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1. [raʊnd] *n*

## 1. 1) шар

this earthly round - *поэт.* Земля

## 2) небесный свод

## 2. 1) круг, предмет, имеющий форму круга

2) ломтик (хлеба *и т. п.*)

a round of toast - гренок

two rounds of ham and one of beef - два бутерброда с ветчиной и один с говядиной

## 3. окружность, кольцо

to dance in a round - двигаться по кругу (*о танцующих*)

## 4. круговое движение; кругооборот; круговорот

the earth's yearly round - годовое вращение Земли

5. 1) *часто pl* обход

doctor's round - обход врачом больных

the night watchman makes his rounds every hour - ночной сторож совершает обход каждый час

to go /to make/ the round of - совершать обход [*см. тж.* ◇ ]

2) *воен.* проверка караулов

## 6. прогулка, поездка

to make a round of the country - совершить поездку по стране

## 7. 1) ряд; цикл; серия

the daily round - повседневные дела

a round of pleasures - вихрь удовольствий

a round of duties - круг обязанностей

to make a round of visits - нанести ряд визитов

the whole round of knowledge - весь цикл знаний

## 2) тур, этап

second round - второй тур (*выборов и т. п.*)

3) раунд, тур (*переговоров*)8. круг, группа (*людей*)

a round of politicians - группа политических деятелей

## 9. = round dance

## 10. (the round) круглая скульптура

## 11. огузок и кострец

## 12. очередная порция спиртного

they had another round - они выпили ещё по одной

this round is on me - моя очередь платить (*за вино*)

13. 1) *спорт.* игра, партия, тур игры

to have a round of cards [of golf] - сыграть партию в карты [в гольф]

2) пулька (*фехтование*)3) схватка, раунд (*бокс*)14. *воен.* выстрел; патрон

round of ammunition - патрон, комплект выстрела

15. взрыв (*аплодисментов и т. п.*)

a round of cheers [of applause] - несмолкаемые аплодисменты, овация

16. круглая ступенька (*стремянки*)17. *реакт.* снаряд

ballistic round - баллистический снаряд

18. *горн.* комплект шпуров

◇ honour round - *спорт.* круг почёта

to go /to make/ the round of - циркулировать (*о слухах и т. п.*); переходить из уст в уста [*см. тж.* 5, 1])

the news quickly went the round of the village - новость облетела всю деревню

in the round - а) объёмный; б) видный со всех сторон; всесторонне показанный *или* описанный

2. [raʊnd] *a*

## 1. круглый; шарообразный, сферический

as round as a ball - круглый как шар

the round world - земной шар

round hand /text/ - а) круглый почерк; б) *полигр.* шрифт рондо

round shoulders /back/ - сутулость

round brackets - круглые скобки

round timber - *лес.* кругляк

round arch - *архит.* полукруглая арка

## 2. полный, пухлый, с округлыми формами

round cheeks - пухлые щёки

round arms - полные руки

## 3. круговой

round game - игра в карты, в которой каждый играет за себя

round towel - полотенце на ролике

4. 1) грубый, приблизительный(о сумме *и т. п.*)

his year's profit was about \$5000 as a round figure - его годовой доход составлял приблизительно 5000 долларов

2) круглый (о числе)

a round figure - круглая цифра/-ое число/

a round guess - подсчёт с округлением, приблизительный подсчёт

3) целый, без дробей (о числе)

4) **эмоц.-усил.** целый; не меньше чем

a round ton - целая тонна, не меньше тонны

round dozen - целая дюжина

5) большой, крупный, значительный(о сумме *и т. п.*)

a good round sum - порядочная /кругленькая/ сумма

at a good round price - по высокой цене

5. быстрый, энергичный (о движении)

round pace - быстрый темп

at a round trot - крупной рысью

6. мягкий, густой, звучный, глубокий (о голосе, звуке)

7. приятный, нетерпкий(о вине)

8. свободный, лёгкий, гладкий, плавный

round style - гладкий слог

9. 1) закруглённый; законченный (о фразе, предложении)

2) законченный, отделанный(о романе *и т. п.*)

3) изображённый всесторонне, со всем правдоподобием; полнокровный(об образе)

