

turn

1. [tʒ:n] *n*

1. 1) оборот

the turn of a wheel - оборот колеса
 the turn of a dial - оборот наборного диска
 three turns of the moon - три оборота Луны
 at each turn - при каждом обороте (*колеса и т. п.*)

2) *с.-х.* оборот пласта

3) вращение; вращательное движение

to give smth. a turn - повернуть что-л.
 to give smb. a turn - покружить кого-л.

2. 1) поворот (*движение*)

sharp turn - крутой поворот
 no left [right] turn - запрещён левый [правый] поворот
 a turn to the right [to the left] - поворот направо [налево]
 with a single turn of the key - одним поворотом ключа
 to make /to take/ a turn - повернуть
 backhand [standing] turn - поворот на задних ногах [на месте] (*конный спорт*)
 downhill [uphill] turn - поворот на спуске с горы [при подъёме] (*лыжный спорт*)
 jump turn - поворот прыжком без опоры на палки (*лыжный спорт*)
 steered turn - поворот рулением (*лыжный спорт*)
 turn of a curve - прохождение виража (*велоспорт*)
 right turn! - направо!
 left turn! - налево!
 about turn! - кругом!

2) *авт.* разворот

boot-leg turn - разворот с остановками
 loop turn - разворот с ходу

3) поворот, место поворота

a turn at the corner - поворот на углу
 to stop at a turn in the road - остановиться на повороте (дороги)

4) изгиб

a turn in a river - излучина реки
 a path full of turns and twists - извилистая тропа

5) поворот (*в течении времени*); поворотный пункт; порог, конец

at the turn of the century - на пороге нового столетия [*см. тж. ◇*]
 at the turn of the year [of the month] - в конце года [месяца]

6) поворот, отклонение, отступление (*в сюжете, рассказе и т. п.*)

the story has so many twists and turns that the reader becomes lost - в рассказе столько поворотов и отступлений (от основной сюжетной линии), что читатель совершенно теряется

3. 1) изменение направления

turn of the tide - *мор.* смена приливо-отливнотечения [*см. тж. ◇*]
 what turn did the discussion take? - в каком направлении развивалась дискуссия?

2) смена, перемена курса (*судна*)4. перемена, изменение (*состояния*)

the turn of the seasons - смена времён года
 the turn of affairs [of events] - оборот дел [поворот событий]
 the turns of fortune - превратности судьбы
 a turn for the better [for the worse] - изменение к лучшему [к худшему]
 the patient has taken a turn for the better - больному стало лучше
 to take a bad turn - принять дурной оборот
 things have taken a dangerous turn - дело приняло опасный оборот
 to give a new turn to smth. - придать новый оборот /-ую окраску/ чему-л.
 to hope for a turn in one's luck - надеяться на перемену судьбы
 there was a nasty turn in the weather - погода изменилась к худшему, погода испортилась

5. виток

turn of a bandage - оборот /ход/ бинта
 dead turns - *эл.* мёртвые /холостые/ витки
 give the rope a few more turns around the tree - оберни верёвку вокруг дерева ещё несколько раз

6. 1) очередь

in its turn - в свою очередь
 in turn(s), by turns, turn and turn about - по очереди
 laughing and crying in turn - то смеясь, то плача
 he went hot and cold by turns - его бросало то в жар, то в холод
 out of turn - вне очереди [*см. тж. ◇*]
 to wait one's turn in a doctor's office - дожидаться своей очереди на приём к врачу
 to take turns - делать (*что-л.*) по очереди; чередоваться, сменяться
 now it's your turn to speak - теперь ваша очередь выступать
 my turn will come! - придёт и мой черёд!; я ещё своё возьму!; я ещё своего добьюсь!

2) попытка заняться чем-л.; временное занятие

to take a turn at creative writing - заняться писательством

take a turn! - а ну попробуй!

7. 1) очередной номер программы, выход; сценка, интермедия

short turns - короткие номера /сценки/

a song-and-dance turn - песенно-танцевальный номер

to do one's turn - исполнять номер (программы)

2) исполнитель номера

8. короткая прогулка, поездка

to take /to have/ a turn, to go for a turn (in the garden) - пройтись /прогуляться/ (по саду)

to take a turn on a bicycle - покататься /проехать/ на велосипеде

9. короткий период деятельности

a turn of work - небольшая работа, немного работы

to take a turn at the oars - немного погрести /поработать/ вёслами

to take a turn at gardening - немного поработать в саду

10. (рабочая) смена

afternoon turn - дневная смена

to add a second turn - добавить вторую смену, организовать двухсменную работу

11. 1) особенность, характерная черта; склад (ума, характера)

a serious turn of mind - серьёзный ум

an optimistic turn of mind - оптимистический склад ума

peculiar turn of the Greek character - особенность греческого (национального) характера

2) стиль, манера; интерпретация

she gave the sonata a new turn - она сыграла сонату по-новому

12. способность; дар; жилка

a turn for affairs - деловая жилка /складка/

a turn for mathematics - математический дар

he is of a musical turn, he has a turn for music - у него хорошие способности к музыке

13. 1) строение, форма

the turn of an ankle - форма лодыжки

the turn of her arms - линии её рук

2) построение (фразы)

I don't like the turn of the sentence - мне не нравится, как построено это предложение

3) оборот

a turn of speech - оборот речи

to miss idiomatic turns - не понимать идиоматических выражений

14. *разг.*

1) приступ, припадок, вспышка

a turn of anger - припадок /вспышка/ гнева

2) потрясение, шок

to give smb. quite a turn - сильно испугать /взволновать/ кого-л.

to have (quite) a turn - испытать шок

I had quite a turn when I heard the news - я был в шоке, когда услышал эту новость

15. *р/* менструация

16. *бирж.*

1) акт купли-продажи (ценных бумаг и т. п.)

2) прибыль от купли или продажи ценных бумаг

3) оборот капитала

4) разница между курсом покупателей и курсом продавцов (*тж.* turn of the market, jobber's turn)

17. *полигр.* марашка

18. *ж.-д.*

1) обходный путь

2) виток

19. *муз.* группетто

20. *ав.* разворот

◇ turn of the century - начало XX века [*см. тж.* 2, 5]]

turn of the tide - заметное изменение к лучшему, перемена судьбы [*см. тж.* 3, 1]]

turn of life - *мед.* переходный период, климактерий

to a turn - точно; как нужно

done /roasted/ to a turn - зажарено как раз в меру (о мясе)

at every turn - на каждом шагу; повсюду, постоянно; каждый раз

travelling through Europe we kept meeting Americans at every turn - путешествуя по Европе, мы на каждом шагу встречали американцев

out of turn - неуместно, не к месту, некстати [*см. тж.* 6, 1]]

to talk /to speak/ out of turn - а) сказать не к месту; б) говорить необдуманно

to be on the turn - а) меняться, претерпевать изменения; б) скисать, свёртываться (*особ.* о молоке)

to do smb. a good turn - оказать кому-л. добрую услугу

to do smb. a bad /an ill/ turn - повредить кому-л., оказать кому-л. плохую услугу

to serve smb. the good turn (of) - ≅ сослужить кому-л. добрую службу

to serve one's (own) turn - отвечать требованиям; соответствовать цели; вполне подходить
to serve smb.'s turn - годиться; устраивать кого-л., подходить, отвечать какой-л. цели
not to do a hand's turn - \cong и пальцем не пошевелить
one good turn asks /deserves/ another - *посл.* услуга за услугу

2. [tʒ:n] v

1) поворачивать

to turn a key [a door-handle, a tap] - повернуть ключ [дверную ручку, кран]
he turned the knob and the door opened - он повернул ручку, и дверь открылась
he turned his chair to the fire - он повернул стул к огню
turn your eyes this way - посмотрите в эту сторону
to turn one's head - обернуться, повернуть голову
he turned his face toward the speaker - он повернулся лицом к говорящему

