

ENGLISH GRAMMAR (ADVANCED)

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to mar sth to be marred by sth

to spoil something, to make something less good or less enjoyable – estropear, echar a perder (Spa) / verderben (Deu)

- I hope the fact that your ex-boyfriend is coming won't **mar** your enjoyment of the party.
- Carrying emotional baggage from the past will only mar your chances on the romantic front.
- The terrible weather **marred** an otherwise perfect night out.
- Some last-minute problems arose **marring** the smooth running of the event.
- Her beauty was marred by a small scar on her left cheek.
- His short-lived stint in the hit Channel 5 show was marred by controversy.
- The World Cup winning jubilation was marred by crowd disturbances.