10. прямой, откровенный; искренний; резкий

round unvarnished tale - неприкрашенная история;  $\cong$  правда-матка

round oath - крепкое ругательство

to scold smb. in round terms - распекают кого-л., не стесняясь в выражениях

she tells you home truths in the roundest manner - она без обиняков говорит (вам) горькую истину

11. **фон.** лабиализованный(о звуке)

12. наполненный(о парусе)

13. потрошённый(о рыбе)

◇ a round O - а) круг; б) (ровно) ничего

a round peg in a square hole, a square peg in a round hole -  $\cong$  человек не на своём месте

round dealing - **сл.** честное отношение /-ая практика/

3. [raʊnd] **adv**

1. указывает на

1) движение по кругу, спирали или на вращение кругом

to go round in a circle - ходить по кругу

to run [to fly] round - бегать [летать] по кругу

to go round and round - вертеться, кружиться

the wheels went /turned/ round - колёса вертелись /вращались/

2) передачу чего-л. (по кругу), часто передаётся глагольными приставками об-, раз-:

to hand /to pass/ smth. round - передавать по кругу (чашу *и т. п.*)

to deal round - сдавать (карты)

there is not enough to go round -  $\cong$  на всех не хватит, всем раздать не удастся

3) распространение чего-л. среди группы лиц; передаётся глагольной приставкой раз- и др.:

hand the papers round - раздайте всем (письменные) работы

the news was soon carried round - новость быстро распространилась

a money subscription is going round - подписной лист ходит по рукам

4) движение кружным путём, в обход, кругом; часто передаётся глагольными приставками:

don't come across, come round - не ходите прямо, идите кругом /в обход, обойдите кругом/

a (long) way round - кружной путь

he took a long way round - он сделал большой крюк

2. указывает на нахождение рядом, по соседству:

from every village round - из всех окрестных деревень

what are you hanging round for? - **разг.** что вы здесь околачиваетесь /болтаетесь?

3. указывает на

1) нахождение или распространение по всей площади, по всему району *и т. п.* по; передаётся **тж.** глагольными приставками:

all the country round - по всей стране

all round, right round - кругом, везде вокруг [**ср. тж.** ◇]

there were blossoming shrubs all round - вокруг были цветущие кусты

a garden with a wall all /right/ round - сад, окружённый со всех сторон стеной

a room hung round with pictures - комната, увешанная картинами

the peddler went round with his goods - разносчик ходил со своим товаром из дома в дом *или* из деревни в деревню *и т. п.*

2) осмотр дома, музея *и т. п.* по

to conduct smb. round - провести кого-л. по дому, музею *и т. п.*

let's go into town and look round /have a look round/ - давайте пойдём в город и всё осмотрим

4. указывает на

1) изменение направления или движение в противоположную сторону; часто передаётся глагольными приставками:

everyone turned round - все обернулись  
turn your chair round and face me - поверни стул и сядь лицом ко мне  
the wind has gone round to the north - ветер повернул на север

2) **изменение позиции, точки зрения и т. п. :**

to talk smb. round - переубедить кого-л.  
to come round to smb.'s opinion - присоединиться к чьему-л. мнению, согласиться с кем-л.  
we soon won him round - мы скоро привлекли /переманили/ его на свою сторону

5. **разг. указывает на приход куда-л. или к кому-л., доставку чего-л. куда-л. :**

to ask smb. round for the evening - пригласить кого-л. зайти вечером  
to bring smb. round - привести кого-л. с собой [см. тж. ◇ ]

I'll call round at eight - я зайду в восемь  
send round for the doctor - пошли(те) за доктором  
come round and see me - заходи(те) в гости [ср. тж. ◇ ]  
what will this year bring round? - что принесёт этот год?

