

1. ['sɜ:k(ə)] *n*

1. 1) круг

to move in circles - кружить

the aeroplane made two circles and landed - самолёт сделал два круга и приземлился

we sat in a circle around the campfire - мы сидели кружком у костра

2) кольцо, окружение

in a circle of trees [of hills] - в кольце деревьев [гор]

a circle of lookers-on - кучка зевак (*окруживших что-л.*)

2. сфера, область; круг

a wide circle of interests - широкий круг интересов

within the circle of possibilities - в пределах возможного

3. 1) круг (*людей*); группа; кружок

family circle - семейный круг

a circle of friends - (тесный) круг друзей

a sewing circle - кружок кройки и шитья

the circle of his acquaintance widened - круг его знакомств расширился

2) *pl* (общественные) круги

ruling [business] circles - правящие [деловые] круги

4. круговорот, цикл

circle of seasons - круговорот /смена/ времён года

circle of fifth - *муз.* квинтовый круг

to come full circle - завершить цикл; сделать полный оборот

5. 1) ободок; светящийся круг (*вокруг Луны*)

2) = circlet 2

6. 1) *театр.* ярус

upper circle - верхний ярус /балкон/

2) арена цирка

7. *ист.* округ8. *астр.*

1) орбита

2) круг, сфера (*о путях небесных светил*)

a full circle of the Moon - полный круг обращения Луны

3) диск (*Луны и т. п.*)9. *лог.* логический круг; порочный круг (*тж.* vicious circle)

to argue /to reason/ in a circle - выдвигать в качестве доказательства то, что само требует доказательства

10. 1) *мат.* круг; окружность2) *спец.* круговая траектория3) *дор.* кольцевая транспортная развязка11. *спорт.*

1) круг для метания

2) оборот (*гимнастика*)3) поворот (*конный спорт*)

circle change - поворот кругом

4) *обыкн. pl* махи на коне (*гимнастика*)12. 1) *геогр., астр.* круг; параллель

Arctic [Antarctic] Circle - Северный [Южный] полярный круг

polar circle - полярный круг

parallel circle - а) (земная) параллель, параллельный круг; б) тропик

vertical circle - круг высоты, вертикал светила

circle of altitude - альмукантарат

circle of declination, hour circle - часовой круг

circle of latitude [of longitude] - круг широты [долготы]

circle of the horizon - линия горизонта, горизонт

2) *геод.* лимб, буссоль

reflecting circle - секстант

13. *археол.* кромлех (*ограда из отдельно стоящих каменных глыб*)14. (Circle) Сёркл (*в названиях улиц*)

◇ to run /to go, to rush/ round in circles - суетиться без толку

to square the circle - пытаться найти квадратуру круга, пытаться сделать невозможное

2. ['sɜ:k(ə)] *v*

1. двигаться по кругу; вращаться, вертеться; кружиться; кружить

the Moon circles the Earth - Луна обращается вокруг Земли

Drake circled the globe - Дрейк объехал вокруг земного шара

the hawk circled about /around/ his prey - ястреб кружил над своей жертвой

the aeroplane circled above us - самолёт кружил над нами

2. окружать

a ring of trees circled the house - дом был окружён кольцом деревьев

the enemy circled the hill - неприятель окружил холм

3. передавать или переходить по кругу

the bowl circles - чаша переходит по кругу

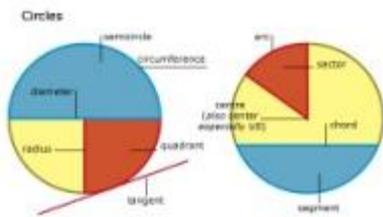
4. циркулировать

to circle among the voters - часто общаться с избирателями

circle

circle [circle circles circled circling] noun, verb BrE ['sɜːkl̩] NAmE ['sɜːrkl̩]

noun



Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

1. a completely round flat shape

- Cut out two circles of paper.