2) поворачиваться

he heard his name called but did not turn - он услышал своё имя, но не обернулся
the tap won't turn - кран не открывается (и не закрывается)
a door turns upon its hinges - дверь поворачивается на петлях
everybody's eyes turned to him - все посмотрели на него
my heart turns to you - моё сердце обращено к вам

3) отворачивать, отводить

to turn one's eyes - отвести глаза
she turned her face and wept - она отвернулась и зарыдала

2. 1) вращать

to turn a wheel - вращать колесо
to turn a handle - крутить ручку
to turn a screw tight - плотно привинтить шуруп
he kept turning his hat in his hands - он всё время вертел в руках шляпу

2) обёртывать, наматывать

he had a snake turned round his arm - вокруг его руки обвилась змея

3) вращаться

the Earth turns round the Sun - Земля вращается вокруг Солнца
the wheels were turning slowly - колёса вращались медленно
the wheel turns a complete circle in a second - колесо делает полный оборот за секунду

4) кружиться

heights make my head turn - высота вызывает у меня головокружение
my head is turning - у меня кружится голова

3. 1) переворачивать

to turn the leaves of a book - переворачивать страницы книги, листать книгу
to turn pancakes - переворачивать оладьи
to turn a record - перевернуть пластинку
the nurse could easily turn the patient - сестра могла легко перевернуть больного

2) переворачиваться

to turn in bed [in one's sleep] - вертеться в постели [во сне]
it's enough to make him turn in his grave - он от этого в гробу перевернётся

4. 1) опрокидывать; переворачивать вверх дном

to turn a decanter - опрокинуть графин
to turn an hour-glass - переворачивать песочные часы

2) выкладывать, выпускать

to turn the dough onto a board - выложить тесто на доску
to turn meat into the pot - положить мясо в котелок
to turn the contents of one's bag (out) onto the table - выложить содержимое своей сумки на стол

5. 1) загибать; закручивать; отгибать

his moustaches were turned and curled - его усы были подкручены и завиты
turn the sheet (back) - отогните простыню
to turn a bar of steel - согнуть стальной брусок

2) загибаться; закручиваться; отгибаться

6. 1) направлять

to turn one's (foot)steps - направляться, направлять свои стопы
to turn one's horse to the hills - направить коня в горы
to turn the car left [right] - повернуть машину налево [направо]
to turn a car to avoid collision - повернуть машину, чтобы избежать столкновения

2) направляться

to turn to the right - пойти направо
to turn west - направиться на запад
not to know which way to turn - не знать, куда идти [*ср. тж.* \diamond]
he turned towards home - он повернул к дому
I turned down the avenue - я повернул /свернул/ на аллею

3) поворачиваться (в обратную сторону)

it is time to turn now if we wish to get home in time for dinner - пора поворачивать назад, если мы хотим поспеть к обеду

shall we turn? - пойдём обратно?, повернём?

he turned on his heel(s) and went away in a rage - он повернулся на каблуках и ушёл разгневанный

7. 1) отклонять, менять направление

to turn the course of a river - изменить течение реки

to turn the course of history - изменить ход истории

to turn a blow [criticism] - отвести удар [критику]

to turn an attack - отбить атаку

to turn the tide (of events) - изменить ход событий

to turn the enemy - обратить неприятеля в бегство

to turn the mob - заставить толпу отступить

to turn a vessel from her course - изменить курс судна

this metal is thick enough to turn a bullet - этот металл достаточно прочен, чтобы пуля не пробил его /отскочила от него/

2) отклоняться, менять направление

the river turns here - здесь река поворачивает

the road turns slightly to the north - дорога слегка отклоняется на север

the tide is turning - приливная волна меняет направление

8. (оп, урон) нацеливать, направлять

to turn one's gun on smb. - направить оружие на кого-л.

to turn one's weapon upon oneself - обратить собственное оружие против самого себя

to turn the telescope on a star - навести телескоп на звезду

cannon were turned on the city - пушки были нацелены на город

9. огибать, обходить

to turn a corner - поворачивать за угол [ср. тж. ◇]

to turn a cape - обогнуть мыс (о судне)

to turn smb.'s flank - воен. охватывать чей-л. фланг; охватывать /обходить/ кого-л. с фланга [ср. тж. ◇]

10. 1) точить, обтачивать на токарном станке

to turn a candlestick out of brass - вытачивать медный подсвечник

2) поддаваться обработке на токарном станке, поддаваться токарной обработке

to turn well [easily] - хорошо [легко] точиться

3) оттачивать, придавать завершённую форму (фразе и т. п.)

to turn a compliment - сделать тонкий комплимент

to turn an epigram - сочинить эпиграмму

11. редк.

1) (из)менять (что-л.); действовать (на что-л.)

his speech turned my thinking - то, что он сказал, заставило меня изменить свою точку зрения

2) изменяться, подвергаться изменению

manners turn with time - с временами меняются и нравы

12. редк.

1) обращать (кого-л.) в другую веру

2) обращаться в другую веру, менять религию

3) изменять, предавать

13. редк. вызывать тошноту

onions turn me - от лука меня начинает тошнить

14. уст. иметь противоположный результат

II A

1. лицевать (одежду)

I must have my suit turned - мне нужно перелицевать костюм

2. делать, выполнять (прыжок, упражнение)

to turn a somersault - делать /крутить/ сальто

to turn handsprings - выполнять повороты рывком; делать «колесо»

to turn a clumsy pirouette - сделать неуклюжий пируэт

3. обдумывать (вопросы, проблемы и т. п.)

to turn smth. in one's head - обдумывать что-л.

he turned the question every way but could find no answer - разе. как он ни бился над этим вопросом, решить его он не мог

he was still turning the idea about when he fell asleep - засыпая, он всё ещё продолжал об этом думать

4. 1) менять (тему); переводить (разговор)

to turn the conversation (to livelier topics) - перевести разговор (на более интересные темы)

2) переходить (о разговоре) [ср. тж. II Б 2, 3]

the talk turned to more general topics - разговор перешёл на более общие темы

5. 1) убавлять или прибавлять (газ, воду и т. п.)

to turn the gas low - убавить газ

2) достигнуть (определённого момента, возраста и т. п.)

he has not yet turned forty - ему ещё нет сорока

it has just turned a quarter past one - сейчас как раз четверть второго

the price has turned ten dollars by the next bid - в следующий момент цена достигла десяти долларов; следующий покупатель

предложил (за вещь) десять долларов

6. 1) менять (цвет, окраску и т. п.)

autumn turns the foliage, autumn turns the leaves yellow - осенью листва желтеет

2) меняться (о цвете, окраске); увядать

her hair has begun to turn - её волосы начали седеть

the leaves are turning - листья желтеют

3) меняться; перемениться (о ветре)

the wind is turning - ветер меняет направление, ветер меняется

7. 1) пускать в обращение (деньги, товары)

2) находиться в обращении (о деньгах, товарах)

8. 1) получать (прибыль)

to turn a fair profit - получить немалую прибыль

2) зарабатывать (деньги)

to turn an honest dollar - честно заработать доллар

9. продаваться, идти (о товаре)

this merchandise will turn easily - этот товар будет хорошо раскупаться

10. 1) портить, вызывать прокисание; сквашивать (молоко и т. п.)

2) портиться, прокисать, скисать (о молоке и т. п.)

the milk has turned - молоко прокисло

11. 1) согнуть, затупить (лезвие острого инструмента)

to turn the edge (of a knife) - затупить (нож)

2) загнуться, согнуться, затупиться (о лезвии)

the edge of the knife turned - лезвие ножа затупилось

12. выгонять (скот на пастбище; тж. turn out)

13. 1) срезать кожуру ленточкой (с лимона, апельсина и т. п.)