6. **указывает на**

1) **измерение объёма в окружности, в объёме:**

the town walls are 3,000 yards round - стены города имеют 3000 ярдов в окружности  
her waist measures are thirty inches round - объём её талии тридцать дюймов

2) **измерение площади по радиусу в радиусе**

for a mile round - в радиусе мили

7. **указывает на**

1) **повторение чего-л. через определённые промежутки времени** опять, снова

winter [autumn] came round - опять /снова/ пришла зима [осень]

2) **протекание действия в течение всего периода времени:**

he worked the whole year round on - проработал весь /целый/ год

8. **амер. разг. указывает на неточное определение чего-л. приблизительно около**

it happened somewhere round there - это случилось где-то там  
the child played round - ребёнок играл где-то неподалёку

9. **в сочетании:**

round about - а) вокруг, кругом; рядом; they worked in the villages round about - они работали в окрестных деревнях б) обратнo, в обратном направлении; they turned round about and left - они повернулись и ушли в) кругным путём, в обход; to go round about to a place - идти куда-л. кругным путём /в обход/; he came round about and slowly to these conclusions - не прямым путём и не сразу он пришёл к этим выводам; г) вокруг да около; [см. тж. round 1 V 8]

◇ taken all round - в целом, в общем [ср. тж. 3, 1]

taking it all round - обсудив это со всех сторон; приняв всё во внимание

to argue round and round - а) спорить не по существу; б) вертеться вокруг да около

to bring smb. round - привести кого-л. в чувство (после обморока) [см. тж. 5]

to come round - а) приходить в чувство /в себя/ (после обморока); б) выздоравливать [ср. тж. 5]

to sleep the clock round - проспать полсутки

**сочетания с др. словами см. под соответствующими словами**

4. [raʊnd] v

1. 1) **округлять, делать круглым**

amazement rounded her eyes - от изумления её глаза округлились

2) **округляться; полнеть**

the little green apples grew and rounded and yellowed - небольшие зелёные яблоки созрели, налились и пожелтели

3) **фон. лабиализовать (звук)**

4) **округлять (числа)**

5) **надуваться, раздуваться, наполняться (о парусе)**

2. **завершать, заканчивать; закругляться**

to round a phrase - закруглить фразу

3. (into)

1) **развиваться, превращаться в**

a boy rounds into manhood - мальчик становится мужчиной

2) **заканчиваться, завершаться (чем-л.)**

the talk rounded into a plan - беседа завершилась выработкой плана

4. **огибать, обходить кругом**

to round a bend - огибать /обходить/ поворот

to round (the) mark - обходить знак «буй» (парусный спорт)

the ship rounded the cape - корабль обогнул мыс

to round a corner - свернуть за угол

5. **разг. (on, upon)**

1) **набрасываться, накидываться на кого-л.; обрушивать поток брани**

it took me by surprise to be rounded on in that way - я никак не ожидал, что на меня так накинутся

his companion rounded on him with a torrent of abusive language - попутчик обрушил на него поток брани

2) **доносить (на кого-л.)**

6. **разг. обойти, обвести, обмануть (кого-л.)**

7. **подрезать уши (собаке)**

8. 1) **редк. повёртывать**

2) **редк. повёртываться**

he rounded to look at me - он повернулся, чтобы посмотреть на меня  
to round on one's heel - резко повернуться (к кому-л.) спиной

3) **мор.** приводить к ветру

## 5. [raʊnd] **преп**

1. **указывает на**

1) **движение вокруг чего-л. или вращение вокруг оси** вокруг

to row round the island - объехать на лодке остров

the Moon revolves/turns/ round the Earth - Луна вращается вокруг Земли

the wheel goes round an axle - колесо вертится на оси

look round you - посмотрите вокруг (себя)

2) **огибание предмета; часто передаётся глагольной приставкой об-**

to go round an obstacle - обойти препятствие

her arm went round the child - она обняла ребёнка

round the corner - за углом; за угол

a store round the corner - магазин за углом

to turn round the corner - завернуть /повернуть, свернуть/ за угол

3) **движение по кривой по**

they did not sail across the bay, but went round it - они поплыли не прямо через залив, а вдоль берега

2. **указывает на**

1) **нахождение вокруг предмета** вокруг, кругом

the children were sitting round the table - дети сидели вокруг стола

she had a necklace round her neck - у неё на шее было ожерелье

2) **разг.** **нахождение по соседству, рядом, в окрестности** около

it's somewhere round here - это где-то здесь рядом

farms round Cleveland - фермы в окрестностях Кливленда

there was a crowd round the church - у церкви была толпа

3) (часто all round) **протекание действия по всему району, по всей территории** вокруг; по

the toys were round the room - игрушки были разбросаны по всей комнате

the shells were bursting all round us - со всех сторон вокруг нас рвались снаряды

