

1. [[ɪft] n

1. 1) перемещение, перестановка, перенос

population shift - а) миграция населения, переселение; б) (принудительное) перемещение населения; the plant wants a shift - растение нужно пересадить

2) перемена; смена

shift of foot - смена ноги (*на марше*)

shift of wind - перемена ветра

shift of crops - севооборот

shifts and changes of life - превратности жизни

shift of clothes - переодевание, смена одежды

shift of scenes - перемена мест

2. 1) изменение; сдвиг

shift of fashion - прихоти /капризы/ моды

2) лингв. сдвиг, передвижение, перебой

the (Great) vowel shift - (великий) сдвиг гласных

consonant shift - передвижение согласных, перебой согласных

shift of stress /of accent/ - перемещение /перенос, сдвиг/ ударения

shift of meaning - изменение /сдвиг/ значения

3. 1) уловка, нечестный приём

it would be endless to recount his shifts - перечень его уловок был бы бесконечным

nothing but shift and excuses - ничего кроме уворток и отговорок

2) средство, способ

one's last shift - последнее средство

to try every shift available - испытать все возможные средства

to put /to drive, to reduce/ smb. to desperate shifts - довести кого-л. до крайности, вынудить кого-л. пойти на отчаянные меры

3) редк. изворотливость

it needs endless shift and ingenuity - это требует бесконечной изворотливости и изобретательности

4. 1) смена (*группа рабочих*)

the first shift went down - первая смена спустилась в шахту

2) смена, рабочий день

day [night] shift - дневная [ночная] смена

an eight-hour shift - восьмичасовой рабочий день

to work in shifts - работать посменно

workers on the night shift - работающие в ночную смену

5. 1) «рубашка», неотрезное платье (*чаще без пояса*)

2) арх. женская сорочка

6. муз. перемена позиции (*при игре на струнных инструментах*)

7. тех.

1) переключение (*скорости и т. п.*)

shift lever - *авт.* рычаг переключения передач

2) перевод (*ремня*)

8. эл. сдвиг фаз

9. геол. косоое смещение

10. спец.

1) сдвиг (*почвы*)2) передвижение (*песков*)11. воен. перенос (*огня*)

◇ to make shift - а) делать усилие, стараться; to make shift to do smth. - стараться сделать что-л.; прилагать усилия к чему-л.; б) ухитриться, уметь сделать (*что-л.*); обойтись (*чем-л.*); to make shift with a small income - ухитриться прожить на небольшой доход; I must make shift with what I have - мне нужно обходиться тем, что у меня есть; в) добиваться (*чего-л.*); преодолевать трудности; I can make shift without it - перебуюсь и без этого

2. [[ɪft] v

1. 1) перемещать; передвигать; переключать

to shift furniture from one room to another - передвигать мебель из одной комнаты в другую

to shift the scenes - менять декорации

to shift a burden from one hand to another - переключать ношу с одной руки в другую

to shift one's weight to the other foot - переносить вес на другую ногу

to shift cargo - перемещать груз

to shift one's glance /one's gaze/ - отвести/перевести/ взгляд

to shift fire - *воен.* переносить огонь

to shift the target - *воен.* менять цель; переносить огонь

2) перемещаться; передвигаться

to shift quickly [gradually, easily, from place to place] - перемещаться быстро [постепенно, легко, с места на место]

to shift from one foot to another - переступать с ноги на ногу

to shift in one's chair - ёрзать на стуле

the scene shifts to a cave - действие переносится в пещеру

3) переезжать

the family had to shift - семья должна была переехать

2. 1) менять, изменять

to shift one's position [one's place, one's lodging] - менять положение [место, квартиру]

to shift one's ground - изменить точку зрения; занять новую позицию

2) меняться, изменяться

to shift from shape to shape - принимать всё новые и новые очертания/формы

to shift constantly /continuously/ - постоянно менять место, направление, положение *и т. п.*

the wind shifted - ветер переменялся

the meaning shifts - значение меняется

3. перекладывать (*ответственность и т. п.*)

to shift the blame [the responsibility] on to smb. - перенести/свалить/вину [ответственность] на кого-л.

to shift the fault from oneself - снять с себя вину

4. 1) убирать (прочь)

shift this rubbish out of the way! - уберите этот хлам!

