

**curl**1. [kɜ:l] *n*

1. 1) локон, завиток
- 2) *pl* вьющиеся волосы
2. завивка  
my hair is out of curl - мои волосы развились
3. завиток, спираль
4. завихрение, вихрь, вихревое кольцо; кольцо дыма
5. курчавость (*болезнь растений*)
6. *тех.* вихрь, ротор
7. гребень разрушающейся волны (*термин сёрфингистов*)  
◇ curl of the lips - усмешка, презрительная улыбка  
to go out of curl - быть выбитым из колеи; утратить форму [*см. тж.* 2]

2. [kɜ:l] *v*

1. 1) завивать, крутить, закручивать  
she has curled her hair - она завивала волосы  
he was curling his long moustache - он крутил свои длинные усы  
to curl a hat brim - загибать края шляпы  
a light breeze curled the waves - лёгкий бриз рябил воду  
to curl one's lips - презрительно кривить губы
- 2) завиваться, виться  
her hair curls naturally - у неё вьются волосы  
the plant's stem curled round the tree - стебель растения вился вокруг дерева
2. виться, клубиться (*о дыме и т. п.*)  
volumes of smoke were curling upwards - огромные клубы дыма подымались кверху
3. *разг.* сжиматься (*от ужаса*); отшатываться (*с отвращением*)  
the sight of blood always makes me curl - от вида крови мне всегда становится плохо /дурно/
4. *шотл.* играть в керлинг  
◇ to curl the mo - *австрал. сл.* преуспевать, иметь успех, одержать победу  
to make smb.'s hair curl - напугать кого-л.

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**curl** [curl curls curled curling] *verb, noun* *BrE* [kɜːl] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [kɜːrl] <sup>m</sup>**verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive ~ (sth)** to form or make sth form into a curl or curls
  - His hair curls naturally.
2. **intransitive, transitive** to form or make sth form into a curved shape
  - (+ **adv./prep.**) The cat curled **into a ball** and went to sleep.
  - ~ **sth** (+ **adv./prep.**) She curled her legs up under her.
3. **intransitive, transitive** to move while forming into a twisted or curved shape; to make sth do this
  - (+ **adv./prep.**) The smoke curled steadily upwards.
  - The honeysuckle curled around the trunk of the apple tree.
  - ~ **sth** (+ **adv./prep.**) He turned and curled the ball around the goalkeeper.
4. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** if you curl your lip or your lip curls, you move your lip upwards and sideways to show that you think sb/sth is stupid or that you are better than they are  
**see** make your toes curl **at** ↑toe <sub>n.</sub>

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	curl
	<i>BrE</i> /kɜːl/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɜːrl/
he / she / it	curls
	<i>BrE</i> /kɜːlz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɜːrlz/
past simple, past participle	curled
	<i>BrE</i> /kɜːld/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɜːrld/
-ing form	curling
	<i>BrE</i> /kɜːlɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kɜːrlɪŋ/

**Word Origin:**late Middle English: from obsolete crulle 'curly', from Middle Dutch *krul*.**Thesaurus:****curl** *verb, T*

- The paper started to curl up in the heat.

**roll • • coil • • wind • • twist •**curl/roll sth/wind sth **into** a ballcurl/roll/coil **up**

curl/coil/wind sth/twist sth **around/round** sb/sth

Example Bank:

- His fingers curled tightly around the steering wheel.
- She was lying curled up on her bed.
- Smoke was curling up from the chimney.
- The photograph was brown and curling at the edges.

Derived ↑curl somebody up ▪ ↑curl something up ▪ ↑curl up ▪ ↑curled up

noun



- 1. countable** a small bunch of hair that forms a curved or round shape
  - Her hair was a mass of curls.
  - The baby had dark eyes and dark curls.
- 2. countable, uncountable** the tendency of hair to form curls
  - His hair had a natural curl.
- 3. countable** a thing that forms a curved or round shape
  - a curl of smoke
  - Decorate the cake with curls of chocolate.
  - a contemptuous curl of the lip (= an expression showing disapproval)

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Example Bank:

- He carefully teased his curls into place.
- Her auburn curls tumbled about her face.
- Her face was framed by a mop of black curls.
- Her hair lost its curl as she got older.
- Her hair was styled into a cascade of spiral curls.
- His hair had a slight curl to it.
- His hair spilled in curls over his forehead
- She has beautiful blonde curls.
- She pushed a stray curl away from her eyes.
- She raked a comb through her curls.
- She shook her dark curls sadly.
- She smoothed down her tangled curls.

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I. **curl**<sup>1</sup> /kɜːl/ *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *verb* [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: *crul* 'curly' (1300-1400), probably from Middle Dutch]

**1. to form a twisted or curved shape, or to make something do this:**  
" Mary was busy curling her hair.

**curl around/round**  
" Ivy curled round the tree.

**2. [always + adverb/preposition] to move, forming a twisted or curved shape, or to make something do this**

**curl across/along etc**  
" Morning mists curled across the river.

**curl something around/round/over etc something**  
" He curled his arm around Claudia's waist.

**3. if you curl your lip, or if your lip curls, you move it upwards and sideways, to show that you disapprove of someone or something:**  
" Her lip curled in contempt.

⇒ **make sb's toes curl** at ↑toe<sup>1</sup>(5), ⇒ **make your hair curl** at ↑hair(9)

**curl up** *phrasal verb*

**1. to move so that you are lying or sitting with your arms and legs bent close to your body:**

- " I just wanted to curl up and go to sleep.
- " Sarah was curled up on the sofa.

**2. if something flat curls up, its edges start to become curved and point upwards:**

- " The letter was now yellow and beginning to curl up.

II. **curl**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *noun*

**1. [countable] a piece of hair that hangs in a curved shape:**

- a little boy with beautiful blonde curls
- 2. [singular, uncountable] the ability of your hair to form curls:
  - Use a diffuser to maximise the volume and curl of your hair.
  - hair that has a natural curl
- 3. [countable] something in the shape of a curve:
  - Decorate the cake with chocolate curls.
- curl of
  - A curl of smoke rose from her cigarette.
- 4. [countable] an exercise in which you repeatedly bend your arms, legs, or stomach in order to make your muscles strong
- 5. curl of sb's lip/mouth a sideways and upwards movement of your lip or mouth, showing that you disapprove of someone or something

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **soft/loose curls** (=gentle curves) long brown hair in soft curls
- **tight curls** (=curves that are very close together) Her dark hair was arranged in tight curls.
- **natural curls** You're lucky if you have natural curls.
- **a stray/wayward curl** (=hanging in an untidy way) Emily pushed back a stray curl.
- **golden/dark/black etc curls** a little boy with a tangle of blond curls

### ■ verbs

- **curls fall/tumble** (=hang down) The child's golden curls fell around her shoulders.

### ■ phrases

- **a mass/mop of curls** (=a lot of curls) a gorgeous Italian man with a mass of dark curls
- **a tangle of curls** (=curls that are not neatly combed) a boy with a tangle of brown curls

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