2) вырезать (косточку из какого-л. плода)

14. пахать, оборачивать (пласт)

15. стр. выводить (свод, арку)

16. вывязывать (пятку чулка и т. п.)

II Б

1. to turn smth. to smth., to smb. обращать, направлять (мысли, внимание) на что-л. или к кому-л.; сосредоточивать (мысли, внимание) на чём-л. или на ком-л.

to turn one's thoughts to God - обратиться мыслями к богу

to turn one's thoughts [one's attention] to one's work - сосредоточивать мысли [внимание] на (своей) работе

to turn one's efforts to smth. more important - направлять свои усилия на что-л. более важное

at last we turned our attention to him - наконец мы занялись им

2. to turn to smth., to smb.

1) обращаться, направляться на что-л. или к кому-л.; сосредоточиваться на чём-л. или на ком-л. (о мыслях, внимании и т. п.)

his thoughts have often turned to the subject - его мысли часто возвращались к этому предмету

his thoughts turned to the sea - мысли его обратились к морю, он обратился мыслями к морю

2) обращаться, переходить к чему-л. или кому-л.; начинать рассматривать что-л. или кого-л.

let us now turn from mechanics to medicine - перейдём теперь от механики к медицине

3) переводить разговор на что-л. или кого-л. [ср. тж. II А 4, 2]

when she entered the room he turned to another subject - когда она вошла в комнату, он перевёл разговор на другую тему

3. to turn to smb.

1) обращаться к кому-л.

I don't know to whom to turn - я не знаю, к кому (следует) обратиться

2) тянуться к кому-л.

all children turned to him - все дети тянулись к нему

4. to turn to smth.

1) обращаться к чему-л.

to turn to the dictionary [to the reference-book] - обратиться к словарю [к справочнику]

2) приниматься, браться за что-л. (тж. to turn oneself to smth.)

to turn to painting [to music] - заняться живописью [музыкой]

he turned again to his work - он снова принялся за свою работу

5. to turn smth. to smth. использовать, применять что-л. для чего-л.

to turn smth. to advantage - обратить что-л. на пользу, использовать что-л. с выгодой

to turn anthropological knowledge to practical uses - использовать антропологические знания в практических целях

to turn misfortune to (good) account - извлечь пользу из несчастья

6. to turn smb. (on) to smth.

1) использовать, занимать кого-л. для чего-л.

to turn all available hands (on) to the job of cleaning up - использовать все свободные руки на уборке (помещения и т. п.);

бросить всех свободных работников на уборку (помещения и т. п.)

2) приобщить кого-л. к чему-л., убедить кого-л. в чём-л.

to turn smb. to one's own views - убедить кого-л. в правильности своих взглядов; внушить кому-л. свои взгляды

7. to turn to smb. (for smth.) обращаться к кому-л. (за чем-л.)

to turn to the experts - обращаться к специалистам

to turn to the secretary for information - обратиться за справкой к секретарю

to turn to smb. for help [for support, for advice] - обращаться к кому-л. за помощью [за поддержкой, за советом]; искать у

кого-л. помощи [поддержки, совета]

the child turned to its mother for comfort - ребёнок искал утешения у матери

8. to turn smb., smth. (in) to smb., smth. превращать кого-л., что-л. в кого-л., что-л., делать кого-л., что-л. кем-л., чем-л.

to turn smb. into a coward - делать из кого-л. труса, превращать кого-л. в труса

to turn cream into butter - делать масло из сливок

to turn sunlight directly into electricity - непосредственно преобразовывать солнечный свет в электричество

the drawing room was turned into a study - гостиная была превращена /переделана/ в кабинет, гостиная стала служить кабинетом

they turned her into a film star - они сделали её кинозвездой

9. to turn (in)to smb., smth. превращаться в кого-л., что-л.; становиться кем-л., чем-л.

to turn into a criminal - стать преступником

water turns to ice - вода превращается в лёд

the rain turned (in)to sleet - дождь превратился/перешёл/ в мокрый снег

joy has turned into bitterness - радость обернулась горечью

his love turned to hate - его любовь превратилась в ненависть

the puzzled look turned quickly to one of understanding - озадаченный взгляд быстро сменился понимающим

10. to turn smth. into smth.

1) обменивать что-л на что-л, обращать что-л во что-л

they turned their stock into cash - они обратили свои акции в деньги

she turned her eggs into cash - она продала яйца и выручила (хорошие) деньги

2) переводить на другой язык

to turn Greek books into Latin - переводить греческие книги на латынь

how would you turn this passage? - как вы переведёте этот отрывок?

turn it into French - переведите это на французский язык

3) перефразировать сформулировать иначе

11. to turn smth. against smb., smth. обращать что-л против кого-л., чего-л.

they turned his argument against him - они обратили его аргументы против него самого

his own criticism was turned against him - его собственная критика обернулась против него самого

12. to turn smb. against smb., smth. восстанавливать кого-л. против кого-л., чего-л.

they turned his family against him - они восстановили против него его семью

he turns everyone against himself - он восстанавливает всех против себя

13. to turn against smb., smth.

1) восставать против кого-л., чего-л.

the poor turned against the rich - бедняки восстали против богатей

he turned against his former friends - он ополчился на /пошёл против/ своих прежних друзей

2) обращаться против кого-л., чего-л.

his words turned against himself - его слова обернулись против него самого

14. to turn smb. from /out of, off/ smth., to turn smb. to /into/ smth. прогонять, выгонять, выпускать кого-л. откуда-л., куда-л.

to turn one's son from /out of/ the house - выгнать сына из дома

to turn the cat into the cellar for the night - выгонять или выпускать кота на ночь в погреб

15. to turn smb. from smth. /from doing smth./ отвратить кого-л. от чего-л.; помешать кому-л. делать что-л.

to turn smb. from his duty - отвлекать кого-л. от исполнения своего долга

I turned him from his purpose - я заставил его изменить своё намерение

when once he has made up his mind, nothing will turn him from it - если уж он что задумал, ничто не заставит его изменить своего решения

16. to turn on /upon/ smth.

1) зависеть от чего-л., держаться на чём-л.

great events often turn upon very small circumstances - большие события часто зависят от очень мелких обстоятельств

everything turns on his answer - всё зависит от его ответа

the success of the picnic turns on the weather - успех пикника будет зависеть от погоды

2) вращаться около чего-л.; сосредоточиться на чём-л.

the debate did not turn upon any practical proposition - обсуждение не касалось какого-л. практического предложения

the conversation turned on literature - разговор коснулся литературы

17. to turn on /upon/ smb. набрасываться на кого-л.

in his anger he turned on me - в гневе он набросился на меня

the dog turned on me and bit me - собака набросилась и укусила меня

III A

1. как глагол-связка в составном именном сказуемом

1) в сочетании с существительным превращаться, становиться

to turn soldier [cook, schoolmaster] - стать солдатом [поваром, школьным учителем]

he turned Tory - он стал членом консервативной партии

to turn traitor - стать предателем

to turn Christian [Mohammedan] - обратиться в христианство [магометанство]

he has turned full-time author - он стал профессиональным писателем

both poets turned in the end men of action - оба поэта стали в конце концов людьми действия

2) в сочетании с прилагательным становиться, делаться

to turn pale - побледнеть

to turn sick - почувствовать тошноту

to turn green with envy - позеленеть от зависти

to turn blue with cold - посинеть от холода

to turn red with anger - покраснеть от гнева

to turn sour - прокисать (о молоке)

to turn grey - поседеть

to turn sulky - помрачнеть; надуться
the weather is turning colder - становится холоднее

2. в сочетании с существительным и прилагательным превращать, делать; приводить в (какое-л.) состояние

it turns the tongue black - от этого язык чернеет

he turned the dog loose - он спустил собаку (с цепи и т. п.) [ср. тж. ◇]

last year's drought turned things worse - прошлогодняя засуха усугубила положение

it turns her nauseous - её от этого тошнит

the sight turned him green with envy - это зрелище заставило его позеленеть от зависти

