

**spin**

I

[spin] *v* (*spun, span; spun*)

1. прясть, сучить; скручивать (*нити*)  
wool spun by hand [at home] - шерсть ручного [домашнего] прядения  
cotton is spun into thread, thread is spun out of cotton - нитки прядутся из хлопка
2. прясть, плести (*о пауке, шелковичном черве и т. п.*)  
to spin a cocoon - заплести /спрясть/ кокон
3. составлять, стряпать (*тж. spin out*)  
to spin intrigues - плести интриги  
to spin stories /a yarn/, *сл.* to spin a cuffer /a diffy/ - плести /сочинять/ небылицы, рассказывать невероятные истории

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1. [spin] *n*

- 1) кружение, верчение, вращение  
a spin of a top - вращение волчка  
to give a coin a spin - крутануть монету  
to put a lot of spin on a ball - сильно «закрутить» мяч (*теннис*)
- 2) вращение (*фигурное катание*)  
airplane spin - а) вращение в положении «ласточка»; б) «либела»  
combined /double/ spin - парное вращение  
cross-foot spin - вращение «винт» /«штопор»/  
one foot spin - пируэт  
sit spin - «волчок», нижнее вращение
2. *разг.* замешательство, волнение  
flat spin - паника
3. 1) *ав.* штопор  
spin recovery - выход из штопора  
to go into a spin - войти в штопор
- 2) резкое, угрожающее падение  
steel prices went into a spin - цены на сталь резко упали /всё время снижаются/
4. *австрал.* судьба; удача или неудача
5. *физ.* спин
6. *дор.* занос (*автомобиля при торможении; тж. spin skidding*)

2. [spin] *v* (*spun, span; spun*)

- 1) 1) крутить, вертеть, кружить  
to spin a top - (за)пускать волчок  
to spin a coin on the table - крутануть монету на столе  
to spin the prop - *ав. разг.* запустить двигатель  
to spin the ball - «закрутить» мяч
- 2) крутиться, вертеться, кружиться; описывать круги  
to send one spinning - отбросить кого-л. ударом  
my head spins - у меня голова кругом идёт  
the room seemed to spin round - комната поплыла у меня перед глазами  
he spun upon his heel and went out - он повернулся на каблук и вышел
2. *ав.*
- 1) выполнять штопор
- 2) входить в штопор  
to spin in - врезаться в землю при штопоре  
to spin off - выходить из штопора
3. *сл.* проваливать на экзамене
4. *рыб.* ловить рыбу на блесну, на спиннинг

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1. [spin] *n*

1. струя быстро текущей жидкости
2. 1) быстрая езда
- 2) непродолжительная прогулка или поездка (*на автомобиле, велосипеде и т. п.*)  
to go for a spin in a car [on a bicycle] - прокатиться в автомобиле [на велосипеде]

2. [spin] *v* (*spun, span; spun*)

1. быстро течь, литься, бить струёй
2. быстро двигаться, нестись, быстро ехать (*в автомобиле, на велосипеде и т. п.*)
3. быстро проходить, кончаться (*тж. spin away*)  
his money spins - деньги у него расходятся быстро  
time spins away - время летит незаметно

**spin**

**spin** [spin spins spun spinning] *verb, noun* *BrE* [spin] <sup>m</sup> *NAme* [spin] <sup>m</sup>  
*verb* (spin-ning, spun, spun *BrE* [spɪn] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAme* [spɪn] <sup>m</sup> )

**1. intransitive, transitive** to turn round and round quickly; to make sth do this

- (+ **adv./prep.**) The plane was spinning out of control.
- a spinning ice skater
- My head is spinning (= I feel as if my head is going around and I can't balance) .
- His theories on economics are enough to make your head spin (= make you feel very confused) .
- ~ **(round/around)** The dancers spun round and round.
- ~ **sth (round/around)** to spin a ball/coin/wheel
- We placed our bets and the croupier spun the roulette wheel.

**2. intransitive, transitive ~ (sb) round/around | + adv./prep.** to turn round quickly once; to make sb do this

- He spun around to face her.
- She spun on her heel and walked out.

