



Meaning of **pivot** in English



pivot

noun [C]

UK /ˈpɪv.ət/ US /ˈpɪv.ət/

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a fixed point supporting something that turns or balances

Synonym

pivot point

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the central or most important person or thing in a situation:

- **turn/revolve on a pivot** *The former guerrilla leader has become the pivot on which the country's emerging political stability turns/revolves (= it depends on him).*

Synonym

pivot point





- *He's the most dominant pivot in the game.*

Synonyms

centre (PLAYER POSITION) UK

pivotman

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pivot

verb

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pivot verb (TURN)

[I or T]

to turn or twist:

- *She pivots her left foot.*
- **pivot on** *He pivoted on his heels and headed out.*
- *Future deals will pivot on (= depend on) easing commercial conflicts.*

Synonym





[1]

in basketball or netball, to stand with one foot on the ground and move your other foot to allow you to turn without taking a step when you have the ball:

- *Once you catch the ball you can pivot, but you must throw it to another player.*

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pivot *verb* (CHANGE OPINIONS)



[1]

to change your opinions, statements, decisions, etc. so that they are different to what they were before:

- *He has pivoted to bring himself in line with the rest of the candidates.*
- *It was harder for Bush to pivot to the positive when so much of his campaign revolved around taking down Kerry.*

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pivot verb (CHANGE SUBJECT)



[1]

to avoid talking about something by talking about something else:

- Several viewers were eager to hear *what he had to say about jobs, and found the evasion glaring when he immediately pivoted to a prepackaged answer on education.*

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pivot

noun [C]





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a fixed point supporting something which turns or balances, or a person or thing on which something else depends:

- *Boston was the pivot of his emotional and intellectual life.*



pivot

verb [I/T]

us /'pɪv-ət/

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to turn or twist:

- [T] *She pivots her left foot.*
- [I] *He pivoted on his heels and headed out.*
- [I] *Future deals will pivot on easing commercial conflicts (= they will depend on this).*

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EXAMPLES of pivot

pivot

What has become clear is the disadvantages of the old system which pivoted on the development charge.

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The range of industry which pivots round the manufacture of dyestuffs is incalculable.





they become extremely relevant and more the process becomes a more the more turning point.

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He chose the great leaders of industry who formed the pivots of our machine.

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There were two under repair, two had the pivots of their cylinders cracked, one had a boiler burst, and one had some other defect in the machinery.

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When people make that decision, its importance must be reflected in our laws and supported and sustained as one of the key pivots of the ordering of our society.

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Legislation that pivots around some environmental blip from year to year would send out a tremendously bad signal to business, the public at large and our international partners.

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The bridge is like a forearm and pivots, as it were, from an elbow and it is at the elbow that the bed plates are worn.

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The two arms with the linear slides can be rotated 345° around their individual *pivot* points.

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The backwards edge of the boat peaks out through the facade as the track pivots to let the vehicle travel forward again.

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One arm pivots at the centre, like a side-pull; and the other pivots at the side, like a centre-pull.

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Pivots, and moving diagonally, backwards, and forwards to a suitable musical theme are important to the routine.

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The levers are called cranks, and the fulcrums are called pivots.

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The clamshell-style roof swung back on rear-mounted pivots for entry and egress.

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in Chinese (Simplified)

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