◇

to turn short - внезапно остановиться, замереть

to turn to bay - отбиваться, отчаянно защищаться (как загнанный зверь)

to turn tail см. tail1 | ◇

to turn tail on /upon/ smth. - отказаться от чего-л.; пренебречь чем-л.; предать что-л.

to turn colour - а) менять цвет, б) краснеть; смущаться в) бледнеть

to turn turtle см. turtle1 | ◇

to turn bridle - а) повернуть лошадь назад; б) отступить (верхом)

to turn flukes - взмахнуть хвостом и уйти под воду (о ките)

to turn the trick - добиться желаемого эффекта получить желаемый результат

to turn the corner - выйти из затруднительного или опасного положения [ср. тж. | 9]

to turn the scale /the balance/ - а) (at) показывать (какой-л.) вес; весить (столько-то); hand baggage turned the scale at 60 pounds - ручная кладь потянула 60 фунтов б) решить вопрос, разрешить сомнения

to turn the other cheek - а) библ. подставить другую ланиту /щёку/; б) не противиться злу; не отвечать обидчику

to turn smb.'s brain /mind/ - а) расстраивать, огорчать; б) сводить с ума

to turn smb.'s head - вскружить кому-л. голову

to turn head - уст. мужественно сопротивляться

to turn the /one's/ back - отвернуться, уйти

to turn smb.'s heart - тронуть, растрогать кого-л.

to turn the tables on smb. см. table | ◇

to turn smb.'s flank - обойти/перехитрить/ кого-л. [ср. тж. | 9]

to turn one's ankle - вывихнуть /подвернуть/ лодыжку /ногу/

to turn one's coat - изменить своим принципам; перейти в другую партию; «сменить шкуру»

not to turn one's finger - и пальцем не шевельнуть

not to turn a hair - не выказывать нервозности /тревоги/; ≅ и глазом не моргнуть

to turn the edge /the point/ of smth. - притуплять, смягчать что-л. (критическое замечание и т. п.)

to turn smb., smth. loose - а) давать волю кому-л., чему-л.; предоставлять кого-л. самому себе; б) разряжать (орудие, пистолет); открывать огонь; в) (on) натравливать кого-л. на кого-л.; [ср. тж. III A 2]

to turn loose on smb. - набрасываться на кого-л.

to turn a mountain into a molehill - ≅ делать из мухи слона

to turn a deaf ear to smb. - не слушать, отказаться выслушать кого-л.

to turn the /a/ blind eye to smth. - закрывать глаза на что-л.

to turn a blind eye to smb.'s philanderings - закрывать глаза на чьи-л. похождения

to turn the cold shoulder to /on/ smb. - оказывать кому-л. холодный приём

to turn one's /a/ hand to smth. - заняться каким-л. делом, приступить к работе

to turn one's hand to useful work - заняться полезным делом

he can turn his hand to almost anything - он умеет делать почти всё; ≅ у него золотые руки

to turn one's hand upon smb. - уст. убить кого-л.

to turn smb., smth. to ridicule - подвергать кого-л., что-л. насмешкам, осмеивать кого-л., что-л.

to turn one's back on /upon/ smth. - а) отвернуться, уйти от чего-л.; we turn our backs on winter - мы прощаемся с зимой; б)

пренебрегать кем-л. или чем-л.; предавать кого-л. или что-л.; to turn one's back on history - забыть уроки истории; to turn

one's back on one's own people - предать свой народ

to turn smth. on its head - перевернуть что-л. вверх дном, поставить что-л. (с ног) на голову

to turn smb. from the door - не пустить кого-л. на порог, отказать кому-л. в гостеприимстве

to turn smb. round one's little finger - помыкать кем-л.; ≅ вить верёвки из кого-л.

to turn smb. adrift in the world - бросить кого-л. на произвол судьбы

not to know where /which way/ to turn - а) не знать, как поступить; б) не знать, где преклонить голову; [ср. тж. | 6, 2]

his luck has turned - удача ему изменила

it turns my stomach - меня от этого тошнит /воротит/

my stomach turns at the sight - от этого зрелища меня тошнит

to turn smth. inside out - выворачивать наизнанку

the wind turned my umbrella inside out - ветер вывернул мой зонт наизнанку

to turn inside out - выворачиваться наизнанку

my umbrella turned inside out - мой зонт вывернулся наизнанку

to turn smth. upside down /topsy-turvy/ - переворачивать что-л. вверх дном

robbers had turned the room upside down - грабители перевернули в комнате всё вверх дном

to turn upside down /topsy-turvy/ - опрокидываться, переворачиваться вверх дном

the world has turned topsy-turvy - мир перевернулся (вверх дном)

turn [turn turns turned turning] verb, noun *BrE* [tɜːn] *NAmE* [tɜːr] ^ˈ
verb

MOVE ROUND

- 1. intransitive, transitive** to move or make sth move around a central point
 - The wheels of the car began to turn.
 - I can't get the screw to turn.
 - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** He turned the key in the lock.
 - She turned the wheel sharply to the left.

CHANGE POSITION/DIRECTION

- 2. intransitive, transitive** to move your body or part of your body so as to face or start moving in a different direction
 - We turned and headed for home.
 - She turned to look at me.
 - **+ adv./prep.** He turned back to his work.
 - I turned away and looked out of the window.
 - ~ **sth (+ adv./prep.)** He turned his back to the wall.
 - She turned her head away.

see also ↑turn over

- 3. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep.** to move sth so that it is in a different position or facing a different direction
 - She turned the chair on its side to repair it.
 - Turn the sweater inside out before you wash it.

see also ↑turn over

- 4. intransitive, transitive** to change the direction you are moving or travelling in; to make sth change the direction it is moving in
 - ~ **(into sth)** He turned into a narrow street.
 - ~ **sth** The man **turned the corner** and disappeared.
 - ~ **sth into sth** I turned the car into the car park.
- 5. intransitive (+ adv./prep.)** (*of a road or river*) to curve in a particular direction
 - The road turns to the left after the church.
 - The river turns north at this point.

AIM/POINT

- 6. transitive, intransitive** to aim or point sth in a particular direction
 - ~ **sth (on/to sb/sth/yourself)** Police turned water cannon on the rioters.
 - He turned the gun on himself.
 - She looked at him then turned her attention back to me.
 - ~ **to sb/sth/yourself** His thoughts turned to his dead wife.

OF TIDE IN SEA

- 7. intransitive** to start to come in or go out
 - The tide is turning— we'd better get back.

LET SB/STH GO

- 8. transitive** to make or let sb/sth go into a particular place or state
 - ~ **sth + adv./prep.** They turned the horse into the field.
 - ~ **sth + adj.** to turn the dogs loose

FOLD

- 9. transitive ~ sth + adv./prep.** to fold sth in a particular way
 - She turned down the blankets and climbed into bed.
 - He turned up the collar of his coat and hurried out into the rain.

CARTWHEEL/SOMERSAULT

- 10. transitive, no passive ~ sth** to perform a movement by moving your body in a circle
 - to turn cartwheels/somersaults

PAGE

- 11. transitive, intransitive** if you turn a page of a book or magazine, you move it so that you can read the next page
 - ~ **sth** He sat turning the pages idly.
 - ~ **to sth** Turn to p.23.

GAME

- 12. intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (around)** if a game turns or sb turns it, it changes the way it is developing so that a different person or team starts to win

BECOME

- 13. linking verb** to change into a particular state or condition; to make sth do this
 - **+ adj.** The leaves were turning brown.