**MAKE THREAD**

**3. intransitive, transitive** to make thread from wool, cotton, silk, etc. by twisting it

- She sat by the window spinning.
- ~ **sth** to spin and knit wool
- ~ **A into B** spinning silk into thread
- ~ **B from A** spinning thread from silk

**OF SPIDER/SILKWORM**

**4. transitive ~ sth** to produce thread from its body to make a web or ↑cocoon

- a spider spinning a web
- A silkworm spins a cocoon that can yield 800 metres of pure silk.

**DRIVE/TRAVEL QUICKLY**

**5. intransitive + adv./prep.** to drive or travel quickly

- They went spinning along the roads on their bikes.

**DRY CLOTHES**

**6. transitive ~ sth** to remove the water from clothes that have just been washed, in a ↑spin dryer

**PRESENT INFORMATION**

**7. transitive ~ sth (as sth)** to present information or a situation in a particular way, especially one that makes you or your ideas seem good

- An aide was already spinning the senator's defeat as 'almost as good as an outright win'.

**more at** turn/spin on your heel **at** ↑heel n.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	spin
	BrE /spɪn/
	NAmE /spɪn/
he / she /it	spins
	BrE /spɪnz/
	NAmE /spɪnz/
past simple, past participle	spun
	BrE /spɪn/
	NAmE /spɪn/
-ing form	spinning
	BrE /'spɪnɪŋ/
	NAmE /'spɪnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

**spin verb**

**1. I, T**

- The dancers spun round and round.

**turn • • rotate • • revolve • • circle • • roll • • swivel • • orbit • • twist • |especially spoken go around/round (sth) • |written whirl • • twirl •**

spin/turn/rotate/revolve/circle/roll/orbit/go/whirl **round/around** (sth)

spin/turn/rotate/revolve/circle/swivel **on** sth

spin/turn/rotate/circle/whirl **faster (and faster)**

**2. I, T** (always used with an adverb or preposition)

- She spun on her heel and walked out.

**turn • • turn (sb/sth) round/around • • swing • • twist • • pivot • |written whirl • • wheel • • swivel •**

spin/turn/swing/twist/pivot/whirl/wheel/swivel **round/around**

spin/turn/swing/whirl/wheel/swivel **back/away**

spin/turn/turn around/swing/twist/whirl around/wheel/swivel **to face** sb/sth

Example Bank:

- She spun on her heel and walked out of the room.
- The Earth spins on its axis once every 24 hours.
- The blade spins very fast.
- The car spun out of control.
- The dinghy spun like a top and a huge wave came at me.
- The wheel can now spin freely.
- The wine made my head spin.
- He spun the child roughly around.
- Jo spun the chair round.
- My head was spinning.
- She spun round to see him grinning at her.
- She spun the roulette wheel one last time.
- Spin your partner around.
- The Earth spins around a central axis.
- They spun a coin to see who should go first.

Idioms: ↑in a spin ▪ spin a yarn/tale

Derived ↑spin off ▪ ↑spin something off ▪ ↑spin something out

noun

### FAST TURNING MOVEMENT

1. **countable, uncountable** a very fast turning movement

- the earth's spin
- the spin of a wheel
- The dance was full of twists and spins.
- Give the washing a short spin.
- We calculated the rate of spin.

2. **countable, usually singular** if an aircraft goes into a spin, it falls and turns round rapidly

### IN CAR

3. **countable** (informal, becoming old-fashioned) a short ride in a car for pleasure

- Let's **go for a spin**.
- He asked if he could take the car for a spin.

### IN TENNIS/CRICKET

4. **uncountable** the way you make a ball turn very fast when you throw it or hit it

- She puts a lot of spin on the ball.
- a **spin bowler** (= in ↑cricket, a ↑bowler who uses spin)

**see also** ↑topspin

### ON INFORMATION

5. **singular, uncountable** (informal) a way of presenting information or a situation in a particular way, especially one that makes you or your ideas seem good

- Politicians put their own spin on the economic situation.

