon.

stir something in/into something

" Stir a cup of cooked brown rice into the mixture.

2. **MOVE SLIGHTLY** [intransitive and transitive] to move slightly, or to make something move slightly:

" The crowd began to stir as they waited for the band to start.

" A gentle breeze stirred the curtains.

3. **LEAVE A PLACE** [intransitive] to leave or move from a place:

" He hadn't stirred from his chair all morning.

4. **FEELINGS**

a) [transitive] to make someone have a strong feeling or reaction

stir memories/emotions etc

" Looking at the photographs stirred childhood memories of the long hot summers.

" The poem succeeds in stirring the imagination.

b) [intransitive] if a feeling stirs in you, you begin to feel it:

" Excitement stirred inside her.

5. **DO SOMETHING** [transitive] to make someone start doing something

stir somebody to do something

" The incident stirred students to protest.

6. **CAUSE TROUBLE** **be stirring (it)** *British English informal* to cause trouble between people by spreading false or secret information:

" Ben's always stirring!

stir somebody/something ↔ **up** *phrasal verb*

1. to deliberately try to cause arguments or bad feelings between people:

" John was always stirring up trouble in class.

" Dave's just trying to stir things up because he's jealous.

2. to make small pieces of something move around in the air or in water:

" The wind had stirred up a powdery red dust.

II. **stir**² *BrE* " *AmE* " **noun**

[Sense 1-2: Date: 1300-1400; Origin: ⇒ ↑stir¹]

[Sense 3: Date: 1800-1900; Origin: Perhaps from Romany stariben, sturraben 'prison']

1. [countable usually singular] a feeling of excitement or annoyance

create/cause a stir

" Plans for the motorway caused quite a stir among locals.

2. [countable usually singular] an act of stirring something:

" Give that pan a stir, will you?

3. [uncountable and countable] *American English old-fashioned informal* a prison

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THESAURUS

■ **preparing food**

- **grate** to cut cheese, carrot etc into small pieces by rubbing it against a special tool: Grate the cheese and sprinkle it over the top of the pasta.
- **melt** to make butter, chocolate etc become liquid: Melt the butter, chocolate, and 1 teaspoon of cream over a low heat.
- **sieve** *British English*, **sift** *American English* to put flour or other powders through a ↑sieve (=tool like a net made of wire, which you use for removing larger grains or pieces): Sift the flour and cocoa before adding to the rest of the mixture.
- **chop** to cut something into pieces, especially using a big knife: Chop up the vegetables.
- **dice** to cut vegetables or meat into small square pieces: Dice the carrots and then fry them in butter.
- **season** to add salt, pepper etc to food: Season the meat before grilling.
- **crush** to use a lot of force to break something such as seeds into very small pieces or into a powder: Add one clove of crushed garlic.
- **mix** to combine different foods together: Mix together all the ingredients in one bowl.

- **beat/whisk** to mix food together quickly with a fork or other tool: Whisk the egg whites until they form soft peaks.
- **stir** to turn food around with a spoon: Stir the sauce gently to prevent burning.
- **fold something in** to gently mix another substance into a mixture: Fold in the beaten egg whites.
- **knead** to press [↑]**dough** (=a mixture of flour and water) many times with your hands when you are making bread: Knead the dough for ten minutes, until smooth.
- **drizzle** to slowly pour a small amount of a liquid onto something: Drizzle with olive oil.
- **let something stand** to leave something somewhere, before you do something else with it: Let the mixture stand for a couple of hours so that it cools naturally.
- **serve** to put different foods together as part of a meal: Serve with rice and a salad. | Serve the aubergines on a bed of lettuce.

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