- The weather has turned cold.
- He turned nasty when we refused to give him the money.
- He decided to **turn professional**.
- ~ **sth + adj.** The heat turned the milk sour.
- **+ noun** She turned a deathly shade of white when she heard the news.
- He's a lawyer turned politician (= he used to be a lawyer but is now a politician).

AGE/TIME

14. linking verb (not used in the progressive tenses) + **noun** to reach or pass a particular age or time

- She turns 21 in June.
- It's turned midnight.

STOMACH

15. intransitive, transitive ~ (your stomach) when your stomach turns or sth turns your stomach, you feel as though you will **vomit**

WOOD

16. transitive ~ sth to shape sth on a **lathe**

- to turn a chair leg
- turned boxes and bowls

Rem: Most idioms containing turn are at the entries for the nouns and adjectives in the idioms, for example not turn a hair is at hair.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	turn
	BrE /tɜːn/
	NAme /tɜːrn/
he / she / it	turns
	BrE /tɜːnz/
	NAme /tɜːrnz/
past simple, past participle	turned
	BrE /tɜːnd/
	NAme /tɜːrmd/
-ing form	turning
	BrE /tɜːnɪŋ/
	NAme /tɜːrnɪŋ/

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Synonyms:

return

come back • go back • get back • turn back

These words all mean to come or go back from one place to another.

return • to come or go back from one place to another. ▫ I waited a long time for him to return.

Return is slightly more formal than the other words in this group, and is used more often in writing or formal speech.

come back • to return. **Come back** is usually used from the point of view of the person or place that sb returns to: ▫ Come back and visit again soon!

go back • to return to the place you recently or originally came from or that you have been to before. **Go back** is usually used from the point of view of the person who is returning: ▫ Do you ever want to go back to China?

get back • to arrive back somewhere, especially at your home or the place where you are staying: ▫ What time did you get back last night?

turn back • to return the way that you came, especially because sth stops you from continuing: ▫ The weather got so bad that we had to turn back.

to return/come back/go back/get back **to/from/with** sth

to return/come back/go back/get back/turn back **again**

to return/come back/go back/get back **home/to work**

to return/come back/get back **safely**

Synonyms:

become / get / go / turn

These verbs are used frequently with the following adjectives:

become ~	get ~	go ~	turn ~
involved	used to	wrong	blue
clear	better	right	sour
accustomed	worse	bad	bad
pregnant	pregnant	white	red
extinct	tired	crazy	cold
famous	angry	bald	
ill	dark	blind	

Become is more formal than get. Both describe changes in people's emotional or physical state, or natural or social changes.
Go is usually used for negative changes.
Go and turn are both used for changes of colour.
Turn is also used for changes in the weather.

Example Bank:

- He's a lawyer turned politician.
- They say her hair turned white overnight
- to turn blue/red/white
- to turn cold/warm/chilly
- to turn nasty/mean/sour/bad
- Anne flushed and turned her head away.
- Don't turn your anger on the children.
- He claimed that his disturbed childhood had turned him into a criminal.
- He tried to forget the events of past few days and turned his thoughts to practical tasks.
- He turned left into a narrow street.
- His beloved father had turned into a tyrant.
- I managed to turn the whole thing into a joke.
- Lee turned to face her.
- Many supporters are now turning their criticism on the manager.
- She looked at him, then turned her attention back to me.
- She turned the meeting into a public relations exercise.
- She turned the steering wheel as far as it would go.
- The blades of the helicopter were turning slowly.
- The leaves gradually turn from green to orange.
- The natural sugars turn into alcohol during brewing.
- The ordeal she had expected had turned into fun.
- The problem turned into an advantage
- The slight drizzle turned into a downpour.
- There are plans to turn the old station into a hotel.
- What began as a minor disagreement has turned into a major crisis.
- While his back was turned I sneaked a look at his notes.
- With a wave of her wand, she turned him into a frog.

Idioms: ↑as it turned out ▪ ↑at every turn ▪ ↑done to a turn ▪ ↑give somebody a turn ▪ good turn ▪ ↑in turn ▪ ↑on the turn ▪ ↑one good turn deserves another ▪ ↑take turns ▪ ↑talk out of turn ▪ ↑turn of mind ▪ ↑turn of phrase ▪ ↑turn of speed ▪ ↑turn of the screw ▪ ↑turn of the year ▪ ↑turn round and do something ▪ well/badly turned out

Derived ↑turn against somebody ▪ ↑turn back ▪ ↑turn in ▪ ↑turn in on yourself ▪ ↑turn into something ▪ ↑turn off ▪ ↑turn off something ▪ ↑turn on somebody ▪ ↑turn on something ▪ ↑turn out ▪ ↑turn over ▪ ↑turn over something ▪ ↑turn round ▪ ↑turn somebody against somebody ▪ ↑turn somebody away ▪ ↑turn somebody back ▪ ↑turn somebody down ▪ ↑turn somebody in ▪ ↑turn somebody into something ▪ ↑turn somebody off ▪ ↑turn somebody on ▪ ↑turn somebody out ▪ ↑turn somebody over to somebody ▪ ↑turn somebody round ▪ ↑turn something down ▪ ↑turn something in ▪ ↑turn something off ▪ ↑turn something on ▪ ↑turn something out ▪ ↑turn something over ▪ ↑turn something over to somebody ▪ ↑turn something over to something ▪ ↑turn something round ▪ ↑turn something up ▪ ↑turn to somebody ▪ ↑turn up

noun countable

MOVEMENT

1. an act of turning sb/sth around
 - Give the handle a few turns.

OF ROAD/VEHICLE

2. a change in direction in a vehicle
 - **Make a left/right turn** into West Street.
 - see also** ↑three-point turn, ↑U-turn
3. (especially NAmE) (BrE also **turn-ing**) a place where a road leads away from the one you are travelling on
4. a bend or corner in a road
 - a lane full of **twists and turns**

TIME

5. the time when sb in a group of people should or is allowed to do sth
 - When it's your turn, take another card.
 - Please **wait your turn**.
 - **Whose turn is it** to cook?
 - Steve **took a turn** driving while I slept.

CHANGE

6. an unusual or unexpected change in what is happening
 - a surprising **turn of events**

- His health has **taken a turn for the worse** (= suddenly got worse) .
- Events took a dramatic turn in the weeks that followed.
- The book is, **by turns** , funny and very sad.

see also ↑about-turn

PERFORMANCE

7. a short performance or piece of entertainment such as a song, etc

- Everyone got up on stage to do a turn.

see also ↑star turn

WALK

8. (old-fashioned) a short walk

- We took a turn around the park.

ILLNESS

9. (old-fashioned) a feeling of illness

- a funny turn (= a feeling that you may faint)
- Grandma had one of her turns.

more at not do a hand's turn **at** ↑hand _{n.}, serve your/its turn **at** ↑serve _{v.}

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Example Bank:

- Batista had batted out of turn.
- Be patient and wait your turn!
- By the time it came to my turn to sing, I was a bag of nerves.
- Can I have a turn?
- Events took a surprising turn.
- Every time she did a flip turn, she made a large splash.
- Give Sarah a turn on the swing.
- He made a sudden turn to the right.
- He quickly gives the handle a slight turn.
- He seems to have taken an abrupt career turn with his new movie.
- He took a wrong turn and ended up on the coast road.
- Her career took an unexpected turn when she moved to New York.
- I'll take a turn making the dinner— you have a rest.
- I'm afraid Grandma has taken a turn for the worse.
- I'm writing to you out of turn because I have some very important news.
- If you can't put any cards down you have to miss a turn.
- In a dramatic turn of events she took control of the company into her own hands.
- It marks a major turn in this presidency.
- It slowly spun for three complete turns.
- It's impossible to follow all the twists and turns of the plot.
- Our luck is on the turn.
- Schuler's life took a radical turn when he became obsessed with horses.
- She had not been friendly to Pete and he, in his turn, was cold to her when she came to stay.
- She stopped talking as she negotiated a particularly sharp turn.
- Slow down as you enter the turn
- Syd executed each turn perfectly.
- Take the next turn on the right.
- The battle took an unfortunate turn.
- The car skidded around a hairpin turn.
- The children took turns on the swing.
- The trial has taken an even more bizarre turn today.
- The video market took an interesting turn in the mid 1980s.
- There was a screech as the car rounded a tight turn.
- They gave their names in turn.
- This movie is by turn terrifying and very funny.
- Tinker makes the tight turns look easy.
- When my turn finally came, I was shaking with nerves.
- a full turn of the handle to the right
- a lane full of twists and turns
- a quick turn of his head
- Make a right turn into West street.
- Rotate the image through a quarter turn.
- The male and female birds take turns sitting on the eggs.