3. **указывает на**

1) **движение в каком-л. пространстве** по

blood circulates round the body - кровь циркулирует по всему телу

to hawk one's wares round the streets - торговать вразнос

2) **осмотр дома, музея и т. п.:**

to go round the house - осмотреть /обойти/ дом

to take /to show, to walk/ smb. round the town - показывать кому-л. город

they went round the museum - они осмотрели музей

4. **указывает на измерение объёма, окружности** в

she measures 70 cm round the waist - объём её талии 70 см

5. **указывает на протекание процесса в течение всего периода времени:**

he worked round the day - он проработал весь день

6. **указывает на приблизительное определение**

1) **числа, суммы и т. п.** около

it will be somewhere round a hundred pounds - это будет стоить около ста фунтов

2) **времени** около

round midday - около полудня

round 1960 - примерно в 1960 году

7. **по поводу**

to write an article round smth. - написать статью по поводу чего-л.; построить статью вокруг какого-л. факта

8. **в сочетании:**

round about - а) вокруг, кругом; go round about the house - обойди вокруг дома; the children danced round about the

Christmas-tree - дети танцевали вокруг ёлки б) со всех сторон; вокруг; the shells were bursting round about him - вокруг него

рвались снаряды; the enemy took up positions round about the city - неприятель занял позиции вокруг города в) около,

примерно; round about midday - около полудня; [см. тж. round 1 III 9]

◇ round the clock - а) двенадцать часов; б) сутки

he slept round the clock - он проспал (целые) сутки

to come /to get, to go/ round smb. - обойти /обмануть, перехитрить/ кого-л.

to argue round (and round) a subject - а) без конца обсуждать что-л.; б) ходить вокруг да около

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[raʊnd] **v арх.**

говорить таинственным шепотом

to round smb. in the ear - шептать кому-л. на ухо

## round

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**round** [raʊnd rounds rounded rounding] **adjective, adverb, preposition, noun, verb**

BrE [raʊnd] \* NAmE [raʊnd] \*

**adjective (round-er, round-est)**

1. shaped like a circle or a ball

• a round plate

• These glasses suit people with round faces.

- The fruit are small and round.
- Rugby isn't played with a round ball.
- the discovery that the world is round
- The child was watching it all with big round eyes (= showing interest) .
- a T-shirt with a round neck

**see also** ↑round-eyed, ↑round-table

## 2. having a curved shape

- the round green hills of Donegal
- round brackets (= in writing)
- She had a small mouth and round pink cheeks.

## 3. only before noun a round figure or amount is one that is given as a whole number, usually one ending in 0 or 5

- Make it a round figure— say forty dollars.
- Two thousand is a nice round number— put that down.
- Well, **in round figures** (= not giving the exact figures) we've spent twenty thousand so far.

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from the Old French stem **round-**, from a variant of Latin **rotundus** 'rotund'.

### Thesaurus:

**round** noun C

- Italy qualified for the second round of the tournament.

**heat** • • **leg** • • **lap** • • **hole** • • **game** • • **set** • • **innings** • • **inning** • • **half** • • **quarter** •

**in** a/an round/heat/leg/game/set/innings/inning/half/quarter

the **first/second, etc.** round/heat/leg/lap/hole/game/set/innings/inning/half/quarter

**win** a round/heat/leg/hole/game/set

**Round or heat? Round** is a more general word to describe a stage of a competition between teams or individuals; the whole competition may take place over several days, weeks or even months. **Heats** is used especially to describe the first round of a race between individuals, such as in running or swimming, in which the winners of each heat then compete in the semi-final or final.

### Example Bank:

- She had a very round face.
- Most of the county is undulating land, with low round hills and shallow valleys.
- Put both the surname and publication date in round brackets.