see also ↑semicircle

2. the line that forms the edge of a circle

- Draw a circle.
- She walked the horse round **in a circle**.

see also ↑Antarctic Circle, ↑Arctic Circle, ↑turning circle

3. a thing or a group of people or things shaped like a circle

- a circle of trees/chairs
- The children stood in a circle.

see also ↑corn circle, ↑crop circle

4. (BrE) (also **balcony** NAmE, BrE) an upper floor of a theatre or cinema/movie theater where the seats are arranged in curved rows

- We had seats in the circle.

see also ↑dress circle

5. a group of people who are connected because they have the same interests, jobs, etc

- the family circle
- She's well known in theatrical circles.
- a large **circle of friends**

see also ↑charmed circle, ↑inner circle, ↑vicious circle

Word Origin:

Old English, from Old French **cercle**, from Latin **circulus** 'small ring', diminutive of **circus** 'ring'.

Thesaurus:

circle noun C

- They stood in a circle.

ring • • **hoop** • • **disc** • |especially AmE **disk** •

in a circle/ring

through a circle/hoop/disc/disk

concentric circles/rings

Example Bank:

- He turned the car in a tight circle.
- He's joined the inner circles of the court early in his career.
- How long does it take for the dial to rotate through a full circle?
- If you follow the road signs you will simply find yourself going round in a circle.
- If you follow the signs you find yourself going around in a circle.
- My brother and I move in completely different circles.
- My seat is in the front row of the dress circle.
- She has a wide circle of acquaintances.
- She moves in the highest social circles.
- Talk of religion was forbidden in the family circle.
- The planets move in circles around the sun.
- The stones form a complete circle.
- The water rippled in widening circles around the fountain.
- They treat anyone outside their immediate circle with suspicion.
- You need to widen your circle of friends.
- a design of overlapping circles
- friends in government circles
- He maintained influence in the inner circle of the president's political advisers.
- Her ideas have caused controversy in scientific circles in recent years.
- She did not meet people outside her own small social circle.
- She failed to break into the charmed circle of political insiders.

- She walked the horse round in a circle.
- The children ran around the circle of chairs until the music stopped.
- While she is lauded in London intellectual circles, she is less well-known to the general public.

Idioms: ↑circle the wagons ▪ come/turn full circle ▪ ↑go round in circles ▪ ↑run round in circles

verb

- 1. intransitive, transitive** to move in a circle, especially in the air
 - ~ **(around) (above/over sb/sth)** Seagulls circled around above his head.
 - He flew lower and circled around the lake.
 - ~ **sth** The plane circled the airport to burn up excess fuel.
- 2. transitive ~ sth** to draw a circle around sth
 - Spelling mistakes are circled in red ink.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	circle
	BrE / 'sɜː.kl/
	NA.mE / 'sɜːr.kl/
he / she / it	circles
	BrE / 'sɜː.klɪz/
	NA.mE / 'sɜːr.klɪz/
past simple, past participle	circled
	BrE / 'sɜː.klɪd/
	NA.mE / 'sɜːr.klɪd/
-ing form	circling
	BrE / 'sɜː.klɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'sɜːr.klɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- A buzzard was circling overhead
- Several airliners were circling above the airport.
- She circled her birthday in red on the calendar.
- The helicopter was circling slowly, very low.
- The vultures were already circling around the dead animal.
- A small aircraft was circling overhead
- Police helicopters circled above the park.
- Seagulls circled around the boat.
- The bell rang and the two boxers began circling each other.
- The circling birds in the sky above looked like vultures.
- The plane had to circle the airport for another 30 minutes before landing.