- The narrow lane was full of twists and turns.
- When it's your turn, take another card.
- Whose turn is it to cook?

See also: [↑take it in turns](#) ▪ [↑turning](#)

turn

I. **turn**¹ **S1 W1** /tɜːn/\$tɜːrn/ **BrE** ^{AmE} ^{verb}

[Word Family: noun: [↑turn](#), [↑upturn](#), [↑turning](#); verb: [↑turn](#), [↑overturn](#); adjective: [↑upturned](#)]

[Date: 1000-1100; Origin: Partly from Latin *tornare* 'to turn on a lathe', from *turnus* 'lathe', from Greek *tornos*; partly from Old French *toner*, *tourner* 'to turn', from Latin *tornare*]

1. YOUR BODY [intransitive and transitive] to move your body so that you are looking in a different direction ⇒ **twist**

- Ricky turned and walked away.
- She turned her head in surprise.

turn around/round/away

- Dan turned away, hiding the fear in his eyes.

turn (your head/face) to do something

- He turned around to look at Kim.
- 'No,' she said, turning her head to see David's reaction.
- Brigitte glared at him, turned on her heel (=turned away suddenly because of anger), and stomped out of the room.

2. OBJECT [transitive usually + adverb/preposition] to move something so that it is pointing or aiming in a different direction

turn something around/over/upside down etc

- You may turn over your exam papers now.

turn something on something/somebody

- The firemen turned their hoses on the blaze.

turn something to face something/somebody

- Could you turn your chairs to face this way?

turn a/the page (=move a page in a book over so that you can read the next page)

turn something down/up

- He turned down the corner of the sheet to peep at the baby.

3. DIRECTION

a) [intransitive and transitive] to go in a new direction when you are walking, driving etc, or to make the vehicle you are using do this:

- I watched until he turned the corner.

turn left/right

- Turn left at the church.

turn into/onto/down etc

- She cycled up the street and turned into Long Road.
- Turning the car around, we headed home.

b) [intransitive] if a road, river etc turns, it curves and starts to go in a new direction:

- Further on, the river turns east.
- The road turns sharply at the top of the hill.

4. MOVE AROUND CENTRAL POINT [intransitive and transitive] to move around a central or fixed point, or to make something move in this way:

- The wheels turned slowly, then picked up speed.
- For some reason, the key wouldn't turn.

turn the handle/knob/key/tap etc

- She gently turned the handle of the bedroom door.

5. CHANGE [linking verb, transitive] to start to have a different quality, or to make something do this

turn (something) red/blue/white etc

- Rose's hair was already turning grey.
- In October the leaves turn orange and yellow.
- The sun had turned the sky a glowing pink.

the weather turns cold/nasty etc (also it turns cold/nasty etc)

- Then it turned cold and started to rain.

turn nasty/mean/violent etc (=suddenly become angry, violent etc)

- The police are worried that the situation could turn violent.

6. ATTENTION/THOUGHTS [intransitive and transitive] to start to think about, deal with, look at etc a particular person, thing, or subject, instead of what you were thinking about etc before

turn your attention/thoughts/efforts etc to something/somebody

- Many investors have turned their attention to opportunities abroad.
- Phil turned his gaze towards the older man.

turn to/towards etc something

- As usual, the conversation turned back to her children.
- Now is the time of year when thoughts turn in the direction of summer holidays.
- Next the Senator turned to education.

7. turn your back (on somebody/something)

a) to refuse to help, support, or be involved with someone or something:

- How can you turn your back on your own mother?
- In his twenties he turned his back on his Catholic faith.

b) to turn your back is pointing towards someone or something, and you are not looking at them:

Angrily, she turned her back on him.

8. **AGE/TIME** [transitive] to become a particular age, or to reach a particular time

somebody turns 15/20/40 etc

My son's just turned 18.

it's turned 2 o'clock/5/midday etc

It's just turned three.

9. **turn something inside out**

a) to pull a piece of clothing, bag etc so that the inside is facing out:

Turn the sweater inside out before you wash it.

b) (also **turn something upside down**) to search everywhere for something, in a way that makes a place very untidy:

Thieves had turned the house upside down.

c) (also **turn something upside down/turn something on its head**) to completely change the way that something is done, organized, thought about etc:

New approaches to marketing turn old practices upside down.

Her opinion of him had been turned on its head.

10. **have turned the corner** to start to improve after going through a difficult period or experience:

The manager of the hotel chain claims that they have turned the corner.

11. **MAKE/LET GO OUT** [transitive] to make or let someone or something go out from where they are

turn somebody/something out/outside/into etc (something)

Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured board.

There are some criminals who cannot be turned loose onto the streets.

12. **TIDE** [intransitive] if the [↑]tide turns, the sea starts to come in or go out again

13. **CHANGE DEVELOPMENT** [intransitive and transitive] if something such as a war, situation, game of sport etc turns, or someone turns it, something happens to change the way it is developing:

Mills turned the game by scoring twice.

The victory turned the tide of the war in North Africa.

14. **turn traitor** to be disloyal to a person, group, or idea that you have strongly supported before

15. **turn your ankle** to twist your [↑]ankle in a way that injures it **SYN sprain**:

Wright turned his ankle in the first minutes of the game.

16. **an actor turned politician/a housewife turned author etc** someone who has done one job and then does something completely different ⇒ **poacher turned gamekeeper** at [↑]poacher

17. **turn sb's head** to be attractive in a romantic or sexual way:

She turned heads whenever she walked into a room.

18. **turn (people's) heads** if something turns people's heads, they are surprised by it:

It did turn some heads when he moved back to the village.

19. **turn a profit** *American English* to make a profit

20. **turn a phrase** to say something in a particular way:

Cohen knows how to turn a phrase in his lyrics.

21. **LAND** [transitive] to break up soil so that it is ready for growing crops:

a distant tractor turning the soil

22. **WOOD/METAL** [transitive] to shape a wooden or metal object using a special tool

23. **MILK** [intransitive] *British English* if milk turns, it becomes sour

⇒ **turn a blind eye (to something)** at [↑]blind¹(3), ⇒ **turn the other cheek** at [↑]cheek¹(4), ⇒ **turn full circle** at [↑]circle¹(6), ⇒ **somebody would turn in their grave** at [↑]grave¹(3), ⇒ **not turn a hair** at [↑]hair¹(11), ⇒ **turn your hand to (doing) something** at [↑]hand¹(26), ⇒ **turn over a new leaf** at [↑]leaf¹(3), ⇒ **turn your nose up (at something)** at [↑]nose¹(5), ⇒ **turn your stomach** at [↑]stomach¹(4), ⇒ **turn the tables (on somebody)** at [↑]table¹(5), ⇒ **turn tail** at [↑]tail¹(9)

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THESAURUS (for Meaning 4)

▪ **turn** to move around a central or fixed point: The wheels of the train began to turn.

▪ **go around** (also **go round** *British English*) to turn around a central point. **Go around** is a little more informal than **turn** and is very common in everyday English: When the fan goes around, the warm air is pushed back downwards.