**Idioms:** ↑do the rounds ▪ ↑in the round ▪ ↑round about ▪ ↑round here

**Derived Word** ↑roundness

**Derived** ↑round on somebody ▪ ↑round somebody up ▪ ↑round something off

**adverb** (especially BrE) (NAmE usually **around**) For the special uses of round in phrasal verbs, look at the verb entries. For example, the meaning of come round to sth is given in the phrasal verb section of the entry for come.

## 1. moving in a circle

- Everybody joins hands and dances round.
- How do you make the wheels go round?
- The children were spinning **round and round** .
- (figurative) The thought kept going round and round in her head.

## 2. measuring or marking the edge or outside of sth

- a young tree measuring only 18 inches round
- They've built a high fence **all round** to keep intruders out.

## 3. on all sides of sb/sth

- A large crowd had gathered round to watch.

## 4. at various places in an area

- People stood round waiting for something to happen.

## 5. in a circle or curve to face another way or the opposite way

- He turned the car round and drove back again.
- She looked round at the sound of his voice.

## 6. to the other side of sth

- We walked round to the back of the house.
- The road's blocked— you'll have to drive **the long way round** .

## 7. from one place, person, etc. to another

- They've moved all the furniture round.
- He went round interviewing people about local traditions.
- Pass the biscuits round.
- Have we **enough** cups **to go round** ?

## 8. (informal) to or at a particular place, especially where sb lives

- I'll be round in an hour.
- We've invited the Frasers round this evening

**more at** (the) next, first, second, etc. time round **at** ↑time

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### Which Word?:

#### **around / round / about**

Around and round can often be used with the same meaning in *BrE*, though around is more formal: ▪ The earth goes round/around the sun. ◊▪ They live round/around the corner. ◊▪ We travelled round/around India. ◊▪ She turned round/around when I came in.

In *NAmE* only around can be used in these meanings.

Around, round and about can also sometimes be used with the same meaning in *BrE*: ▪ The kids were running around/round/about outside. ◊▪ I've been waiting around/round/about to see her all day. In *NAmE* only around can be used in these meanings. About or around can be used in both *BrE* and *NAmE* to mean 'approximately': ▪ We left around/about 8 o'clock.

#### preposition (especially *BrE*) (*NAmE* usually **around**)

##### **1. in a circle**

- the first woman to sail round the world
- The earth moves round the sun.

##### **2. on, to or from the other side of sth**

- Our house is round the next bend.
- There she is, coming round the corner.
- There must be **a way round** the problem.

##### **3. on all sides of sb/sth; surrounding sb/sth**

- She put her arms round him.
- He had a scarf round his neck.
- They were all sitting round the table.

##### **4. in or to many parts of sth**

- She looked all round the room.

##### **5. to fit in with particular people, ideas, etc**

- He has to organize his life round the kids.

**more at** a millstone round your/sb's neck **at** ↑millstone

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### Which Word?:

#### **around / round / about**

Around and round can often be used with the same meaning in *BrE*, though around is more formal: ▪ The earth goes round/around the sun. ◊▪ They live round/around the corner. ◊▪ We travelled round/around India. ◊▪ She turned round/around when I came in.

In *NAmE* only around can be used in these meanings.

Around, round and about can also sometimes be used with the same meaning in *BrE*: ▪ The kids were running around/round/about outside. ◊▪ I've been waiting around/round/about to see her all day. In *NAmE* only around can be used in these meanings. About or around can be used in both *BrE* and *NAmE* to mean 'approximately': ▪ We left around/about 8 o'clock.

#### noun

#### **STAGE IN PROCESS**

##### **1. a set of events which form part of a longer process**

- the next round of peace talks
- a new round of pay bargaining
- the final round of voting in the election

#### **IN SPORT**

##### **2. a stage in a sports competition**

- the qualifying rounds of the National Championships
- Hewitt was knocked out of the tournament in the third round.

##### **3. a stage in a ↑boxing or ↑wrestling match**

- The fight only lasted five rounds.

##### **4. a complete game of ↑golf; a complete way around the course in some other sports, such as ↑showjumping**

- We played a round of golf.
- the first horse to jump a clear round

#### **REGULAR ACTIVITIES/ROUTE**

##### **5. a regular series of activities**

- **the daily round** of school life
- Her life is one long round of parties and fun.

