

**diversion**

[daɪˈvɜːʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) отклонение, отход  
2) уклонение; отступление
2. отвлечение  
diversion of the mind (from smth.) - отвлечение внимания (от чего-л.)  
to create /to make/ a diversion - создать отвлекающий фактор  
to seek diversion from smth. - пытаться отвлечься
3. развлечение, забава  
cultural diversions - культурные развлечения  
indoor diversions - развлечения /игры/ в помещении  
outdoor diversions - игры на открытом воздухе  
the diversions of youth - утехи /проказы/ молодости
4. 1) отвод  
diversion of traffic - отвод движения в сторону  
diversion of a stream from its channel - изменение русла потока  
diversion channel - деривационный канал; отводной канал  
diversion ditch - отводная канава  
2) обходное направление
5. **воен.** ложная атака, отвлекающий удар

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**di·ver·sion** [diversion diversions] *BrE* [daɪˈvɜːʃən] *NAmE* [daɪˈvɜːrʃən] *noun*

1. **countable, uncountable** the act of changing the direction that sb/sth is following, or what sth is used for
    - a river diversion project
    - We made a short diversion to go and look at the castle.
    - the diversion of funds from the public to the private sector of industry
  2. **countable** something that takes your attention away from sb/sth while sth else is happening
    - For the government, the war was a welcome diversion from the country's economic problems.
    - A smoke bomb **created a diversion** while the robbery took place.
  3. **countable** (*BrE*) (*NAmE* **de-tour**) a road or route that is used when the usual one is closed
    - Diversions will be signposted.
  4. **countable** (*formal*) an activity that is done for pleasure, especially because it takes your attention away from sth else
- Syn:** ↑*distraction*
- The party will make a pleasant diversion.
  - The city is full of diversions.
- See also:** ↑*detour*

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from late Latin *diversio(n-)*, from Latin *divertere* 'turn aside', from *di-* 'aside' + *vertere* 'to turn'.

Example Bank:

- From Poiso we make a short diversion to drive to the top of the mountain.
- TV provided a welcome diversion from our routine.
- The cinema provided a welcome diversion from camp routine.
- The fire was started to create a diversion, allowing some prisoners to escape.
- The main road is now closed and diversions are in operation.
- The party would make a pleasant diversion in his rather dull social life.
- The pilot set the aircraft up for a diversion to the nearest suitable airfield.
- The road will be closed for two days; diversions have been signposted.
- the diversion of water from the river into the reservoir
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**di·ver·sion** /daɪˈvɜːʃən, də-ʃ-ɜːrən/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun*

1. [**uncountable and countable**] a change in the direction or use of something, or the act of changing it  
**diversion of**
  - the diversion of the river
  - the diversion of funds into the military budget
2. [**uncountable and countable**] an enjoyable activity that you do to stop yourself from becoming bored
3. [**countable**] something that stops you from paying attention to what you are doing or what is happening:  
Two prisoners **created a diversion** to give the men time to escape.
4. [**countable**] *British English* a different way that traffic is sent when the usual roads are closed

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