2) *разг.* убрать (кого-л.) с дороги

3) *эвф.* убрать, ликвидировать, убить

4) *воен. разг.* выбивать с позиции (*противника*)

5. 1) прибегать к уловкам; изворачиваться; ухищряться

to shift for a living - изворачиваться, чтобы заработать на жизнь

they prompted him to shift - они толкали его на уловки, они заставляли его ловчить

2) обходиться, перебиваться

to shift with little money - жить на небольшие деньги; перебиваться на низкий заработок

to shift for oneself - обходиться без посторонней помощи

he can shift for himself - он может сам о себе позаботиться

I won't be able to help you: you'll have to shift for yourself - я тебе не смогу помочь - устраивайся сам

they were left to shift for themselves as best they could - их бросили на произвол судьбы

6. менять, переодевать

to shift one's clothes - переодеться, сменить платье

to shift oneself - переодеться

7. *разг.* сбросить (*всадника*)

8. *разг.* есть, уплетать

9. 1) *тех.* переключать

to shift gear - *авт.* переключать/менять/передачу

2) *мор.* перекладывать

to shift the helm - перекладывать/класть/руль

10. сменить регистр (*пишущей машинки*)

to shift to capitals - перейти на верхний регистр

shift

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shift **AW** [shift shifts shifted shifting] verb, noun *BrE* [ˈʃɪft] ⁴ *NAmE* [ˈʃɪft] ⁴

verb

MOVE

1. intransitive, transitive to move, or move sth, from one position or place to another

- Lydia shifted uncomfortably in her chair.
- I shifted uneasily under his gaze.
- ~ **(from...)** **(to...)** The action of the novel shifts from Paris to London.
- ~ **sth** Could you help me shift some furniture?
- ~ **sth (from...)** **(to...)** He shifted his gaze from the child to her.
- She shifted her weight from one foot to the other.

2. intransitive, transitive ~ (yourself) (*BrE, informal*) to move quickly

Syn: ↑hurry

SITUATION/OPINION/POLICY

3. intransitive (*of a situation, an opinion, a policy etc.*) to change from one state, position, etc. to another

- Public attitudes towards marriage have shifted over the past 50 years.
- ~ **(from...)** **(to/towards/toward...)** The balance of power shifted away from workers towards employers.
- Her sympathies gradually shifted to the side of the protesters.

4. transitive to change your opinion of or attitude towards sth, or change the way that you do sth

- ~ **sth** We need to shift the focus of this debate.
- ~ **sth (from...)** **(to/towards/toward...)** The new policy shifted the emphasis away from fighting inflation.

RESPONSIBILITY

5. transitive ~ responsibility/blame (**for sth**) (**onto sb**) to make sb else responsible for sth you should do or sth bad that you have done

- He tried to shift the blame for his mistakes onto his colleagues.

REMOVE MARK

6. transitive ~ **sth** to remove sth such as a dirty mark

Syn: get rid of

- a detergent that shifts even the most stubborn stains

SELL GOODS

7. **transitive** ~ **sth** to sell goods, especially goods that are difficult to sell

- They cut prices drastically to try and shift stock.

IN VEHICLE

8. **intransitive** (NAme) to change the gears when you are driving a vehicle

- to shift into second gear

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	shift
	BrE /ˈʃɪft/
	NAme /ˈʃɪft/
he / she /it	shifts
	BrE /ˈʃɪfts/
	NAme /ˈʃɪfts/
past simple, past participle	shifted
	BrE /ˈʃɪftɪd/
	NAme /ˈʃɪftɪd/
-ing form	shifting
	BrE /ˈʃɪftɪŋ/
	NAme /ˈʃɪftɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English sciftan 'arrange, divide, share', of Germanic origin; related to German **schichten** 'to layer'. A common Middle English sense 'change, replace' gave rise to the noun senses 5 and 6 (via the sense of 'changing one's clothes') and senses 2 and 3 (via the sense of 'relays of workers').

Thesaurus:

shift verb I, T (especially written)

- He shifted uncomfortably in his chair.

move • **stir** • |informal **budge** • |formal **dislodge** •

shift/move/stir/budge/dislodge (sth) **from** sth

won't/wouldn't/refuse to shift/move/stir/budge

hardly/barely shift/move/stir/budge

Example Bank:

- Government grants are being shifted away from the capital to the regions.
- He shifted his weight onto his left foot.
- Her eyes shifted to his face.
- His sympathies rapidly shifted to the side of the workers.
- I felt the advantage had suddenly shifted away from us.
- In recent years, manufacturing has shifted out of the US.
- Julie shifted her position slightly and smiled.
- Like many plays, this one shifts back and forth in time and place.
- She shifted her gaze away from the group of tourists.
- She shifted uncomfortably in her chair.
- These changes will shift the balance in higher education more towards science subjects.
- They tried to shift the blame onto the government
- We cannot simply shift the responsibility onto someone else.
- constantly shifting alliances
- Can you help me shift these boxes?
- The little girl shifted her weight from one foot to another.
- They are trying to shift public attitudes about the nature of old age.

