devolve

[dɪˈvɒlv] *v*

1. 1) (to, (up)on) передавать (*обязанности, функции*)

   to devolve power on one's representative - передать полномочия своему представителю

   to devolve one's responsibility to /(up)on/ the vice-chairman - возложить исполнение своих обязанностей на заместителя председателя

   2) (on, upon) переходить (*о полномочиях, функциях*)

   a heavy weight devolved upon his shoulders - на него легла тяжёлая ответственность

   too much work devolved upon him - на его долю выпало слишком много работы

   the responsibility devolved upon him - ответственность (за это) пришлось нести ему

2. 1) передавать (*по наследству, традиции*)

   to devolve knowledge to smb. - передавать кому-л. знания

   2) переходить (*по наследству, традиции*)

   the estate devolved to his son - имение перешло к его сыну

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de·volve [devolve devolves devolved devolving] *BrE* [dɪˈvɒlv] *NAmE* [dɪˈvɑːlv] verb

Derived ↑devolve on somebody ▪ ↑devolve something to somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	devolve
	BrE /dɪ ˈvɒlv/
	NAmE /dɪ ˈvɑːlv/
he / she /it	devolves
	BrE /dɪ ˈvɒlvz/
	NAmE /dɪ ˈvɑːlvz/
past simple, past participle	devolved
	BrE /dɪ ˈvɒlvd/
	NAmE /dɪ ˈvɑːlvd/
-ing form	devolving
	BrE /dɪ ˈvɒlvɪŋ/
	NAmE /dɪ ˈvɑːlvɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'roll down'): from Latin devolvere, from de- **'down'** + volvere **'to roll'**.

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de‧volve /dɪˈvɒlv $ dɪˈvɑːlv/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb formal* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: devolvere from volvere *'to roll'*]

1. if you devolve responsibility, power etc to a person or group at a lower level, or if it devolves on them, it is given to them

devolve something to somebody/something

   The federal government has devolved responsibility for welfare to the states.

devolve on/upon

   Half of the cost of the study will devolve upon the firm.

2. if land, money etc devolves to someone, it becomes their property when someone else dies **SYN pass**

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