

# Phrasal Verbs: Turn

## Language Builder

**Preclass Activity:** Choose the correct definition of the phrasal verb using the example sentences and the three possible definitions.

Note that 'sth' means 'something' and 'sbd' means 'somebody'.

1. Michael turned his computer off at the end of the day.

to 'turn sth off' is to: 1. change direction 2. reject sth/sbd 3. switch sth off

2. Jackie turned the job offer down because the conditions were very poor.

to 'turn sth/sbd down' is to: 1. transform 2. deny access 3. reject sth/sbd

3. I had to turn back when I realised I had forgotten my suitcase.

to 'turn back' is to: 1. start to have negative feelings towards something  
2. arrive or make an appearance  
3. stop travelling and return in the direction you came from

4. The teacher was surprised that 90% of the class turned up to the extracurricular activities.

to 'turn up' is to: 1. increase or decrease the volume, brightness, or intensity of a device  
2. start to have negative feelings towards something  
3. arrive or make an appearance

5. This incredible toy turns into a car if you push this button.

to 'turn into' is to: 1. transform 2. switch sth off 3. deny access

6. The big car was having trouble turning around in the small street.

to 'turn around' is to: 1. reject sth/sbd 2. change direction 3. prove to be true

7. She turned the music up because she liked it, but her brother turned it down so as to concentrate.

to 'turn up/down' is to: 1. stop travelling and return in the direction you came from  
2. increase or decrease the volume, brightness, or intensity of a device  
3. arrive or make an appearance

8. We all thought that Bernie had been fired, but it turned out he was just on sick leave.

to 'turn out' is to: 1. prove to be true 2. switch sth off 3. switch sth on

9. We were all turned away from the club because the guard said there were too many people inside.

to 'turn away' is to: 1. prove to be true 2. deny access 3. switch to the next

10. When Sarah's boyfriend cheated on her, she spread rumours to turn all his friends against him.

to 'turn against' is to: 1. stop travelling and return in the direction you came from  
2. increase or decrease the volume, brightness, or intensity of a device  
3. start to have negative feelings towards something

11. Meredith turned the heating on because the room was starting to get cold.

to 'turn sth on' is to: 1. switch sth on 2. switch to the next 3. change direction

12. Greg turned the page over as he neared the end of the novel he was reading.

to 'turn over' is to: 1. transform 2. switch sth on 3. switch to the next