

whirl**1. [wɔːl] n**

- кружение; обороты; (быстрый) оборот
- вихрь, вихревое движение, завихрение; водоворот
a whirl of dust - вихрь пыли
- 1) суматоха; водоворот (*жизни*)
2) разброд, неразбериха
3) смятение (*чувств*)
his brain was in a whirl - он не мог собраться с мыслями
- попытка
- тех.* блок для шнура

2. [wɜːl] v

- 1) вертеть, кружить; вращать
2) вертеться, кружиться; вращаться
the leaves whirled in the wind - листья кружились на ветру
- 1) уносить (*ветром, потоком*); увозить (*на автомашине и т. п.*)
2) уноситься; нестись, мчаться во весь опор
3. быть в смятении; кружиться (*о голове*)

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whirl [whirl whirls whirled whirling] **verb, noun** BrE [wɜːl] NAmE [wɜːrl]**verb**

- intransitive, transitive** to move, or make sb/sth move, around quickly in a circle or in a particular direction

Syn: ↑spin

- (+ **adv./prep.**) Leaves whirled in the wind.
- She whirled around to face him.
- the whirling blades of the helicopter
- ~ **sb/sth** (+ **adv./prep.**) Tom whirled her across the dance floor.

- intransitive** if your mind, thoughts, etc. whirl, you feel confused and excited and cannot think clearly

Syn: ↑reel

- I couldn't sleep— my mind was whirling from all that had happened.
- So many thoughts whirled around in her mind.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	whirl
	BrE /wɜːl/
	NAmE /wɜːrl/
he / she / it	whirls
	BrE /wɜːlz/
	NAmE /wɜːrlz/
past simple, past participle	whirled
	BrE /wɜːld/
	NAmE /wɜːrld/
-ing form	whirling
	BrE /wɜːlɪŋ/
	NAmE /wɜːrlɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- He grasped her wrist and whirled her back to face him.
- He whirled her around the dance floor.
- She whirled on him, furious.
- She whirled round and round, flinging out her arms.
- The gulls were whirling and shrieking in the sky above.
- They ducked to avoid the whirling blades of the helicopter.

Idiom: ↑give something a whirl**noun singular**

- a movement of sth spinning round and round
 - a whirl of dust
 - (*figurative*) Her mind was **in a whirl** (= in a state of confusion or excitement).
- a number of activities or events happening one after the other
 - Her life was one long whirl of parties.
 - It's easy to get caught up in the **social whirl**.
 - The next few hours passed by in a whirl of activity.

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I. **whirl**¹ /wɜːl/\$ wɜːr/ BrE^u AmE^u verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to turn or spin around very quickly, or to make someone or something do this:

" We watched the seagulls whirling and shrieking over the harbour.

whirl about/around/toward etc

" She whirled around and her look shook him.

whirl somebody/something about/around/away etc

" He whirled her round in his arms.

2. [intransitive] if your head is whirling, or if thoughts are whirling in your head, your mind is full of thoughts and ideas, and you feel very confused or excited:

" His head was whirling with excitement.

" The implications began to whirl around her head.

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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/\$ wɜːr/ 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.

II. **whirl**² BrE^u AmE^u noun

1. **give something a whirl** *informal* to try something that you are not sure you are going to like or be able to do:

" Why don't you give golf a whirl?

2. [singular] a lot of activity of a particular kind:

" the social whirl of New York publishing

whirl of

" The next two days passed in a whirl of activity.

3. **be in a whirl** to feel very excited or confused about something:

" His mind was in a whirl and he was worried.

4. [countable usually singular] a spinning movement or the shape of something that is spinning

whirl of

" A car rumbled over the bumpy dirt road, leaving behind a whirl of white dust.

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