▪ **revolve/rotate** to turn around and around a central point. **Rotate** and **revolve** are more formal than **turn** and sound more technical: The Earth rotates on its axis once every twenty-four hours. | The stage revolves at various points during the performance.

▪ **spin** to turn around many times very quickly: The ice skater began to spin faster and faster.

▪ **whirl** /wɜːl/ to spin around extremely quickly, often in a powerful or uncontrolled way: The blades of the helicopter whirled overhead.

▪ **twirl (around)** to spin around quickly, especially as part of a dance or performance: The couples were twirling around on the dance floor.

▪ **swirl (around)** to move around quickly in a circular movement, especially when the movement goes outwards or upwards from the center: Her white skirt swirled around her legs as she danced. | The leaves began to swirl around.

▪ **spiral** to move in a continuous curve that gets nearer to or further from its central point as it goes around: The smoke spiralled toward the ceiling.

turn (somebody) against somebody/something *phrasal verb*

to stop liking or supporting someone or something, or to make someone do this:

Many people had turned against the war.

Dave felt she was deliberately turning the kids against him.

turn around (also **turn round** *British English*) *phrasal verb*

1. if a business, department etc that is not successful turns around, or if someone turns it around, it starts to be successful:

The company turned around from losses of £1.4 million last year to profits of £26,800.

turn something ↔around

- At Rockwell International he had turned around a badly performing division. ⇒ ↑turnaround
- if a situation, game etc turns around, or if someone turns it around, it changes and starts to develop in the way you want:
 - After I met him, my whole life turned around.

turn something ↔around

- Fender's batting could turn matches around in half an hour.
- turn around and say/do etc something *spoken* to say or do something that is unexpected or that seems unfair or unreasonable:
 - You can't just turn around and say that it was all my fault.

- turn something ↔around to consider an idea, question etc in a different way, or change the words of something so that it has a different meaning:

- Let's turn the whole idea around and look at it from another angle.
- turn something ↔around to complete the process of making a product or providing a service:
 - We can turn around 500 units by next week.
 - every time somebody turns around *spoken* very often or all the time:
 - Every time I turn around he seems to be checking up on me.

turn away *phrasal verb*

- turn somebody ↔away to refuse to let someone enter a place or join an organization, for example because it is full:
 - The show was so popular police had to turn people away.
 - Thousands of applicants are turned away each year.
- turn somebody ↔away to refuse to give someone sympathy, help, or support:
 - Anyone who comes to us will not be turned away.
 - The insurance company has promised not to turn away its existing customers.
- turn (somebody) away from somebody/something to stop supporting someone, or stop using or being interested in something, or to make someone do this:
 - Consumers are turning away from credit cards.
 - events that turned Henry away from his family

turn back *phrasal verb*

- to go back in the direction you came from, or to make someone or something do this:
 - It's getting late – maybe we should turn back.

turn somebody/something ↔back

- The UN convoy was turned back at the border.
- to return to doing something in the way it was done before

turn back to

- The people are turning back to natural resources to survive.
- We've promised to help, and there's no turning back (=you cannot change this)!

⇒ turn back the clock at ↑clock¹(3)

turn somebody/something ↔down *phrasal verb*

- to turn the switch on a machine such as an ↑oven, radio etc so that it produces less heat, sound etc **OPP** turn up:
 - Can you turn the TV down? I'm trying to work.
- to refuse an offer, request, or invitation:
 - They offered her the job but she turned it down.
 - I'm not going to turn down an invitation to go to New York!
 - Josie's already turned him down (=refused his offer of marriage).

turn in *phrasal verb*

- turn something ↔in to give something to a person in authority, especially an illegal weapon or something lost or stolen:
 - The rebels were told to turn in their weapons and ammunition.

turn something ↔in to

- My wallet was turned in to the police two days later.
- turn something ↔in *American English* to give back something you have borrowed or rented **SYN** return:
 - When do the library books have to be turned in?
 - turn in something to produce a particular profit, result etc:
 - Bimec turned in net profits of £2.4 million.
 - Last night the team turned in another dazzling performance.
 - turn somebody ↔in to tell the police who or where a criminal is:
 - Margrove's wife finally turned him in.
 - to go to bed:
 - I think I'll turn in early tonight.

- turn something ↔in *American English* to give a piece of work you have done to a teacher, your employer etc **SYN** hand in *British English*:

- Have you all turned in your homework assignments?

turn (somebody/something) into something *phrasal verb*

- to become something different, or to make someone or something do this:
 - The sofa turns into a bed.
 - A few weeks later, winter had turned into spring.
 - Hollywood discovered her and turned her into a star.
- to change by magic from one thing into another, or to make something do this:

In a flash, the prince turned into a frog.

The witch had turned them all into stone.

3. days turned into weeks/months turned into years etc used to say that time passed slowly while you waited for something to happen:

Weeks turned into months, and still there was no letter.

turn off *phrasal verb*

1. turn something ↔ off to make a machine or piece of electrical equipment such as a television, engine, light etc stop operating by pushing a button, turning a key etc **SYN switch off OPP turn on:**

Don't forget to turn the lights off when you leave.

2. turn something ↔ off to stop the supply of water, gas etc from flowing by turning a handle **OPP turn on:**

They've turned the gas off for a couple of hours.

3. turn off (something) to leave the road you are travelling on and start travelling on another road

turn off (something) at/near etc

I think we should have turned off at the last exit.

turn off the road/motorway etc

Mark turned off the highway and into Provincetown. ⇒ ↑turn-off

4. turn somebody ↔ off to make someone decide they do not like something:

Any prospective buyer will be turned off by the sight of rotting wood. ⇒ ↑turn-off

5. turn somebody ↔ off to make someone feel that they are not attracted to you in a sexual way **OPP turn on:**

Men who stink of beer really turn me off. ⇒ ↑turn-off

turn on *phrasal verb*

1. turn something ↔ on to make a machine or piece of electrical equipment such as a television, engine, light etc start operating by pushing a button, turning a key etc **SYN switch on OPP turn off:**

Jake turned on his computer and checked his mail.

2. turn something ↔ on to make the supply of water, gas etc start flowing from something by turning a handle **OPP turn off:**

He turned on the gas and lit the stove.

'I'm thirsty,' she said, turning on the tap.

3. turn on somebody also **turn upon somebody** to suddenly attack someone, using physical violence or unpleasant words:

Peter turned on Rae and screamed, 'Get out of my sight!'

4. turn on something also **turn upon something** if a situation, event, argument etc turns on a particular thing or idea, it depends on that thing:

As usual, everything turned on how much money was available.

5. turn somebody on to make someone feel sexually excited:

The way he looked at her really turned her on. ⇒ ↑turn-on

6. turn somebody on to interest someone, or to make someone become interested in something:

Science fiction just doesn't turn me on.

turn somebody on to

It was Walter who turned me on to vegetarian food.

7. turn on the charm also **turn it on** to suddenly start to be very nice, amusing, and interesting, especially in a way that is not sincere:

Simon was good at turning on the charm at parties.

turn out *phrasal verb*

1. to happen in a particular way, or to have a particular result, especially one that you did not expect

turn out well/badly/fine etc

It was a difficult time, but eventually things turned out all right.

To my surprise, it turned out that I was wrong.

As it turned out (=used to say what happened in the end), he passed the exam quite easily.

turn out to be something

That guy turned out to be Maria's second cousin.

2. turn the light out to stop the flow of electricity to a light by pressing a switch, pulling a string etc:

Don't forget to turn out the lights when you go!

3. if a lot of people turn out for an event, they go to watch it or take part in it

turn out for

About 70% of the population turned out for the election.

turn out to do something

Thousands turned out to watch yesterday's match against Ireland. ⇒ ↑turnout

4. turn somebody ↔ out to force someone to leave a place permanently, especially their home:

If you can't pay the rent, they turn you out.

