

slippery['slɪp(ə)rɪ] *a*

1. 1) скользкий; гладкий
slippery deck [road, rope] - скользкая палуба [дорога, верёвка]
- 2) увёртливый
2. щекотливый
slippery business [condition] - щекотливое дело [положение]
3. 1) ненадёжный; нетвёрдый, неопределённый
slippery conditions - неустойчивое положение
slippery memory - нетвёрдая память
- 2) обманчивый; лживый
slippery prospects - обманчивые надежды
slippery customer - жуликоватый /сомнительный/ тип
◇ to be on a slippery slope - стать на опасный /скользкий/ путь
to play a slippery trick - сыграть гадкую шутку
as slippery as an eel - скользкий как угорь; ≅ он всегда сумеет вывернуться

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slip·per·y *BrE* ['slɪpəri] *AmE* ['slɪpəri] *adjective*

1. (*also informal* **slippy**) difficult to hold or to stand or move on, because it is smooth, wet or polished
 - slippery like a fish
 - In places the path can be wet and slippery.
 - His hand was slippery with sweat.
2. (*informal*) (*of a person*) that you cannot trust
 - Don't believe what he says— he's a slippery customer.
3. (*informal*) (*of a situation, subject, problem, etc.*) difficult to deal with and that you have to think about carefully
 - Freedom is a slippery concept (= because its meaning changes according to your point of view) .

Idiom: slippery slope

See also: ↑slippy

Word Origin:

[**slippery**] late 15th cent.: from dialect slipper 'slippery', probably suggested by Luther's *schlipfferig*.

Example Bank:

- International law is notoriously slippery.
- The concrete gets slippery when it's wet.
- The oil made the ground slippery and treacherous to walk on.
- The track was wet and slippery for the race.
- Watch out— the floor's a bit slippery.
- rocks that were slippery with seaweed

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[Word Family: noun: ↑slip, ↑slipper, ↑slippage, ↑slipperiness; verb: ↑slip; adjective: ↑slippery]

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1. something that is slippery is difficult to hold, walk on etc because it is wet or ↑greasy:
 - In places, the path can be wet and slippery.
 - Harry's palms were slippery with sweat.
2. *informal* someone who is slippery cannot be trusted:
 - Martin is a *slippery customer* (=someone you should not trust) so be careful what you say to him.
3. not having one clear meaning and able to be understood in different ways:
 - the slippery notion of 'standards'
4. (**be on**) **a/the slippery slope** *British English informal* used to talk about a process or habit that is difficult to stop and which will develop into something extremely bad
(**be on**) **a/the slippery slope to/towards**
 - He is on the slippery slope to a life of crime.

—**slipperiness** *noun* [uncountable]**slippery**

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