##### **6. a regular route that sb takes when delivering or collecting sth; a regular series of visits that sb makes**

- Dr Green was **on her** daily ward **rounds**.
- (*BrE*) a postman on his delivery round
- Four soldiers patrolled the area and an officer made his rounds at frequent intervals.

**see also** ↑milk round, ↑paper round

#### **DRINKS**

7. a number of drinks bought by one person for all the others in a group
- a round of drinks
  - It's my round (= it is my turn to pay for the next set of drinks) .

## BREAD

8. (BrE) a whole slice of bread; **sandwiches** made from two whole slices of bread
- Who's for another round of toast?
  - two rounds of beef sandwiches

## CIRCLE

9. a **round** object or piece of sth
- Cut the pastry into rounds.

## OF APPLAUSE/CHEERS

10. ~ **of applause/cheers** a short period during which people show their approval of sb/sth by clapping, etc
- There was a great round of applause when the dance ended.

## SHOT

11. a single shot from a gun; a bullet for one shot
- They fired several rounds at the crowd.
  - We only have three rounds of ammunition left.

## SONG

12. (music) a song for two or more voices in which each sings the same tune but starts at a different time

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from the Old French stem **round-**, from a variant of Latin **rotundus** 'rotund'.

### Example Bank:

- Ali won the next round convincingly.
- Australia were knocked out in the second round.
- He has never made the fourth round of the tournament.
- I bought the last round.
- I finished the practice round and went in to have lunch.
- Italy qualified for the second round of the tournament by beating Germany.
- Life to him was one long round of parties.
- The milkman does his round very early.
- The soldiers fired several blank rounds into the crowd.
- We had a good round of golf today.
- We just had time for one more round of drinks.
- a doctor on his round
- a fresh round of peace talks
- It was the first horse to jump a clear round.
- Murray was knocked out of the French Open in the third round.
- Norwich City are through to the third round of the FA Cup.
- The next round of peace talks begins this month.
- The party did very well in the final round of voting.
- They were drawn to face Wigan in the preliminary round.

## verb

1. **transitive** ~ **sth** to go around a corner of a building, a bend in the road, etc
- The boat rounded the tip of the island.
  - We rounded the bend at high speed.
2. **transitive, intransitive** ~ **(sth)** to make sth into a round shape; to form into a round shape
- She rounded her lips and whistled.
  - His eyes rounded with horror.
3. **transitive** ~ **sth (up/down) (to sth)** to increase or decrease a number to the next highest or lowest whole number

### Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	round
	BrE /rəʊnd/
	NAmE /raʊnd/
he / she / it	rounds
	BrE /rəʊndz/
	NAmE /raʊndz/
past simple, past participle	rounded
	BrE /rəʊndɪd/
	NAmE /raʊndɪd/
-ing form	rounding
	BrE /rəʊndɪŋ/
	NAmE /raʊndɪŋ/

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## Example Bank:

- A coffee would round the meal off nicely.
- We rounded off the day with a picnic.

See also: ↑around ▪ ↑make the rounds ▪ ↑round something out

## round

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I. **round** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W2** /raʊnd/ *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>3</sup> *especially British English (also around)* **adverb, preposition**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑round, ↑rounders, ↑roundness; **adverb:** ↑round, ↑roundly; **adjective:** ↑round, ↑rounded; **verb:** ↑round]

### 1. surrounding or on all sides of something or someone:

- We sat round the table playing cards.
- Gather round! I have an important announcement to make.
- He put his arm gently round her waist.
- I kept the key on a chain round my neck.
- The ballroom's huge, with windows all the way round.
- There was a lovely courtyard with tables all round.

### 2. used to say that someone or something turns so that they face in the opposite direction:

- When he turned round I recognised him immediately.
- Graham glanced round, startled by the voice behind him.

