

Change

WORD	PRONUNCIATION	DEFINITION
adapt (v)	/ə'dæpt/	to change your behaviour in order to deal more successfully with a new situation
adjust (v)	/ə'dʒʌst/	to change something slightly to make it more suitable for a new set of conditions or to make it work better
alternate (v, adj)	/ɔ:l'tənɛɪt/	(v) to happen or exist one after the other repeatedly
	/ɔ:l'tɜ:nɛt/	(adj) (of two things) happening or following one after the other regularly
amend (v)	/ə'mend/	to change a law, document, statement, etc. slightly in order to correct a mistake or to improve it
convert (v)	/kən'vɜ:t/	to change or make something change from one form, purpose, system, etc. to another
deteriorate (v)	/dɪ'tɪəriəreɪt/	to become worse
decay (v)	/dɪ'keɪ/	to be destroyed gradually by natural processes; to destroy something in this way
distort (v)	/dɪ'stɔ:t/	to change the shape of something so that it looks strange or unnatural
evolve (v)	/ɪ'vɒlv/	to develop gradually, or to cause something or someone to develop gradually
mature (v)	/mə'tʃʊə(r)/	to become fully grown or developed
novel (adj)	/nɒvl/	different from anything known before; new, interesting and often seeming slightly strange
radical (adj)	/rædɪkl/	relating to the most important parts of something or someone; complete or extreme
reform (v)	/rɪ'fɔ:m/	to make an improvement, esp. by changing a person's behaviour or the structure of something
shift (v, n)	/ʃɪft/	(v) to (cause something or someone to) move or change from one position or direction to change from one position or direction to another, esp. slightly
		(n) a change in opinion, mood, policy, etc.
steady (v, adj)	/'stedi/	(v) to stop changing and become regular again;
		(adj) not changing and not interrupted

IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS	DEFINITION
change around	to move things or people into different positions
change into	to stop being in one state, condition or form and start being in another
do away with	get rid of
do (sth) up	repair, paint and improve an old building, car, boat, etc; fasten (an item of clothing)
fade away	to slowly disappear, lose importance, or become weaker
make (sth) into (sth)	to change something into something else
turn into	to change from one thing to another
a leopard can't change its spots	used for saying that someone will never change their behaviour or character
change your tune	change your opinion or attitude
have a change of heart	change your opinion about something or decide not to do something you were planning to do
turn over a new leaf	change your life by starting to be a better person or stopping a bad habit
stick to your guns	refuse to change what you are saying or doing despite the opposition or criticism of other people
turn (sth) upside down	to cause big changes in a person's life that upset and confuse them
turn the corner	to pass a very important point in an illness or a difficult situation and begin to improve
back to square one	if you are back to square one, you have to start working on a plan, project, task, etc., from the beginning because your previous attempt failed completely

VERBS FREQUENTLY USED WITH CHANGE	ADJECTIVES THAT COLLOCATE WITH CHANGE
bring about	abrupt
cause	big / enormous
embrace	considerable
experience	dramatic
facilitate	drastic
implement	extensive
impose	fundamental
introduce	irreversible
make	major
resist	pleasant
undergo	radical
welcome	systematic