

1. [kɜ:v] *n*1) *слец.* кривая (линия)

initial curve - начальная кривая

2) изгиб, поворот (*дороги и т. п.*); излучина

curve in the road - поворот /изгиб/ дороги

3) вираж (*велоспорт*)

final curve - финишный вираж

curve entering - вход в вираж

curve outlet - выход из виража

2) 1) кривая (*графика, диаграммы*)

demand [supply] curve - кривая спроса [предложения]

curve of mortality [of output] - кривая смертности [производительности]

2) график, диаграмма

3) 1) кривизна; изогнутость

curve of the skate - изогнутость лезвия конька

2) лекало

4. *pl* круглые скобки5. *амер.*

1) = curve ball

2) финт, коварный приём

the journalist threw the candidate a curve by asking him an unexpected question - журналист загнал кандидата в угол, задав ему

неожиданный вопрос

2. [kɜ:v] *v*

1) гнуть, сгибать, изгибать

to curve the back - гнуть /сгибать/ спину

2) гнуться, сгибаться, изгибаться

the road curved sharply to the right - дорога резко повернула вправо

the river curves round the town - река огибает город

curve

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

curve [curve curves curved curving] *noun, verb* *BrE* [kɜːv] *NAmE* [kɜːr] *v**noun*

1. a line or surface that bends gradually; a smooth bend

• the delicate curve of her ear

• a pattern of straight lines and curves

• (especially *NAmE*) a curve in the road• (especially *NAmE*) The driver lost control on a curve and the vehicle hit a tree.

• to plot a curve on a graph

• (*technical*) the unemployment-income curve (= a line on a [↑]graph showing the relationship between the number of unemployed people and national income)**see also** [↑]learning curve2. (also 'curve ball') (*NAmE*) (in [↑]baseball) a ball that moves in a curve when it is thrown to the [↑]batter: (*figurative*) One of the journalists **threw** the senator **a curve** (= surprised him by asking a difficult question).Word Origin:late Middle English: from Latin *curvare* 'to bend', from *curvus* 'bent'. The noun dates from the late 17th cent.Thesaurus:**curve** *noun* *C*

• The pattern was made up of straight lines and curves.

arc • • **loop** • • **crescent** • • **arch** • • **semicircle** • |**technical parabola** • • **curvature** •(a/an) **downward/upward/slight/graceful** curve/arc/curvature**form** a curve/arc/loop/arch/semicircle**draw** a curve/arc/semicircle/parabolaExample Bank:

- He slowed down to negotiate the curve.
- Slow down at the curves.
- Start-up businesses often have a steep learning curve.
- The car vanished around a curve.
- The evening dress hugged her curves beautifully.
- The road follows the coast in a wide curve.
- The road went around in a tight curve.
- The seats were arranged to form a curve.
- the curve of his neck
- the natural curve of your spine
- the voluptuous curve of her hips
- He admired the delicate curve of her ear.

- The pattern was made up of straight lines and curves.
- The program automatically plots the curve on a graph.
- This figure shows the population curve for the last hundred years.

Idiom: †ahead of the curve

verb intransitive, transitive ~ (sth) (+ adv./prep.)

to move or make sth move in the shape of a curve; to be in the shape of a curve

- The road curved around the bay.
- The ball curved through the air.
- His lips curved in a smile.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	curve
	BrE /kɜːv/
	NAme /kɜːrv/
he / she / it	curves
	BrE /kɜːvz/
	NAme /kɜːrvz/
past simple, past participle	curved
	BrE /kɜːvd/
	NAme /kɜːrvd/
-ing form	curving
	BrE /kɜːvɪŋ/
	NAme /kɜːrvɪŋ/

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Thesaurus:

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bend • • **turn** • • **wind** • • **twist** • |written snake • |technical arc •

curve/bend/wind/twist/snake **around/round** sth

curve/bend/turn **(to the) left/right/south/north, etc.**

the **road/path** curves/bends/turns/winds/twists/snakes

Example Bank:

- His mouth curved into a smile.
- The path curved down to the bay.
- The road curved away around the back of the hill.
- a gently curving stream

curve

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **curve**¹ S3 W3 /kɜːv/\$ kɜːr/BrE^m AmE^m noun [countable]

1. a line that gradually bends like part of a circle

curve of

- " the curve of her hips
- " a sweeping curve of railroad track

2. a line on a †graph that gradually bends and represents a change in the amount or level of something:

- " The curve illustrates costs per capita.

demand/supply curve

- " The market demand curve has increased.

3. a bend in a road, river etc:

- " The car took the curve much too quickly.

4. (also '**curve ball**) in baseball, a ball that spins and moves in a curve when it is thrown, so that it is difficult to hit

5. **throw somebody a curve** *American English* to surprise someone with a question or problem that is difficult to deal with

6. **ahead of/behind the curve** *informal* more advanced than other people in what you do or think, or less advanced than other people

⇒ †learning curve

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- a **smooth curve** He drew a line on the paper in a smooth curve.
- a **gentle curve** (=one that turns gradually in another direction) the river's gentle curves
- a **sharp/tight curve** (=one that turns suddenly in another direction) There's a tight curve in the road up ahead.
- an **upward/downward curve** She stood watching the upward curve of the bird's flight.
- a **sweeping curve** (=wide and gentle) the sweeping curve of the bay
- a **graceful curve** Her arm arched over her head in a graceful curve.

II. **curve**² BrE^m AmE^m verb [intransitive and transitive]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: curvare, from curvus 'curved']

to bend or move in the shape of a curve, or to make something do this:

" The track curved round the side of the hill.

" A smile curved her lips.

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12500 **2795**^{MCW}

15000 **2285**^{COCA}

RANGE: **4k** CURVE 13891

curve 6182

curving 1195

curves 3139

curved 2939

curvature 419

curvatures 17

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

3875 **6208**⁵⁸⁸¹ *nn1*

145 **60952**¹⁵³ *vvi*

127 **63812**¹⁴⁰ *vv0*

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