

streak1. [stri:k] *n*

1. полоска (*обыкн. неровная, изогнутая*); жилка, прожилка; тонкий слой

black streak - чёрная полоска, жилка *и т. п.*

streaks of red - красные прожилки

a streak of light - полоска света

the first streak of day [of dawn] - первый проблеск дня [рассвета]; рассвет

a streak of lightning - вспышка молнии

2. черта (*характера*)

a nervous streak - некоторая нервозность; склонность к паникёрству

yellow streak - трусоватость

he has a streak of eccentricity [of cruelty] in his character - ему присуща /свойственна/ (некоторая) эксцентричность

[жестокость]

3. *разг.* период, промежуток; полоса

a (long) streak of (good) [of bad] luck - (долгая) полоса везения /удач/ [невезения /неудач/]

4. бросок, рывок

we made a streak for the house - мы ринулись /помчались/ к дому

5. *биол.* полоска, бороздка

6. *геол.* тонкий прослой

7. *мин.* черта минерала

8. *pl метеор.* дрожание воздуха

9. *тлв.* временная развёртка

◇ the silver streak - Ла-Манш

2. [stri:k] *v*

1. 1) проводить полосы, испещрять полосками

2) прочертить (*о молнии*)

2. 1) *разг.* быстро двигаться, мчаться стрелой; проноситься как молния; мелькать

he streaked off (as fast as his legs would carry him) - он умчался (со всех ног)

2) бегать нагишом (*в знак протеста против условностей*)

he streaked across the pitch to win a bet - на пари он промчался голым через крикетное поле

to streak the hotel lobby - носиться нагишом по гостиничному вестибюлю

3. обесцвечивать *или* красить отдельные пряди волос

4. *амер.* попасть в полосу (*удач и т. п.*)

streak

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

streak [streak streaks streaked streaking] *noun, verb* BrE [stri:k] ¹ NAmE

[stri:k]

noun

1. a long thin mark or line that is a different colour from the surface it is on

• There was a streak of blood on his face.

• streaks of grey in her hair

• dirty streaks on the window

• streaks of sunlight

2. a part of a person's character, especially an unpleasant part

• a ruthless/vicious/mean streak

• a streak of cruelty

3. a series of successes or failures, especially in a sport or in gambling

• a streak of good luck

• to hit (= have) a **winning streak**

• to be on a **winning/losing streak**

• a **lucky/unlucky streak**

Word Origin:

Old English strica, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **streek** and German **Strich**, also to ¹**strike**. The sense 'run naked' was originally US slang.

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:

- Holidays in the Australian outback are for those with an adventurous streak.
- Most of the players have a strong competitive streak.
- She had a few streaks of grey in her black hair.
- She suddenly revealed a mean streak in her character.
- The Yankees continued their six-game winning streak.
- The last streaks of light faded from the sky.
- The team has been on a winning streak since it won against Lazio.
- There was a streak of eccentricity in the family.
- There were dark streaks down her cheeks where she had been crying.
- trips for those with an adventurous streak
- She had streaks of grey in her hair.
- The sooty rain left dirty streaks on the window.

verb

1. **transitive** to mark or cover sth with **↑streaks**

- ~ **sth** Tears streaked her face.
- She's had her hair streaked (= had special chemicals put on her hair so that it has attractive coloured lines in it).
- ~ **sth with sth** His face was streaked with mud.
- The sunset streaked the sky with brilliant colours.

2. **intransitive + adv./prep.** to move very fast in a particular direction

Syn: **↑speed**

- A car pulled out and streaked off down the road.
- She streaked home in under 54 seconds.

3. **intransitive (+ adv./prep.) (informal)** to run through a public place with no clothes on as a way of getting attention

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	streak
	BrE /stri:k/
	NAme /stri:k/
he / she / it	streaks
	BrE /stri:ks/
	NAme /stri:ks/
past simple, past participle	streaked
	BrE /stri:kt/
	NAme /stri:kt/
-ing form	streaking
	BrE /stri:kɪŋ/
	NAme /stri:kɪŋ/

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- A police car streaked by, lights flashing.
- Some kind of animal leaped out of the grass and streaked across the meadow.

streak

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. **streak**¹ /stri:k BrE ¹ AmE ¹ **noun** [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: strica]

1. a coloured line, especially one that is not straight or has been made accidentally:

Sue has blonde streaks in her hair.

2. a part of someone's character that is different from the rest of their character:

a mean streak

streak of

His serious nature was lightened by a streak of mischief.

3. a period of time during which you continue to be successful or to fail

be on a winning/losing streak

Celtic are on a six-game winning streak.

4. **streak of lightning/fire/light etc** a long straight flash of **↑lightning**, fire etc

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THESAURUS

▪ **stripe** a line of colour, especially one of several lines of colour all close together: the red and white stripes on the US flag | horizontal stripes

▪ **streak** a coloured line or thin mark, especially one that is not straight or has been made accidentally: His hair was black with streaks of grey. | He saw the red streaks of sunrise in the sky.

▪ **band** a thick line of colour that is different from the areas around it: The fish has a black band on its fin.

II. **streak**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ² *verb*

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] to run or fly somewhere so fast you can hardly be seen

streak across/along/down etc

" Two jets streaked across the sky.

2. [transitive usually passive] to cover something with lines of colour, liquid etc:

" The sky was streaked yellow and purple.

streak with

" His hands and arms were streaked with paint.

3. [intransitive] to run across a public place with no clothes on as a joke or in order to shock people

streak

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RANGE: **5k** STREAK ⁸¹⁰⁸

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streaking ⁴⁶²

streaks ¹⁴²⁸

streaky ¹⁴⁷

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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182 **52818**²⁰¹ *vv0*

70 **91185**⁷⁰ *vvi*

46 **108783**⁵⁰ *nnu*

9 **275276**⁹ *np1*