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Meaning of **lever** in English

lever

noun [C]

UK /'liː.və/ US /'lev.ə/

lever noun [C] (BAR/HANDLE)

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a bar or handle that moves around a fixed point, so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled in order to control the operation of a machine or move a heavy or stiff object

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lever noun [C] (ADVANTAGE)

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something you use, often unfairly, to try to persuade someone to do what you want

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lever

verb [T usually + adv/prep]



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lever verb [T usually + adv/prep] (MOVE)

to move a bar or handle around a fixed point, so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled in order to control the operation of a machine or move a heavy or stiff object:

- lever something up *She levered up the drain cover.*
- *He levered open the engine compartment and released a great cloud of blue smoke.*

If you lever someone or something to a place, you move them there with great physical effort:

- *He levered himself out of his chair with the usual difficulty and opened his arms wide.*
- *Jim fought to pull himself up, levering his arms down.*

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lever verb [T usually + adv/prep] (GET ADVANTAGE)

to change a situation in order to suit yourself, often using unfair methods:

- *The company gobbles up rivals or levers them out of the market.*
- *They accused the companies of using political pressure to lever out competition.*

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horoscope

uk /ˈhɒr.ə.skəʊp/
us /ˈhɔːr.ə.skəʊp/

a description of what is going to happen to you, based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of your birth

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verb [T]

UK  /'li:və/ US  /'levə/

to try to persuade someone to do what you want, or try to get a particular result:

- **lever sb into (doing) sth** *But the government has not allowed the market to lever employers into that position.*

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EXAMPLES of **lever**

lever

The bar-press response would not be possible without the presence of the metal *lever* (bar) that extends into the experimental apparatus.

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There seems to be a movement towards nationalism, and often language is a *lever* in the dispute.

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These remain publicly owned, publicly capitalized, and publicly accountable, but institution-level managers gain control over important operating levers, often including hiring patterns and salary ranges.

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Even a hungry rat rewarded by food for pressing a *lever* is to an extent controlling itself.

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The other is the hook causing the *lever* to remain at rest prior to when the shutter release button is pressed.

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reinforcer for *lever* presses.

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This program also began in 1993 with the aim of identifying barriers and highlighting potential levers to the process of getting research into practice.

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The most obvious policy '*lever*' suggested by this study for increasing the access of the poor to more remunerative wage labour is rural formal education.

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The animal had easy access to the *lever* and food plate.

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Clearly, the extent and quality of forest cover is a potential policy *lever*, and we present details on this measure.

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I hope that this little book may be the *lever* that achieves the funding and inspires the tackling of the task.

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This restoration happens because of the excess weight of the *lever* to the right of the point of support.

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The time from light onset to *lever* press (causing light offset) was documented by computer and taken to be the stimulus duration.

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The procedures for the cup - switch - *lever* and switch - *lever* - cup conditions differed only in the following respects.

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As we select for more forceful presses, the presses continue to vary in force, but the average *lever* press becomes more forceful.

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Translations of lever

in Chinese (Traditional)

槓桿 / 手槓 槓杆 槓桿 槓杆 槓杆

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in Chinese (Simplified)

棍棒 / 手柄, 杠杆, 操纵杆, 控制手柄, 优势...

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in Spanish

palanca, apalancar, palanca [feminine...]

See more

in Portuguese

alavanca, levantar com alavanca, alavancar...

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levelling

levelling up

levelly

lever

lever arch file

leverage

leverage (sth) up *phrasal verb*

leveraged



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pronounced; apɔːrənˈteɪ; prænˈteɪ
[feminine...]

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alavanca, levantar com
alavanca, alavancar...

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leverage (sth) up *phrasal verb*

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