5. turn something ↔ out to produce or make something:

The factory turns out 300 units a day.

6. well/beautifully/badly etc turned out dressed in good, beautiful etc clothes:

elegantly turned-out young ladies

7. turn something ↔ out

a) to empty something completely by taking out the contents:

The policeman made him turn out his pockets.

b) British English to take out everything in a room, drawer etc and clean the room etc thoroughly:

Lea decided to turn out the attic.

turn over *phrasal verb*

1. **turn something over to somebody** to give someone the right to own something, or to make someone responsible for dealing with something:

▪ He'll turn the shop over to his son when he retires.

turn the matter/problem/responsibility etc over to somebody

▪ I'm turning the project over to you.

2. **turn something over to something** to use land, a building etc for a different purpose:

▪ There is a new plan to turn the land over to wind farming.

3. **turn somebody over to somebody** to take a criminal to the police or another official organization:

▪ Suspected terrorists are immediately turned over to the law.

4. **turn over something** if a business turns over a particular amount of money, it earns that amount in a particular period of time:

▪ Within ten years the theme park was turning over £20 million. ⇒ **↑turnover**

5. if an engine turns over, or if someone turns it over, it starts to work:

▪ The engine turned over twice and then stopped.

6. **British English** to turn a page in a book or a sheet of paper to the opposite side:

▪ Turn over and look at the next page.

7. **British English** to change to another **↑channel** on a television:

▪ Can we turn over? There's a film I want to see.

8. **turn something over British English** to search a place thoroughly or steal things from it, making it very untidy:

▪ Burglars had been in and turned the whole house over.

⇒ **turn over a new leaf** at **↑leaf**¹(3), ⇒ **turn something over in your mind** at **↑mind**¹(17)

turn round phrasal verb British English

⇒ **↑turn around**

turn to somebody/something phrasal verb

1. to try to get help, advice, or sympathy from someone:

▪ I don't know who to turn to.

▪ The Namibian government turned to South Africa for help.

2. to start to do or use something new, especially as a way of solving a problem:

▪ Many people here are turning to solar power.

turn to drink/crime/drugs etc

▪ addicts who turn to crime to finance their habit

3. **turn (something) to something** to become a different quality, attitude, form of a substance etc, or to make something do this:

▪ Our laughter turned to horror as we realized that Jody was really hurt.

▪ When water turns to steam, it expands.

▪ A sudden storm turned the earth to mud.

4. to look at a particular page in a book:

▪ Turn to page 655 for more information.

turn up phrasal verb

1. **turn something ↔ up** to turn a switch on a machine such as an **↑oven**, radio etc so that it produces more heat, sound etc **OPP**

turn down:

▪ Turn the oven up to 220.

▪ Turn up the radio!

2. to be found, especially by chance, after having been lost or searched for:

▪ Eventually my watch turned up in a coat pocket.

3. to arrive at a place, especially in a way that is unexpected:

▪ You can't just turn up and expect a meal.

turn up late/early/on time etc

▪ Steve turned up late, as usual.

4. if an opportunity or situation turns up, it happens, especially when you are not expecting it:

▪ Don't worry, I'm sure a job will turn up soon.

5. **turn something ↔ up** to find something by searching for it thoroughly:

▪ The police investigation hasn't turned up any new evidence.

6. **turn something ↔ up British English** to shorten a skirt, trousers etc by folding up the bottom and sewing it

⇒ **turn up trumps** at **↑trump**¹(4)

turn upon somebody/something phrasal verb formal

1. to suddenly attack someone, using physical violence or unpleasant words **SYN turn on**

2. if a situation, event, argument etc turns upon a particular thing or idea, it depends on that thing **SYN turn on:**

▪ The court case turned upon a technicality of company law.

II. **turn**² **S1 W1 BrE** **AmE** **noun**

[Word Family: noun: **↑turn**, **↑upturn**, **↑turning**; verb: **↑turn**, **↑overturn**; adjective: **↑upturned**]

1. **CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING [countable]** the time when it is your chance, duty, or right to do something that each person in a group is doing one after the other **SYN go British English**

turn to do something

▪ Whose turn is it to set the table?

▪ It's your turn. Roll the dice.

▪ I think it's our turn to drive the kids to school this week.

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In everyday English, people often say that it is someone's **go** in a game rather than **turn**:

▪ Whose go is it now?

- Wait until it's your go.
2. **take turns** (also **take it in turns**) *British English* if two or more people take turns doing work, using something etc, they do it one after the other, for example in order to share the work or play fairly:
 - You'll have to take turns on the swing.

take turns doing something

 - The students were taking turns reading aloud.

take turns in doing something *British English*:

 - We took turns in pushing the bike along.

take turns to do something

 - Dan and I usually take turns to cook.
 3. **in turn**
 - a) as a result of something:
 - Interest rates were cut and, in turn, share prices rose.
 - b) one after the other, especially in a particular order:
 - Each of us in turn had to describe how alcohol had affected our lives.
 4. **ROAD** [countable]
 - a) *American English* a place where one road goes in a different direction from the one you are on **SYN turning** *British English*:
 - According to the map we missed our turn back there.

take the first/a wrong etc turn (=go along the first etc road)

 - I think we took a wrong turn coming out of town.
 - Take the second turn on the left.
 - b) a curve in a road, path etc:
 - There's a sharp turn coming up ahead.
 5. **CHANGE DIRECTION** [countable] a change in the direction you are moving

make a left/right turn

 - Make a left turn at the station.
 6. **CHANGE IN EVENTS** [countable] a sudden or unexpected change that makes a situation develop in a different way

take a dramatic/fresh/different etc turn

 - From then on, our fortunes took a downward turn.
 - My career had already taken a new turn.
 - The President was stunned by the sudden turn of events.

take a turn for the worse/better

 - Two days after the operation, Dad took a turn for the worse.
 7. **the turn of the century/year** the beginning of a new century or year:
 - the short period from the turn of the century until World War One
 8. **at every turn** happening again and again, especially in an annoying way:
 - problems that presented themselves at every turn
 9. **ACT OF TURNING SOMETHING** [countable] the act of turning something completely around a fixed point:
 - I gave the screw another two or three turns.
 10. **by turns** changing from one quality, feeling etc to another:
 - By turns, a 14 year old is affectionate then aggressive, silent then outspoken.
 11. **turn of phrase**
 - a) the ability to say things in a clever or funny way:
 - Kate has a colourful turn of phrase.
 - b) a particular way of saying something **SYN expression**:
 - What a strange turn of phrase!
 12. **speak/talk out of turn** to say something you should not say in a particular situation, especially because you do not have enough authority to say it:
 - I'm sorry if I spoke out of turn, Major Karr.
 13. **do somebody a good/bad turn** to do something that is helpful or unhelpful for someone:
 - You did me a good turn by driving Max home last night.
 14. **one good turn deserves another** used to say that if someone does something nice for you, you should do something nice for them
 15. **turn of mind** the particular way that someone usually thinks or feels

an academic/practical etc turn of mind

 - youngsters with an independent turn of mind
 16. **on the turn** *British English*
 - a) if the [↑]tide is on the turn, the sea is starting to come in or go out
 - b) starting to change, or in the process of changing:
 - Hopefully my luck was on the turn.
 - c) if milk, fish, or other food is on the turn, it is no longer fresh
 17. **turn of speed** *British English* a sudden increase in your speed, or the ability to increase your speed suddenly:
 - He's a top goalkicker with a surprising turn of speed.
 18. **done to a turn** *British English* to be perfectly cooked
 19. **take a turn in/on etc something** *old-fashioned* to walk somewhere for pleasure
 20. **give somebody a turn** *old-fashioned* to frighten someone
 21. **have a turn** *British English old-fashioned* to feel slightly ill

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