

reverse**1. [rɪˈvɜːs] n**

1. обратное, противоположное (*чему-л.*); противоположность
quite /very much/ the reverse - нечто противоположное/обратное/
the reverse of what we expected - противоположному, что мы ожидали
we are the reverse of being friends - мы не только не друзья, а совсем наоборот
2. 1) обратная сторона (*медали, монеты*); реверс
reverse of a coin - решка
- 2) оборотная сторона листа
on the reverse of the cover [of this page] - на обороте обложки [этой страницы]
- 3) противоположная сторона (*горы и т. п.*)
3. поворот в противоположную сторону (*в танце*)
4. 1) поражение, провал
- 2) неудача, превратность
the reverses of fortune - превратности судьбы
to suffer /to meet with/ a reverse - потерпеть неудачу
to have /to experience/ reverses - понести денежные потери
5. *тех.*
- 1) реверс
- 2) реверсирование
6. *эл.* переполюсование, перемена полярности
◇ in reverse - а) наоборот, ≅ роли переменились; б) задним ходом; в) в тылу
to take the enemy in reverse - атаковать противника с тыла

2. [rɪˈvɜːs] a

1. 1) обратный, противоположный перевернутый
the reverse side - обратная сторона
in reverse order - в обратном порядке
by the reverse method - прямо противоположным способом
- 2) противоположный направленный в обратную сторону (*о движении*)
reverse movement - движение в обратную сторону
in reverse gear - задним ходом
2. расположенный сзади
3. *воен.* тыльный
reverse battery - батарея, ведущая огонь с тыла

3. [rɪˈvɜːs] adv

противоположным образом

4. [rɪˈvɜːs] v

1. 1) менять (на противоположный); полностью изменять
to reverse the normal order - изменить нормальный /обычный/ порядок на обратный, поменять местами
to reverse a policy - круто изменить политику
their positions are reversed - они поменялись ролями
- 2) обращать
to reverse the procedure - *спец.* обратить процедуру
2. перевёртывать, вывёртывать, переставлять, опрокидывать
to reverse arms - *воен.* брать оружие в положение прикладом вверх
3. 1) поворачивать обратно
- 2) давать обратный ход (*двигателю*), реверсировать
- 3) давать задний ход
to reverse one's car into the garage - задним ходом поставить автомобиль в гараж
4. 1) вращаться в противоположном направлении
- 2) танцевать *особ.* вальсировать, кружась в левую сторону
5. *юр.* отменять, аннулировать
to reverse a sentence - отменить приговор
to reverse the decision of a lower court - аннулировать решение нижней судебной инстанции
6. *эл.* переполюсовывать, менять полярность
◇ to reverse one's field - а) направиться в обратную сторону; повернуть назад; б) *воен.* изменить направление наступления

reverse

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re-verse AW [reverse reverses reversed reversing] verb, noun, adjective BrE

[rɪˈvɜːs] NAmE [rɪˈvɜːrʃ]

verb

CHANGE TO OPPOSITE

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to change sth completely so that it is the opposite of what it was before
 - to reverse a procedure/process/trend
 - The government has failed to reverse the economic decline.
 - It is sometimes possible to arrest or reverse the disease.
2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to change a previous decision, law, etc. to the opposite one

Syn: ↑revoke

- The Court of Appeal reversed the decision.
 - The policy is likely to be reversed if there is a change of government
 - to reverse a judgement
- 3. transitive ~ sth** to turn sth the opposite way around or change the order of sth around
- Writing is reversed in a mirror.
 - You should reverse the order of these pages.

EXCHANGE TWO THINGS

- 4. transitive ~ sth** to exchange the positions or functions of two things
- It felt as if we had reversed our roles of parent and child.
 - She used to work for me, but our situations are now reversed

YOURSELF

- 5. transitive ~ yourself (on sth) (NAme)** to admit you were wrong or to stop having a particular position in an argument
- He has reversed himself on a dozen issues.

VEHICLE

- 6. intransitive, transitive (especially BrE)** when a vehicle or its driver reverses or the driver reverses a vehicle, the vehicle goes backwards
- He reversed around the corner.
 - She reversed into a parking space.
 - Caution! This truck is reversing
 - ~ sth Now reverse the car.

compare ↑back v.

TELEPHONE CALL

- 7. transitive ~ (the) charges (BrE)** to make a telephone call that will be paid for by the person you are calling, not by you
- I want to reverse the charges, please.

see also ↑collect adj.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	reverse
	BrE /rɪˈvɜːs/
	NAme /rɪˈvɜːrs/
he / she / it	reverses
	BrE /rɪˈvɜːsɪz/
	NAme /rɪˈvɜːrsɪz/
past simple, past participle	reversed
	BrE /rɪˈvɜːst/
	NAme /rɪˈvɜːrst/
-ing form	reversing
	BrE /rɪˈvɜːsɪŋ/
	NAme /rɪˈvɜːrsɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

reverse verb

1. T (especially written)

- Nothing can reverse the economic decline.

undo •

reverse/undo **effect/damage /reforms/years of hard work, neglect, etc.**

completely reverse/undo sth

2. T

- The Court of Appeal reversed the decision.

override • • **overrule** • • **set sth aside** • |written **quash** • |especially journalism **overturn** •

reverse/override/overrule/set aside/quash/overturn a **decision**

reverse/override/quash/overturn a **ban**

reverse/set aside/quash/overturn a **conviction/verdict**

3. T

- They reversed the traditional roles of husband and wife.

switch • • **swap/swop** • • **exchange** • • **change** •

reverse/switch/swap/exchange **A and B**

reverse/switch/swap/exchange **roles**

Example Bank:

- He reversed slowly out of the garage.
- She carefully reversed the lorry up the narrow driveway.
- The car reversed into a hedge.

