

slow**1. [sləv] *n* *разг.***

1. 1) копуша, копун; копунья
- 2) лентяй
2. кляча
3. слабо поданный мяч (*крикет*)

2. [sləv] *a***1. медленный, небыстрый**

slow speed - тихий ход
 slow train - почтовый поезд
 at a slow pace /step/ - тихим шагом /ходом/
 slow fire - *воен.* редкий огонь; медленный огонь
 slow neutrons - *физ.* медленные /тепловые/ нейтроны
 slow running - *тех.* а) медленное движение; б) холостой ход

2. неспешащий; неторопливый медлительный

slow runner [walker] - тихоход
 he is a slow reader - он читает медленно /долго/
 a person slow to anger /to wrath/ - человек, которого трудно вывести из себя
 he is slow to take offence - его трудно обидеть; он не обижается по пустякам
 he is slow to make up his mind - он не скор на решения
 he is slow to act - он долго раскачивается, прежде чем действовать
 he was not slow to defend himself - он тут же стал оправдываться
 he was not slow to take advantage of it - он не преминул /не замедлил/ воспользоваться этим

3. 1) несообразительный тупой

slow learner - *разг.* неспособный ученик
 to be slow at arithmetic - быть неспособным к арифметике
 to be slow of /in/ understanding - туго соображать

2) умственно отсталый с замедленным развитием

slow child - отсталый ребёнок

4. 1) медленно действующий, постепенный

slow poison - медленно действующий яд
 slow infection - *мед.* медленная /вялотекущая/ инфекция
 slow influence - постепенно сказывающееся влияние
 slow development [growth] - постепенное развитие [-ый рост]

2) медленный (об огне)

to cook on a slow fire - варить на медленном огне

5. длительный, тягучий, тянущийся бесконечно долго

slow journey - долгое путешествие

6. *обыкн. predic***1) отстающий (о часах)**

my watch is five minutes slow - мои часы отстают на пять минут

2) запаздывающий, непунктуальный

to be slow in keeping an appointment - опаздывать на свидание
 the guests are slow in arriving - гости что-то запаздывают

7. скучный, неинтересный

slow book [life, party] - скучная книга [жизнь, вечеринка]

8. 1) вялый (о торговле); мёртвый (о сезоне)**2) замедленный (о пульсе)****9. *фото* малочувствительный (о плёнке, пластинке)****10. 1) неровный, затрудняющий быстрое движение (о дороге, поверхности и т. п.)**

slow tennis-court - «медленная» площадка (*теннис*)

2) не рассчитанный на большую скорость (о железнодорожном пути)

◇ slow in the uptake *см.* uptake 1

be slow to promise and quick to perform - ≅ не дав слова - крепись, а дав слово - держись

slow and steady wins the race - *посл.* ≅ тише едешь, дальше будешь

3. [sləv] *adv***медленно**

slow and sure - медленно, но верно

to go slow - а) не торопиться; быть осмотрительным at your age it is time to go slow - в вашем возрасте надо снизить темп (*жизни*); to go slow with one's provisions - экономно тратить продовольствие; б) проводить итальянскую забастовку в форме снижения темпа работы

4. [sləv] *v***1. замедлять, сбавлять (*скорость и т. п.*; *часто slow down*)**

you'd better slow down going through the village - проезжая по деревне, вы должны были бы сбавить скорость
 his illness slowed him at school - из-за болезни он стал отставать в школе

2. замедляться, снижаться

production of new cars slowed sharply - производство новых автомобилей резко упало

slow [slow slows slowed slowing slower slowest] adjective, adverb, verb *BrE*

[sləʊ] ^{uk} *NAmE* [slou] ^{us}

adjective (slow-er, slow-est)

NOT FAST

1. not moving, acting or done quickly; taking a long time; not fast

- a slow driver
- Progress was slower than expected.
- The country is experiencing slow but steady economic growth.
- Collecting data is a **painfully slow** process.
- a slow, lingering death
- Oh you're so slow; come on, hurry up!
- The slow movement opens with a cello solo.
- She gave a slow smile.
- Average earnings are rising at their slowest rate for 20 years.