### 3. in or to many places or parts of an area:

- Reggie went round making sure all the lights were off.
- Leah showed me round on my first day at the office.
- A guide took us round the palace and gardens.
- He spent a whole year travelling round Europe.
- She looked round the room as though leaving it for the last time.
- changes that are affecting the weather all round the world

### 4. moving in a circle:

- She watched the clock hands go round.
- An aeroplane was circling round far overhead.
- Until the 16th century people believed that the sun went round the earth.
- He stared at the washing machine, just watching the clothes go round and round.
- a shoal of tiny fish swimming round in circles

### 5. **informal** if you go round to someone's house, you go to their house, usually to visit them:

- I might go round to Nigel's this evening.
- He's invited us round for dinner.
- We'll be round (=will arrive) at seven.

### 6. to other people or positions:

- A big box of chocolates was handed round.
- He'd moved his furniture round.

### 7. on the other side of something, or to the other side of it without going through it or over it:

- He ran round to open Kate's door for her.
- There must be another entrance round the back.
- I watched the two boys disappear round the corner.

### round to

- She came round to his side of the desk.

### 8. in the area near a particular place:

- Much of the countryside round Hinkley Point is given over to agriculture.
- Do you live round here?
- He owned all the land round about (=in the surrounding area).

### 9. **round about** *spoken informal (also round)* used when guessing a number, amount, time etc without being exact **SYN approximately** :

- We got there round about half past nine.
- He's round about the same age as my son.
- It must have been round midnight when I saw him.

### 10. used to show that someone spends time in a place without doing anything useful:

- People were just standing round and not doing anything to help.

### 11. if something is organized round a particular person or thing, it is organized according to their needs, wishes, ideas etc:

- Working from home, she could arrange her hours round her children.
- He had built his whole existence round her.

### 12. a way round a difficult situation or problem is a way to solve it or avoid it:

- She's going to have to buy a car. I can't see any other way round it.
- strategies to get round (=solve) the problem

### 13. used to show the length of a line surrounding something:

- The park was about five miles round.



⇒ ALL ROUND, ⇒ go round in circles at ↑circle<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ (a)round the clock at ↑clock<sup>1</sup>(2), ⇒ (just) around/round the corner at ↑corner<sup>1</sup>(9), ⇒ first/second time round at ↑time<sup>1</sup>(3), ⇒ way round at ↑way<sup>1</sup>(24)

## II. round<sup>2</sup> S1 W2 BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> adjective

[Word Family: noun: ↑round, ↑rounders, ↑roundness; adverb: ↑round, ↑roundly; adjective: ↑round, ↑rounded; verb: ↑round]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: roont, from Latin rotundus]

1. shaped like a circle:

- a big round table
- Jamie's eyes grew round with delight.

2. shaped like a ball:

- small round berries

3. fat and curved:

- round chubby cheeks

4. [only before noun] a round number or figure is a whole number, often ending in 0 ⇒ round up:

Let's make it a round figure: say £50?

in round figures (=expressed as the nearest 10, 100, 1,000 etc)

- Altogether, in round figures, there are about three thousand students here.

a round hundred/dozen etc (=a complete hundred etc)

⇒ a square peg in a round hole at ↑square<sup>1</sup>(12)

—roundness noun [uncountable]

## III. round<sup>3</sup> BrE<sup>3</sup> AmE<sup>3</sup> noun [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑round, ↑rounders, ↑roundness; adverb: ↑round, ↑roundly; adjective: ↑round, ↑rounded; verb: ↑round]

1. SERIES a round of events is a series of related events, which are part of a longer process

round of

- a third round of peace talks
- the Government's latest round of expenditure cuts

2. COMPETITION one of the parts of a competition that you have to finish or win before you can go on to the next part ⇒ heat, stage

the first/final/next/qualifying etc round

- I got beaten in the first round.
- Two of their candidates made it through to the next round.

round of

- the final round of the championship

3. REGULAR ACTIVITIES round of something a round of activities is a regular series of activities, especially activities that are not very exciting:

- an endless round of meetings and interviews
- He continued with his usual round of private and business engagements.
- the daily round of commuting and shopping

4. VISITS rounds [plural] the usual visits that someone, especially a doctor, regularly makes as part of their job

be (out) on your rounds

- I'm sorry. The doctor is out on her rounds.

5. round of applause when people ↑clap for a short time to show that they enjoyed something or approve of something:

- She got a big round of applause.
- The passengers gave the pilot a round of applause.