Idioms: ↑**shift your ground** ▪ ↑**shifting sands**

Derived ↑**shift for yourself**

noun

CHANGE

1. **countable** ~ (in **sth**) a change in position or direction

- a dramatic shift in public opinion
- a shift of emphasis

see also ↑**paradigm shift**

PERIOD OF WORK

2. **countable** a period of time worked by a group of workers who start work as another group finishes

- to be on the **day/night shift** at the factory
- to work an eight-hour shift
- working in shifts
- **shift workers/work**

see also †swinging shift

3. **countable + singular or plural verb** the workers who work a particular **shift**

- The night shift has/have just come off duty.

ON COMPUTER

4. **uncountable** the system on a computer keyboard or †**typewriter** that allows capital letters or a different set of characters to be typed; the key that operates this system

- a shift key
- Press shift + F11 to insert a new worksheet.

CLOTHING

5. **countable** a woman's simple straight dress

6. **countable** a simple straight piece of clothing worn by women in the past as underwear

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Collocations:

Jobs

Getting a job

look for work

look for/apply for/go for a job

get/pick up/complete/fill out/ (BrE) fill in an application (form)

send/email your (BrE) CV/(NAme) résumé/application/application form/covering letter

be called for/have/attend an interview

offer sb a job/work/employment/promotion

find/get/land a job

employ/ (especially NAme) hire/recruit/ (especially BrE) take on staff/workers/trainees

recruit/appoint a manager

Doing a job

arrive at/get to/leave work/the office/the factory

start/finish work/your shift

do/put in/work overtime

have/gain/get/lack/need experience/qualifications

do/get/have/receive training

learn/pick up/improve/develop (your) skills

cope with/manage/share/spread the workload

improve your/achieve a better work-life balance

have (no) job satisfaction/job security

Building a career

have a job/work/a career/a vocation

find/follow/pursue/ (especially NAme) live (out) your vocation

enter/go into/join a profession

choose/embark on/start/begin/pursue a career

change jobs/profession/career

be/ (both especially BrE) work/go freelance

do/take on temp work/freelance work

do/be engaged in/be involved in voluntary work

Leaving your job

leave/ (especially NAme) quit/resign from your job

give up work/your job/your career

hand in your notice/resignation

plan to/be due to retire in June/next year, etc.

take early retirement

Example Bank:

- He works the night shift.
- I agreed to work double shifts for a few weeks.
- I detected a subtle shift towards our point of view.
- I didn't realize that I'd have to work shifts.
- I'm doing the early shift this week.
- It was 8 a.m. and the nurses were changing shifts.
- My husband changed his shifts from afternoons to nights.
- My husband has changed his shifts, from the afternoon shift to the night one.
- The clinic is staffed by ten doctors who work in shifts.
- The industry has undergone a fundamental shift in recent years.
- The moment marked a significant shift in attitudes to the war.

- The shift change took place at 10 p.m.
- There has been a major shift in the public's taste.
- These climate shifts occurred over less than a decade.
- These proposals represent a dramatic shift in policy.
- They'd altered his shift pattern twice in the past fortnight.
- a decision for the chief nurse on each shift
- a shift in attitude/opinion/perspective
- a shift in direction/focus/policy/strategy
- a shift in emphasis/mood/tone
- a shift towards part-time farming
- a sudden shift to the right in British politics
- one factor which may explain the president's policy shift
- the many shifts between verse and prose that occur in Shakespeare
- the shift away from direct taxation
- As I left the next shift was settling in for the day.
- Most of the night shift had already left.
- The drama began at 5.15 am as the day shift was going on duty.
- There was a gradual shift in the population away from the countryside to the towns.
- These results mark a dramatic shift in public opinion.

shift

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I. shift¹ S3 W3 AC /ʃɪft/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: sciftan 'to divide, arrange']

1. MOVE

a) [intransitive and transitive] to move from one place or position to another, or make something do this:

- Joe listened, shifting uncomfortably from one foot to another.
- She shifted her gaze from me to Bobby.

b) [transitive] *British English informal* to move something, especially by picking it up and carrying it:

- Give me a hand to shift these chairs.

2. CHANGE ATTENTION [transitive] to change a situation, discussion etc by giving special attention to one idea or subject instead of to a previous one

shift something away/onto/from etc

- The White House hopes to shift the media's attention away from foreign policy issues.

attention/emphasis/focus shifts

- In this stage of a rape case, the focus often shifts onto the victim and her conduct.

shift gear *American English* (=change what you are doing)

- It's hard to shift gear when you come home after a busy day at work.

3. CHANGE OPINION [intransitive and transitive] if someone's opinions, beliefs etc shift, they change:

- Public opinion was beginning to shift to the right (=become more right-wing).
- shifting attitudes towards marriage
- He refused to shift his ground (=change his opinion).

4. shift the blame /responsibility (onto somebody) to make someone else responsible for something, especially for something bad that has happened:

- It was a clear attempt to shift the responsibility for the crime onto the victim.