2. not going or allowing you to go at a fast speed

- I missed the fast train and had to get the slow one (= the one that stops at all the stations) .

WITH DELAY

3. hesitating to do sth or not doing sth immediately

- ~ **to do sth** She wasn't slow to realize what was going on.
- ~ **in doing sth** His poetry was slow in achieving recognition.
- ~ **doing sth** They were very slow paying me.

NOT CLEVER

4. not quick to learn; finding things hard to understand

- He's the slowest in the class.

NOT BUSY

5. not very busy; containing little action

Syn: ↑sluggish

- Sales are slow (= not many goods are being sold) .
- There are slow passages in which little happens, but they help to build up the suspense.

WATCH/CLOCK

6. **not before noun** showing a time earlier than the correct time

- My watch is five minutes slow (= it shows 1.45 when it is 1.50) .

IN PHOTOGRAPHY

7. slow film is not very sensitive to light

more at be quick/slow off the mark **at** ↑mark _{n.}, be quick/slow on the uptake **at** ↑uptake

Word Origin:

Old English slāw 'slow-witted, sluggish', of Germanic origin.

Thesaurus:

slow adj.

1.

- a slow driver/walker/reader
- Progress was slower than expected.

gradual • • **measured** • • **leisurely** • |written **unhurried** • |written, often disapproving **sluggish** •

Opp: fast, **Opp:** quick

a slow/gradual **improvement /change/acceptance**

a/an slow/measured/leisurely/unhurried **pace**

slow/measured **steps**

2.

- They were slow in paying me.

late • |written **belated** •

Opp: quick

slow/late **in doing sth**

Example Bank:

- Filming was painfully slow.
- Genetic evolution is necessarily slow.
- He was noticeably slow to respond.
- I was considerably slower than the other drivers.
- My computer is noticeably slower than before.
- She is showing a slow and steady improvement in her reading ability.

- They are extremely slow at reaching decisions.
- I missed the fast train and had to get the slow one.
- Oh you're so slow; come on, hurry up!
- She wasn't slow to realize what was going on.
- We drove in the slow lane.
- a slow driver/walker/reader

Idioms: ↑do a slow burn ▪ ↑go slow

Derived Word ↑slowness

adverb (**slow-er**, **slow-est**)(used especially in the comparative and superlative forms, or in compounds)

at a slow speed

Syn: ↑slowly

- Could you go a little slower?
- slow-drying paint
- slow-moving traffic
- (NAme) Drive slow!

see also ↑go-slow

Word Origin:

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Which Word?:

slow / slowly

Slowly is the usual adverb from the adjective slow. Slow is sometimes used as an adverb in informal language, on road signs, etc.

It can also be used to form compounds: ▪ Slow. Major road ahead. ◇▪ a slow-acting drug ◇They walk very slow. In the comparative both slower and more slowly are used: ▪ Can you speak slower/more slowly?

verb intransitive, transitive

to go or to make sth/sb go at a slower speed or be less active

- Economic growth has slowed a little.
- The bus **slowed to a halt**.
- ~ **down/up** The car slowed down as it approached the junction.
- The game slowed up little in the second half.
- You must slow down (= work less hard) or you'll make yourself ill.
- ~ **sth/sb down/up** The ice on the roads was slowing us down.
- ~ **sth/sb** We hope to slow the spread of the disease.

see also ↑slowdown

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	slow
	BrE /sloʊ/
	NAme /sloʊ/
he / she /it	slows
	BrE /sloʊz/
	NAme /sloʊz/
past simple, past participle	slowed
	BrE /sloʊd/
	NAme /sloʊd/
-ing form	slowing
	BrE /sloʊɪŋ/
	NAme /sloʊɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Bill slowed his pace to allow her to catch up with him.
- Economic growth is expected to slow.
- I was nearing West Road when the traffic slowed to a crawl.
- Rachel tried to slow her breathing.
- Sales have slowed down quite markedly.
- She very deliberately slowed her steps.
- Slow down a little!
- The flow of people into the building slowed to a trickle.
- The roadblocks hardly slowed them at all.
- The two of them had slowed almost to a stop.
- Time seemed to slow down as she fell.

slow
I. **slow**¹ **S2 W2** /sləʊ \$ sləʊ/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **slower**, superlative **slowest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: slaw]

1. **NOT QUICK** not moving, being done, or happening quickly **OPP** quick, fast ⇒ **slowly**:

- The car was travelling at a very slow speed.
- a slow walker
- The economy faces a year of slower growth.
- Take a few deep, slow breaths.

