

blot

I

1. [blɒt] *n*
 1. пятно
 2. клякса, помарка; неясное, стёршееся место в тексте *и т. п.*
to make a blot - (по)ставить кляксу
 3. пятно, позор, бесчестье
a blot on smb.'s character /honour, reputation/ - пятно на чьей-л. репутации
without a blot on one's character - с незапятнанной репутацией
 4. что-л. уродливое, громоздкое, неприятное для глаза
it is a blot on the landscape - это портит пейзаж
2. [blɒt] *v*
 1. 1) делать кляксы; пачкать
 - 2) пачкаться, становиться грязным
fabric that blots - маркая материя
 2. (*мж.* blot out)
 - 1) стирать, вычёркивать; смазывать написанное, вымарывать
a memory never to be blotted out - *образн.* неизгладимое воспоминание
 - 2) заглаживать
 - 3) затмевать, затемнять, заслонять
the Moon was blotted by the Earth's shade - тень Земли затмила Луну
a cloud has blotted out the moon - туча закрыла луну
 3. пятнать, бесчестить
 4. промакивать (*промокательной бумагой*)
 5. малевать
◇ to blot one's copybook - замарать свою репутацию

II

- [blɒt] *n*
- 1) незащищённая шашка (*в игре в триктрак*)
 - 2) уязвимое, слабое место
to hit a blot - ударить по слабому /уязвимому/ месту

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blot [blɒt blɒts blotted blotting] *verb, noun* *BrE* [blɒt] ⁴ *NAmE* [blɑːt] ⁴

- verb* (-tt-)
1. ~ **sth** (**up**) to remove liquid from a surface by pressing soft paper or cloth on it
 2. ~ **sth** to make a spot or spots of ink fall on paper

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	blot
	BrE /blɒt/
	NAmE /blɑ:t/
he / she / it	blots
	BrE /blɒts/
	NAmE /blɑ:ts/
past simple, past participle	blotted
	BrE /blɒtɪd/
	NAmE /blɑ:tɪd/
-ing form	blotting
	BrE /blɒtɪŋ/
	NAmE /blɑ:tɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: probably of Scandinavian origin and related to Old Norse *bletrr*.

Idioms: ↑blot on the landscape ▪ ↑blot your copybook

Derived ↑blot something out

noun

1. a spot or dirty mark on sth, made by ink, etc.
2. ~ (**on sth**) something that spoils the opinion that other people have of you, or your happiness
 - Her involvement in the fraud has left a serious blot on her character.
 - There was just a tiny blot on his happiness.

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Synonyms:

mark
stain • fingerprint • streak • speck • blot • smear • spot

These are all words for a small area of dirt or another substance on a surface.

mark • a small area of dirt or other substance on the surface of sth, especially one that spoils its appearance: ▪ The kids left dirty marks all over the kitchen floor.

stain • a dirty mark on sth that is difficult to remove, especially one made by a liquid: ▪ blood stains

fingerprint • a mark on a surface made by the pattern of lines on the end of a person's finger, often used by the police to identify criminals: ▪ Her fingerprints were all over the gun.

streak • a long thin mark or line that is a different colour from the surface it is on: ▪ She had streaks of grey in her hair.

speck • a very small mark, spot or piece of a substance on sth: ▪ There isn't a speck of dust anywhere in the house.

blot • a spot or dirty mark left on sth by a substance such as ink or paint being dropped on a surface

smear • a mark made by sth such as oil or paint being spread or rubbed on a surface

spot • a small dirty mark on sth: ▪ There were grease spots all over the walls.

a streak/speck/blot/smear/spot of sth

a greasy mark/stain/smear

a/an ink mark/stain/blot/spot

a/an grease mark/stain/spot

to leave a mark/stain/fingerprint/streak/speck/blot/smear

Example Bank:

- There were ink blots all over the paper.

blot

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I. **blot**¹ /blɒt \$ blɑːt BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb (past tense and past participle **blotted**, present participle **blotting**) [transitive]

1. to make a wet surface become dry by pressing soft paper or cloth on it

2. **blot your copybook** *British English informal* to do something that spoils the idea that people have of you

blot something ↔ **out** phrasal verb

1. to cover or hide something completely:

▪ Thick white smoke blotted out the sun.

2. if you blot out an unpleasant memory, a thought etc, you deliberately try to forget it:

▪ She said she took drugs to blot out her problems.

blot something ↔ **up** phrasal verb

to remove liquid from a surface by pressing soft paper or cloth onto it

II. **blot**² BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. a mark or dirty spot on something, especially made by ink:

▪ ink blots

2. a building, structure etc that is ugly and spoils the appearance of a place:

▪ The new power station is a blot on the landscape.

3. something that spoils the good opinion that people have of someone or something

blot on

▪ The increase in juvenile crime is a blot on our time.

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