5. COSTS/SPENDING [transitive always + adverb/preposition] to change the way that money is paid or spent **SYN direct**:

- the need to shift more resources towards reducing poverty

6. DIRT/MARKS [transitive] *British English* to remove dirt or marks from a surface or piece of clothing:

- a new washing powder that will shift any stain

7. IN A CAR [intransitive and transitive] *especially American English* to change the **↑gears** when you are driving **SYN change** *British English*:

- I shifted into second gear.

8. SELL [transitive] *British English informal* to sell a product, especially a lot of it:

- The store shifted over 1,000 copies of the book last week.

II. shift² AC BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

1. a change in the way people think about something, in the way something is done etc

shift from/to

- the shift from one type of economic system to another

shift in

- an important shift in policy
- a marked shift (=noticeable change) in attitudes towards women

2.

a) if workers in a factory, hospital etc work shifts, they work for a particular period of time during the day or night, and are then replaced by others, so that there are always people working

do/work a (10-/12-/24- etc hour) shift

- Dave had to work a 12-hour shift yesterday.
- I work shifts.

night/day etc shift

- The thought of working night shifts put her off becoming a nurse.

early/late shift

I'm on the early shift tomorrow.

shift work/worker/working

- people who do shift work
 - A shift system has been introduced.
- b) the workers who work during one of these periods

night/day/early/late shift

- before the early shift goes off duty

3. a ↑shift key:

- To run the spell-checker, press SHIFT and F7.

4. (also **shift dress**) a simple straight loose-fitting woman's dress

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + shift

- a **big/major shift** There has recently been a big shift in the way people are accessing information.
- a **significant/marked shift** (=big and noticeable) There has been a significant shift in government policy on education.
- a **fundamental shift** (=a complete change) A fundamental shift in attitudes was underway.
- a **sudden shift** She immediately picked up his sudden shifts of mood.
- a **dramatic shift** (=a big and sudden change) Increased spending on the armed forces marks a dramatic shift in priorities.
- a **small/slight shift** There has been only a slight shift in income distribution.
- a **gradual shift** There has been a gradual shift in people's attitudes towards cars.
- a **subtle shift** (=a change which is small and not easy to notice) Recently there has been a subtle shift in public opinion about the environment.
- a **policy shift** The policy shift was triggered by a sharp increase in violent crime.
- a **cultural shift** We all know there were cultural shifts in the 1960s that significantly changed our society.

■ verbs

- mark/represent a shift** The idea represents a dramatic shift in health care policy.
- cause/bring about a shift** The affair has brought about a shift in the government's attitude towards immigration.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- work a shift** They work quite long shifts.
- do a shift** I did a 12-hour shift yesterday.
- work in shifts** We had to work in shifts – four hours on and four off.
- be on shift** (=be working a shift) He hardly sees the kids when he's on shift.
- be on the late/early/night etc shift** (=be working a particular shift) She's on the late shift.
- be on day/night shifts** (=be working a series of day or night shifts) He's on night shifts all next week.

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + shift

- a **night shift** She found it hard to stay awake during her night shifts at the factory.
- a **day shift** He's going to be on day shifts for five days.
- a **morning/afternoon/evening shift** All the machines are cleaned at the end of every afternoon shift.
- an **early/late shift** Nobody wants to do the late shift.
- a **12-hour/16-hour etc shift** We used to work eight-hour shifts.
- the **graveyard shift** *informal* (=a shift that begins late at night or very early in the morning) He chose to work the graveyard shift because the pay was slightly better.
- a **double shift** (=when someone works two shifts one after the other) He is only halfway through a 20-hour double shift.

■ shift + NOUN

- shift work/working** (=working shifts) Does the job involve shift work?
- a **shift worker** The meetings are at different times so that shift workers have an opportunity to attend.
- a **shift system** (=a system in which people work shifts) A shift system was introduced in the department last year.

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THESAURUS

- change** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a situation in which someone or something becomes different, or the act of making something different: There was a sudden change in the weather. | We are living in a period of great change. | He was told to make some slight changes to his essay.
- alteration** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a change, especially a small one that happens naturally or gradually, or one that is made in order to improve something: I noticed a slight alteration in her behaviour. | They had to make some alterations to their original theory.
- reform** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a change made to a system or law in order to improve it: He called for a reform of our outdated voting system. | Many people opposed the economic reforms.
- shift** *noun* [countable] a change, especially in people's attitudes or in the way they do things, or in the position of someone or something: a shift in public opinion about the war | There has been a noticeable shift in government policy on education. | There needs to be a major shift away from road transport to rail transport. | After he died, there was a dramatic shift in the balance of power.
- swing** a big change, especially in someone's opinions or moods: There has been a big swing toward the Democrats (=many more people are supporting them). | The drug can cause mood swings.
- fluctuation** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a change in something - used when something changes often: fluctuations in the value of the dollar | temperature fluctuations | fluctuations in his mood | There has been some fluctuation in productivity levels.

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