- The decline in this industry has now been completely reversed
- To solve the puzzle, simply reverse the order of the numbers.
- Falling birth rates may reverse the trend towards early retirement.
- The policy is likely to be reversed if there is a change of government

Idioms: †go something into reverse ▪ †in reverse

noun

OPPOSITE

1. the reverse singular the opposite of what has just been mentioned

- This problem is the reverse of the previous one.
- Although I expected to enjoy living in the country, in fact **the reverse is true** .
- In the south, the reverse applies.
- It wasn't easy to persuade her to come— **quite the reverse** .

BACK

2. the reverse singular the back of a coin, piece of material, piece of paper, etc

- The coin has the queen's head stamped on the reverse.

IN VEHICLE

3. (also re,verse 'gear) uncountable the machinery in a vehicle used to make it move backwards

- Put the car **in/into reverse** .

LOSS/DEFEAT

4. countable (formal) a loss or defeat; a change from success to failure

Syn: †setback

- Property values have suffered another reverse
- a damaging political reverse

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Thesaurus:

the

reverse noun sing. (especially written)

- They don't enjoy life in the country— quite the reverse.

opposite • • **the contrary** • • **contrast** •

be the reverse/the opposite/a contrast

do the reverse/opposite/contrary

quite the reverse/opposite/contrary/**quite a contrast**

Example Bank:

- I put the car in reverse.
- If you tell children to do something, they will often do the exact reverse.
- The coin has a date on one side and the emperor's head on the reverse.
- Their forces have suffered serious reverses in recent months.

adjective only before noun

OPPOSITE

1. opposite to what has been mentioned

- to travel in the reverse direction
- The winners were announced **in reverse order** (= the person in the lowest place was announced first) .
- The experiment had the reverse effect to what was intended.

BACK

2. opposite to the front

- Iron the garment on the reverse side.

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Thesaurus:

reverse adj. only before noun

- The winners were announced in reverse order.

opposite • • **inverse** • • **contrary** •

the reverse/opposite **order/direction/side/effect**

Example Bank:

- On the reverse side of the medal is a coat of arms.
- One year later she made the same journey in the reverse direction.
- The winners were announced in reverse order.

reverse

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I. reverse¹ W3 AC /rɪˈvɜːs/ \$-3rɪs BrE^u AmE^u verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑reversal, ↑reverse; adjective: ↑reverse, ↑reversible ≠ ↑irreversible; verb: ↑reverse]

1. **OPPOSITE** [transitive] to change something, such as a decision, judgment, or process so that it is the opposite of what it was before

reverse a decision/verdict/policy etc

“ The decision was reversed on appeal.

reverse a trend/process/decline etc

“ More changes are required to reverse the trend towards centralised power.

2. **CAR** [intransitive and transitive] especially British English if a vehicle or its driver reverses, they go backwards **SYN** back up American English

reverse out of/into etc

“ Bob reversed into a parking space.

reverse something into/out of something

“ I reversed the car into a side road.

3. **CHANGE POSITION/PURPOSE** [transitive] to change around the usual order of the parts of something, or the usual things two people do **SYN** swap

reverse roles/positions

“ Our roles as child and guardian had now been reversed.

4. **TURN SOMETHING OVER** [transitive] to turn something over or around, in order to show the back of it:

“ Reverse the paper in the printer.

5. **reverse yourself** American English to change your opinion or position in an argument:

“ Suddenly, he reversed himself completely.

6. **reverse the charges** British English to make a telephone call which is paid for by the person you are telephoning **SYN** call collect American English

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

- **reverse a decision/ruling** The Supreme Court reversed the decision.
- **reverse your position** (=change your opinion or attitude) He spoke in favor of the bill, reversing his previous position.
- **reverse a policy** She is pressing the government to reverse its policy.
- **reverse a trend** Immigration has increased sharply and reversing this trend will be extremely difficult.
- **reverse a decline** His policies had reversed the decline in the economy.
- **reverse a process** We cannot reverse the ageing process.
- **reverse the effects of something** Hair conditioner can't reverse the damaging effects of colouring and perming.

II. reverse² AC BrE^u AmE^u noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑reversal, ↑reverse; adjective: ↑reverse, ↑reversible ≠ ↑irreversible; verb: ↑reverse]

1. **OPPOSITE the reverse** the exact opposite of what has just been mentioned

quite/just/precisely/exactly the reverse

“ I didn't mean to insult her – quite the reverse (=in fact, I meant to praise her).

“ I owe you nothing. If anything, the reverse is true (=you owe me).

2. **in reverse** in the opposite way to normal or to the previous situation ⇒ **vice versa**:

“ US video recorders cannot play European tapes, and the same applies in reverse.

3. **go into reverse/put something into reverse** to start to happen or to make something happen in the opposite way:

“ The incident threatened to put the peace process into reverse.

4. **CAR** [uncountable] the position of the ↑gears in a vehicle that makes it go backwards

into/in reverse

“ Put the car into reverse.

5. **DEFEAT** [countable] formal a defeat or a problem that delays your plans **SYN** setback:

“ Losing the Senate vote was a serious reverse for the President.

6. **OTHER SIDE** [singular] the less important side or the back of an object that has two sides

on the reverse

“ The British ten-pence coin has a lion on the reverse.

III. reverse³ AC BrE^u AmE^u adjective [only before noun]

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: revers, from Latin reversus, past participle of revertere ⇒ ↑revert]

1. **reverse order/situation/process etc** the opposite order etc to what is usual or to what has just been stated:

“ The results were read out in reverse order (=with the worst first and the best last).

2. **the reverse side** the back of something

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reverse 8646

reversal 2298

reversed 3663

reverses 553

reversible 554

reversing 1147

reversals 451

irreversible 1027

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