6. GOLF a complete game of golf:

- I played a round of golf on Sunday morning.

7. BOXING/WRESTLING one of the periods of fighting in a ↑boxing or ↑wrestling match

8. DRINKS if you buy a round of drinks in a bar, you buy drinks for all the people in your group

it's my/your etc round (=used to say whose turn it is to buy drinks for all the people in your group)

- What are you having? It's my round.

9. do the rounds British English informal, make the rounds American English (also go the rounds British English) if a story, idea, or illness does the rounds, it is passed on from one person to another:

- a joke doing the rounds

10. do the rounds of something British English, make the rounds of something American English to go around from one place to another, especially looking for work or advertising something:

- Ryan is making the rounds of talk shows to promote her new movie.

11. GUN SHOT a single shot from a gun, or a bullet for one shot:

- I've only got ten rounds of ammunition left.
- Richards fired a few rounds.

12. CIRCLE something that has a circular shape:

- Slice the potatoes into rounds.

13. FOOD/NEWSPAPERS/LETTERS ETC British English a regular visit to a number of houses, offices etc to deliver or sell things  
paper/milk round (=a job in which you deliver newspapers, milk etc to people's houses)

- I used to do a paper round.

14. SONG a song for three or four singers, in which each one sings the same tune, starting at a different time

15. round of sandwiches British English ↑sandwiches made from two whole pieces of bread

16. round of toast British English one whole piece of bread that has been ↑toasted

17. in the round a play that is performed in the round is performed on a central stage surrounded by the people watching it

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## COLLOCATIONS

## phrases

- **a round of talks/negotiations/meetings** A second round of talks got under way this week.
- **a round of voting** In the first round of voting he took 44.5 percent of the vote,
- **a round of cuts** (=when a government or a company reduces the size or amount of something) The President is likely to approve a new round of cuts in military forces.
- **a round of layoffs** (=when people are told to leave their jobs) The latest round of layoffs could bring its labor force down to 60,000.
- **a round of violence** What has prompted the latest round of violence?

## IV. round<sup>4</sup> BrE<sup>4</sup> AmE<sup>4</sup> verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑round, ↑rounders, ↑roundness; adverb: ↑round, ↑roundly; adjective: ↑round, ↑rounded; verb: ↑round]

1. [transitive] to go round something such as a bend or the corner of a building:

- As they rounded the bend and came in sight of the river, Philip took her hand.
- The tide was coming in as he rounded the rocks.

2. [transitive] to make something into a round shape:

- The stones were then rounded, polished and engraved.

3. [intransitive] *written* if your eyes round, you open them wide because you are shocked, frightened etc:

- Barbara's eyes rounded in surprise.

⇒ ↑rounded, ↑well-rounded

**round something** ↔ **down** phrasal verb

to reduce an exact figure to the nearest whole number ⇒ **round up**:

- For the 1841 census it was decided to round down ages over fifteen to the nearest five.

**round something** ↔ **off** phrasal verb

1. to do something as a way of ending an event, performance etc in a suitable or satisfactory way **SYN finish**

**round something** ↔ **off with**

- You can round off the evening with a visit to the nightclub.
- She rounded off the meal with some cheese.
- It was the perfect way to round off the season.

2. to take the sharp or rough edges off something:

- Round off the corners with a pair of scissors.

3. to change an exact figure to the nearest whole number

**round something** ↔ **off to**

- Prices are rounded off to the nearest dollar.

**round on somebody** phrasal verb *British English*

to suddenly turn and attack someone when they do not expect it, either with words or physically:

- When the door closed, Crabb rounded on Edwards. 'You stupid idiot!'

**round something** ↔ **out** phrasal verb

to make an experience more thorough or complete:

- African percussion and Native American flute round out the show.

**round somebody/something** ↔ **up** phrasal verb

1. if police or soldiers round up a particular group of people, they find them and force them to go to prison:

- Thousands of men were rounded up and jailed.

2. to find and gather together a group of people, animals, or things:

- See if you can round up a few friends to help you!
- His dog Nell started to round up the sheep.

3. to increase an exact figure to the next highest whole number ⇒ **round down**

## round

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