

avert

[ə'vɜ:t] *v*

1. 1) отводить (*глаза, взгляд, руку*)
to avert one's gaze - отвести глаза
- 2) отвлекать (*мысли*)
2. предотвращать, отражать (*особ. что-л. неприятное*)
to avert war [danger, illness, a catastrophe, an accident, a tragic end] - предотвратить войну [опасность, болезнь, катастрофу, несчастный случай, трагический конец]
to avert suspicion - отвести подозрение

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avert [avert averts averted averting] *BrE* [ə'vɜ:t] *NAmE* [ə'vɜ:rt] *verb*

1. ~ **sth** to prevent sth bad or dangerous from happening
 - A disaster was narrowly averted.
 - He did his best to avert suspicion.
 - Talks are taking place in an attempt to avert a strike.
2. ~ **your eyes/gaze/face** (from sth) to turn your eyes, etc. away from sth that you do not want to see
 - She averted her eyes from the terrible scene in front of her.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	avert
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɜ:t/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɜ:rt/
he / she / it	averts
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɜ:ts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɜ:rts/
past simple, past participle	averted
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɜ:tɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɜ:rtɪd/
-ing form	averting
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'vɜ:tɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'vɜ:rtɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'divert or deter someone from a place or a course of action'): from Latin *avertere*, from *ab-* 'from' + *vertere* 'to turn'; reinforced by Old French *avertir*.

Example Bank:

- Disaster was narrowly averted when two airliners almost collided above Detroit.
- He looked up, and she quickly averted her gaze.
- He managed to avert the closure of the factory.
- They hastily averted their faces to hide their giggles.
- averting his eyes from the dead child

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avert /ə'vɜ:t/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *avertir*, from Latin *avertere*, from *ad-* 'to' + *vertere* 'to turn']

1. to prevent something unpleasant from happening:
The tragedy could have been averted if the crew had followed safety procedures.
2. **avert your eyes/gaze etc** to look away from something so that you do not see it:
Henry averted his eyes as she undressed.

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