See also: ↑balcony

circle

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. circle ¹ **S2 W2** /'sɜːkl/ \$ 'sɜːkl/-BrE ² **AmE** ³ **noun** [countable]

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑circle, ↑semicircle, ↑circulation; **adjective:** ↑circular, ↑semicircular, ↑circulatory; **verb:** ↑circle, ↑circulate]

[**Date:** 1000-1100; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** cercle, from Latin circulus, from circus; ⇨ ↑circus]

1. SHAPE a completely round shape, like the letter O:

- Draw a circle 10 cm in diameter.
- Cut the pastry into circles.

2. ARRANGED IN A CIRCLE a group of people or things arranged in the shape of a circle:

- The children stood round in a circle.

circle of

- a circle of chairs

3. GROUP OF PEOPLE a group of people who know each other and meet regularly, or who have similar interests or jobs

circle of

- a circle of friends

political/legal/literary etc circles

- He's well-known in fashionable circles.
- Johnson was part of the President's inner circle (=the people who have the most influence).

4. THEATRE *British English* the upper floor of a theatre, that has seats arranged in curved rows **SYN balcony** *American English*

5. go/run around in circles to think or argue about something without deciding anything or making progress

6. come/go full circle (also **turn full circle** *British English*) to end in the same situation in which you began, even though there have been changes in the time in between:

- Sooner or later, fashion comes full circle.

7. (dark) circles under your eyes dark areas under your eyes that you have when you are very tired

⇨ **square the circle** at ↑square³(5), ⇨ ↑vicious circle

COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 3)

phrases

- **a circle of friends** Over the years she had established a circle of good friends.
- **a circle of acquaintances** (=a group of people that someone knows) She has a wide circle of acquaintances.
- **a circle of admirers** (=a group of people who admire someone) When she was young, Sophie had a large circle of male admirers.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + circle

- **academic /political /literary etc circles** There has been a lot of debate about this issue in political circles.
- **a wide /large circle** They now had a wide circle of acquaintances in the area.
- **a small /narrow circle** Ken was the centre of a small circle of artists and writers.
- **sb's inner circle** (=the people who influence someone the most) He was among the Prime Minister's inner circle of advisers.
- **a social circle** Dan and I didn't mix in the same social circles.
- **the family circle** It's important for children to have friends outside the family circle.
- **sb's immediate circle** (=your family and some close friends) We didn't tell anyone what had happened outside our immediate circle.
- **a close circle** (=in which the people know each other very well) He cultivated a close circle of musical acquaintances.
- **a close-knit /intimate circle** (=a close one) His intimate circle was tiny.
- **a closed circle** (=not open to other people) He didn't have much experience of life beyond the closed circle of his family.
- **a limited circle** His writing was popular with a limited circle of enthusiasts.

verbs

- **have a circle of friends/acquaintances etc** She was beautiful and had a wide circle of admirers.
- **move/mix in a circle** (=belong to a particular type of circle) At Harvard he moved in scientific circles.
- **be a member of a circle** He was a powerful member of a circle of financiers.
- **widen your circle** (=make it include more people) In London she set about widening her circle.
- **build up/establish a circle** Michael built up a wide circle of customers and friends worldwide.

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THESAURUS

types of shapes

- **square** a shape with four straight sides that are equal in length and four angles of 90 degrees
- **circle** a round shape that is like an O
- **semicircle** half a circle
- **triangle** a shape with three straight sides and three angles
- **rectangle** a shape with four straight sides and four angles of 90 degrees
- **oval** a shape like a circle, but that is longer than it is wide
- **cylinder** an object in the shape of a tube
- **cube** a solid object with six equal square sides
- **pyramid** a shape with a square base and four triangular sides that meet in a point at the top
- **sphere** a shape like a ball

II. circle² BrE^u AmE^u verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑circle, ↑semicircle, ↑circulation; adjective: ↑circular, ↑semicircular, ↑circulatory; verb: ↑circle, ↑circulate]

1. [transitive] to draw a circle around something:

Circle the correct answer.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to move in the shape of a circle around something, especially in the air:

The plane circled the airport before landing.

circle round/above/over etc

The pigeons circled above the terrace.

circle

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