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#### Example Bank:

- Give the clothes another spin.
- He had to stop the helicopter from going into a spin.
- How do you put more spin on the ball?
- She's put a whole new spin on the theme of corporate greed.
- The chairman tried to put a positive spin on the closure of the factory.
- The film retells the famous legend with a Marxist spin.
- The president's death sent the stock market into a spin.
- We stopped the washing machine before the spin cycle.
- government spin doctors
- the government's spin machine
- He lost everything on the spin of a roulette wheel.
- Only in the last 50 years have we had clocks accurate enough to measure changes in the earth's spin.

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1. **spin**<sup>1</sup> **S3** /spɪn/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *verb* (past tense and past participle **spun** /spʌn/, present participle **spinning**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: spinnan]

1. **TURN AROUND** [**intransitive and transitive**] to turn around and around very quickly, or to make something do this:

- The plane's propellers were spinning.

## spin (something/somebody) around

She grabbed Norm's arm and spun him around to face her.

2. **sb's head is spinning** (also **the room is spinning**) if your head or the room is spinning, you feel as if you might faint (=become unconscious) because you are shocked, excited, or drunk:

I was pouring with sweat, and my head was spinning.

The room started to spin.

3. **SITUATION/INFORMATION** [transitive] to describe a situation or information in a way that is intended to influence the way people think about it – used especially about what politicians or business people do:

Supporters attempted to spin the bill's defeat to their advantage.

4. **spin a tale/story/yarn** to tell a story, especially using a lot of imagination:

She spun a story about a trip to Athens to meet one of the authors.

5. **WOOL/COTTON** [intransitive and transitive] to make cotton, wool etc into thread by twisting it

6. **DRIVE** [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] *written* to drive or travel quickly **SYN speed**

**spin past/along etc**

Barbara spun past in her new sports car.

7. **spin your wheels** *American English* to continue trying to do something without having any success:

I felt like I was just spinning my wheels trying to make him understand.

8. **WET CLOTHES** [transitive] *British English* to get water out of clothes using a machine after you have washed them

9. **INSECT** [transitive] if a spider or insect spins a web or cocoon, it produces thread to make it

**spin off** *phrasal verb*

to make part of a company into a separate and partly independent company, or to become a separate company

**spin something ↔ off**

At the time of the merger, Loral spun off its space divisions into a separate firm.

**spin off from**

Lucent spun off from AT&T several years ago.

⇒ ↑spin-off(2)

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## THESAURUS

▪ **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.

**spin out** *phrasal verb*

1. **spin something ↔ out** *British English* to make something continue for longer than is necessary **SYN drag out**:

I'm paid by the hour, so I spin the work out as long as I can.

2. **spin something ↔ out** *British English* to use money, food etc as carefully and slowly as possible, because you do not have very much of it

**spin something ↔ out over**

I've only got £10 left, so we'll have to spin it out over the whole week.

3. *American English* if a car spins out, the driver loses control of it and the car spins around

## II. spin<sup>2</sup> *BrE* *AmE* noun

1. **TURNING** [countable] an act of turning around quickly:

the Earth's spin

The Russian skater finished her routine with a series of spins.

2. **CAR** [singular] *informal* a short trip in a car for pleasure **SYN drive**:

Let's go for a spin in the country.

Do you want to take my car for a spin?

3. **BALL** [uncountable] if you put spin on a ball in a game such as tennis or cricket, you deliberately make the ball turn very quickly so that it is difficult for your opponent to hit

4. **INFORMATION** [singular, uncountable] the way someone, especially a politician or business person, talks about information or a situation, especially in order to influence the way people think about it:

They tried to put a positive spin on the sales figures. ⇒ ↑spin doctor

5. **AIRCRAFT** [singular] if an aircraft goes into a spin, it falls suddenly, turning around and around

6. **in/into a (flat) spin** if you are in a spin, you are very confused and anxious:

The sudden fall on the stock market sent brokers into a spin.

7. **WET CLOTHES give something a spin** *British English* to turn clothes around very fast in a machine to remove water from them

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