Phrasal Verbs: Turn

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Introduction: How many uses of the word 'turn' can you think of?



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Vocabulary Focus I: Match the images and the sentences.

- A. He has cut the power to the switch. ____
- B. The chrysalis has become a butterfly.
- C. The vehicles are changing direction. ____
- D. They are discovering that she's pregnant!
- E. The influencer is looking back for the photo.
- F. He's making the music louder (or quieter).
- G. She rejected his marriage proposal. ____
- H. The air conditioning is running in the car.
- I. She is changing the channel on the TV. ____
- J. They are working to make people dislike racism.
- K. Her date never came to the dinner.
- L. The military guard is denying access.







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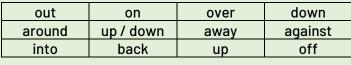


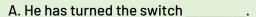
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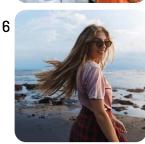
Vocabulary Focus II: Complete the sentences with the prepositions.





- B. The chrysalis has turned a butterfly.
- C. The vehicles are turning .
- D. It turns _____ that she's pregnant!
- E. The influencer is turning _____ for the photo.
- F. He's turning the music _____/___.
- G. She turned his marriage proposal ______.
- H. The air conditioning is turned _____ in the car.
- I. She is turning (the channel)_____.
- J. They are working to turn people _____ racism.
- K. Her date never turned _____ to the dinner.
- L. The military guard is turning people ______.









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Speaking: Ask and answer the questions as a group.

Below are a number of unrelated questions which use 'turn' phrasal verbs. Answer them as fully as you can.

- 1. Can you remember the last thing you turned down?
- 2. Have you ever been turned away from somewhere?
- 3. Do you often have to turn back in the morning because you forgot something at home?
- 4. Have you ever discovered that a friend was trying to turn you against another friend?
- 5. When do you absolutely love turning the music up?
- 6. Can you think of one thing you believed as a child that turned out not to be true?
- 7. As a child, did you have any toys that turned into something else?
- 8. Have you ever not turned up to class or work?
- 9. When you're watching TV, what programme always makes you turn over?
- 10. What do you leave turned on at home (or turned on standby) that you probably shouldn't?
- 11. Do you know anybody who's really turned their life around?
- 12. Have you ever turned off the TV in the middle of a programme because you couldn't watch anymore?