2. **TAKING TOO LONG** taking too long **OPP** fast

- Taylor was concerned at the slow progress of the investigations.
- The legal system can be painfully slow (=much too slow).

slow to do something

- The wound was slow to heal.

3. **WITH DELAY** [not before noun] if you are slow to do something, you do not do it as soon as you can or should

slow to do something

- Farmers have been slow to exploit this market.
- Their attitude was slow to change.

slow in doing something

- He has been slow in announcing the name of his successor.
- New ideas have been slow in coming.

4. **LONGER TIME** taking a longer time than something similar **OPP** fast

- We got on the slow train (=one that stops at more stations) by mistake.

5. **BUSINESS** if business or trade is slow, there are not many customers or not much is sold:

- Business is often slow in the afternoon.
- The company is experiencing slow sales.

6. **CLOCK** [not before noun] if a clock or watch is slow, it is showing a time earlier than the correct time **OPP** fast

ten minutes/five minutes etc slow

- The clock is about five minutes slow.

7. **NOT CLEVER** not good or quick at understanding things:

- Teaching assistants have time to help the slower pupils.

8. **slow on the uptake** not quick to understand something new:

- Sometimes Tim's a little slow on the uptake.

9. **slow off the mark** not quick enough at reacting to something

10. **do a slow burn** *American English informal* to slowly get angry:

- Tony fumbled the ball and I could see the coach doing a slow burn.

11. **slow handclap** *British English* if a group of people give someone a slow handclap, they ↑clap their hands slowly to show their disapproval

12. **a slow oven** an ↑oven that is at a low temperature

13. **PHOTOGRAPHY** a slow film does not react to light very easily

—**slowness** *noun* [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

- **slow** not moving quickly or not doing something quickly: I was always one of the slowest runners in my class. | My computer's really slow compared to the ones at school.
- **gradual** happening, developing, or changing slowly over a long period of time: a gradual rise in the Earth's temperature | I've noticed a gradual improvement in his work.
- **leisurely** *especially written* moving or doing something slowly, especially because you are enjoying what you are doing and do not have to hurry: a leisurely breakfast | They walked at a leisurely pace.
- **unhurried** *especially written* moving or doing something in a slow and calm way, without rushing at all: She continued to listen, seeming relaxed and unhurried. | the doctor's calm unhurried manner
- **sluggish** moving or reacting more slowly than usual, especially because of a loss of power or energy. Also used when business, sales, or the economy seem very slow: The car seems rather sluggish going uphill. | The drink was making her sluggish. | the company's sluggish performance this year | Sales have been sluggish.
- **lethargic** moving slowly, because you feel as if you have no energy and no interest in doing anything: She woke up feeling heavy and lethargic. | His son seemed depressed and lethargic.
- **languid** *literary* slow and with very little energy or activity – used about people, actions, or periods of time: She lifted her hand in a languid wave. | a long languid afternoon in the middle of summer | He was pale and had rather a languid air about him.
- **glacial** *literary* extremely slow – used especially about the speed at which something happens: Things are changing, but at a glacial pace.

II. **slow**² **S3 W2** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ (also **slow down/up**) *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

to become slower or to make something slower:

- Her breathing slowed and she fell asleep.
- Ian slowed up as he approached the traffic lights.

slow down *phrasal verb*

1. to become slower or to make something slower:

- Growth in sales has slowed down.

slow somebody/something ↔down

- The ice on the road slowed us down.

2. to become less active or busy than you usually are:

It is important to slow down, rest, and eat sensibly.

III. **slow**³ *BrE* ³ *AmE* ³ *adverb* (comparative **slower**, superlative **slowest**) *informal*

slowly:

If you go slower, you'll see much more.

⇒ †go-slow

slow

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slowly 34613

slowness 370

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