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le-ver('le-vər)('lē-)

Synonyms of lever

1a: a bar used for prying or dislodging something

b: an inducing or compelling force: TOOL

use food as a political lever

— Time

2a: a rigid piece that transmits and modifies force or motion when forces are applied at two points and it turns about a third

specifically: a rigid bar used to exert a pressure or sustain a weight at one point of its length by the application of a force at a second and turning at a third on a fulcrum

b: a projecting piece by which a mechanism (see MECHANISM sense 1) is operated or adjusted

Illustration of lever



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lever

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verb

levered; levering

'le-və-rɪŋ

'lē-; 'lev-rɪŋ, 'lèv-

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transitive verb

- 1 : to pry, raise, or move with or as if with a lever
- 2 : to operate (a device) in the manner of a lever

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They used their money as a **lever** to gain political power.

Verb

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the workers used crowbars to **lever** the heavy stone block into its new position

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Verb

1876, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

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sever	cantilever	howsoever
whatsoever	whensoever	wheresoever

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1 of 2 noun

le-ver 'lev-ər 'lē-vər

- 1 : a bar used to pry or move something
- 2 : a stiff bar for applying a force (as for lifting a weight) at one point of its length by effort at a second point and turning at a third point on a fulcrum
- 3 : a bar or rod used to run or adjust something
a gearshift lever

lever

2 of 2 verb

levered; levering 'lev-(ə-)rɪŋ 'lēv-

: to pry, raise, or move with a lever

Etymology

Noun

Middle English *lever* "bar for prying," from early French *levier* (same meaning), from *lever* (verb) "to raise," from Latin *levare* "to raise" — related to [ELEVATE](#)

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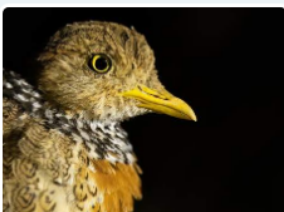
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