

curse1. [kɜːs] *n*

1. 1) проклятие

to call down [to lay] curses upon smb. - призывать проклятия на чью-л. голову

2) отлучение от церкви; предание анафеме

2. ругательство

vile curses - грязная ругань

3. бич, бедствие

he's a curse to his family - он несчастье всей семьи

gambling was his curse - его погубили азартные игры

4. *эвф.* (the curse) менструация

◇ curse of Scotland - *карт.* девятка бубён

(I) don't care a curse! - (мне) наплевать

not worth a curse - ≅ выеденного яйца не стоит

not to give a curse for smth. - совершенно не интересоваться чем-л.; ≅ ни в грош не ставить что-л.

curse (like chickens) come home to roost - *посл.* ≅ не рой другому яму, сам в неё попадёшь

2. [kɜːs] *v*

1. 1) проклинать

he cursed the day he was born - он проклинал день, когда (он) родился

2) отлучать от церкви

2. ругаться

he cursed loudly - он громко ругался

3. кощунствовать, богохульствовать

4. (with) *обыкн. pass* обречать на страдания, причинять зло

to be cursed with a violent temper - страдать от своего дурного характера

to be cursed with difficulty in hearing - быть обречённым на глухоту

curse

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

curse [ˈkɜːs ˈkɜːsɪz ˈkɜːst ˈkɜːsɪŋ] *noun, verb* *BrE* [ˈkɜːs] *NAmE* [ˈkɜːr]

noun1. (also old-fashioned, informal **cuss**) **countable** a rude or offensive word or phrase that some people use when they are very angry

Syn: ↑oath, **Syn:** ↑swear word

• He muttered a curse at the other driver.

2. **countable** a word or phrase that has a magic power to make sth bad happen

• The family thought that they were **under a curse**.

compare ↑hex

3. **countable** something that causes harm or evil

• the curse of drug addiction

• Noise is a curse of modern city life.

4. **the curse singular** (old-fashioned, informal) = ↑menstruationWord Origin:

Old English, of unknown origin.

Example Bank:

• The witch is supposed to have put a curse on the house.

Derived ↑cursed with something

verb1. **intransitive** to swear

• He hit his head as he stood up and cursed loudly.

2. **transitive** to say rude things to sb or think rude things about sb/sth

• ~ **sb/sth/yourself** She cursed her bad luck.

• ~ **sb/sth/yourself for sth** He cursed himself for his stupidity.

3. **transitive** ~ **sb/sth** to use a magic word or phrase against sb in order to harm them

• Legend has it that the whole village had been cursed by a witch.

compare ↑hex

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	curse
	BrE /kɜːs/
	NAme /kɜːrs/
he / she / it	curses
	BrE /kɜːsɪz/
	NAme /kɜːrsɪz/
past simple, past participle	cursed
	BrE /kɜːs/
	NAme /kɜːrs/
-ing form	cursing
	BrE /kɜːsɪŋ/
	NAme /kɜːrsɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

curse *verb*, **T**

• He cursed under his breath.

swear • • **abuse** • • **blaspheme** • |informal **damn** •

curse/swear **loudly/quietly/softly/silently/under your breath**

Curse or swear? You can **curse** a person or a thing but **swear** nevertakes an object in this meaning. **Swear** is much more frequent in everyday spoken English.

Example Bank:

- He cursed under his breath as the hammer slipped.
- He was now cursing the day he evergot involved
- He was now cursing the day he had evergot involvedin the project.
- I cursed her roundly for being late.
- She cursed her luck that she had had to queue for so long.
- She was cursing and screaming at me just because I was late.
- He hit his head as he stood up and cursed under his breath.

See also: ↑**cuss**

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **curse**¹ /kɜːs/ \$ kɜːrs/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

1. **[intransitive]** to swear:

" Gilbert was cursing under his breath.

2. **[transitive]** to say or think bad things about someone or something because they have made you angry:

" He cursed his bad luck in arrivingjust after she'd left.

curse somebody/something for (doing) something

" Elsa cursed herself for believing his lies.

3. **[transitive]** to ask God or a magical power to harm someone

curse somebody ↔ **out phrasal verb American English informal**

to swear at someone who has made you angry

II. **curse**² *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: curs]

1. a swear word or words that you say because you are very angry:

" He muttered a curse under his breath.

2. a word or sentence used to ask God or a magical power to do something bad to someone or something:

" He believedthat someone had put a curse on the house.

3. something that causes trouble, harm etc

curse of

" Noise is one of the curses of modern-day life.

4. **the curse** *old-fashioned* a ↑**menstrual period**

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THESAURUS

- **magic** *noun* [uncountable] the power to make impossible things happen, by saying special words or doing special actions: In the story, she uses magic to turn him into a frog. | Local people believe that he can heal wounds and illnesses using magic.
- **witchcraft** *noun* [uncountable] the use of magic, usually to do bad things: Hundreds of women were accused of witchcraft in the 1600s.
- **spell** *noun* [countable] a special set of words or actions that are used to make something happen by magic: a magic spell | An evil witch cast a spell on him (=said a special set of words or did a special series of actions, in order to make something happen to someone by magic), turning him into a beast.
- **curse** (also **hex** *American English*) *noun* [countable] something that makes someone or something have bad luck: The house seemed to have a curse on it. | People believed the pharaoh would put a curse on (=use magic to make them have bad luck) anyone who broke into the tomb. | She believed her former husband had put a hex on her.

- **the occult** mysterious powers and events that involvemagic and spirits: He was very interested in the occult.
- **voodoo** *noun* [uncountable] magical beliefs and practices used as a form of religion: a voodoo curse | In Haiti, the people still practice voodoo.

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