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bring  (brĭng)

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tr.v. **brought** (brôt), **bring-ing**, **brings**

1. To carry, convey, lead, or cause to go along to another place: *brought enough money with me.*
2. To carry as an attribute or contribution: *You bring many years of experience to your new post.*
3. To lead or force into a specified state, situation, or location: *bring the water to a boil; brought the meeting to a close.*
4.
 - a. To persuade; induce: *The defendant's testimony brought others to confess.*
 - b. To get the attention of; attract: *Smoke and flames brought the neighbors.*
5.
 - a. To cause to occur as a consequence: *Floods brought destruction to the valley.*
 - b. To cause to occur as a concomitant: *For many, the fall brings hay fever.*
6. To cause to become apparent to the mind; recall: *This music brings back memories.*
7. To advance or set forth (charges) in a court.
8. To be sold for: *a portrait that brought a million dollars.*

Phrasal Verbs:

bring about

1. To cause (something) to happen: *a speech that brought about a change in public opinion.*
2. *Nautical* To cause (a ship or boat) to head in a different direction.

bring around (or round)

1. To cause to adopt an opinion or take a certain course of action.
2. To cause to recover consciousness.

bring down

1. To cause to fall or collapse: *a shot that brought down a bird; a demolition crew that brought down a building.*
2. To force to the ground, as by tackling.
3. To cause to lose power or leave office: *The scandal brought down the prime minister.*
4. To kill.
5. To disappoint or dispirit: *The cancellation of the ballgame brought us down.*

bring forth

1. To give rise to; produce: *plants bringing forth fruit.*
2. To give birth to (young).

bring forward

1. To present; produce: *bring forward proof.*
2. *Accounting* To carry (a sum) from one page or column to another.

bring in

1. *Law* To give or submit (a verdict) to a court.
2. To produce, yield, or earn (profits or income).

bring off

To accomplish: *bring off a successful advertising campaign.*

bring on

To cause to appear: *brought on the dessert.*

bring out

1.
 - a. To reveal or expose: *brought out the facts.*
 - b. To introduce (a debutante) to society.
2. To produce or publish: *bring out a new book.*

3. To nurture and develop (a quality, for example) to best advantage: *You bring out the best in me.*

bring to

1. To cause to recover consciousness.

2. *Nautical* To cause (a ship) to turn into the wind or come to a stop.

bring up

1. To take care of and educate (a child); rear.

2. To introduce into discussion; mention.

3. To vomit.

4. To cause to come to a sudden stop.

Idioms:

bring down the house

To win overwhelming approval from an audience.

bring home

To make perfectly clear: *a lecture that brought home several important points.*

bring home the bacon

1. To earn a living, especially for a family.

2. To achieve desired results; have success.

bring to bear

1. To exert; apply: *bring pressure to bear on the student's parents.*

2. To put (something) to good use: *"All of one's faculties are brought to bear in an effort to become fully incorporated into the landscape" (Barry Lopez).*

bring to light

To reveal or disclose: *brought the real facts to light.*

bring to (one's) knees

To reduce to a position of subservience or submission.

bring to terms

To force (another) to agree.

bring up the rear

To be the last in a line or sequence.

[Middle English *bringen*, from Old English *bringan*; see **bher**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

bring *er n.*

Usage Note: The difference between *bring* and *take* is one of perspective. *Bring* indicates motion toward the place from which the action is regarded—typically toward the speaker—while *take* indicates motion away from the place from which the action is regarded—typically away from the speaker. Thus from a customer's perspective, the customer *takes* checks to the bank and *brings* home cash, while from the banker's perspective the customer *brings* checks to the bank in order to *take* away cash. When the point of reference is not the place of speaking itself, either verb is possible, but the correct choice still depends on the desired perspective. For example, *The labor leaders brought their requests to the mayor's office* suggests a point of view centered around the mayor's office, while *The labor leaders took their requests to the mayor's office* suggests a point of view centered around the labor leaders. Be aware that the choice of *bring* or *take* determines the point of view emphasized. For example, a parent sitting at home may say of a child, *She always takes a pile of books home with her from school*, describing the situation from the child's viewpoint leaving school. If the viewpoint shifts to the speaker, *bring* becomes appropriate, as in *Look, I see her coming right now, and she's bringing a whole armful of books!*

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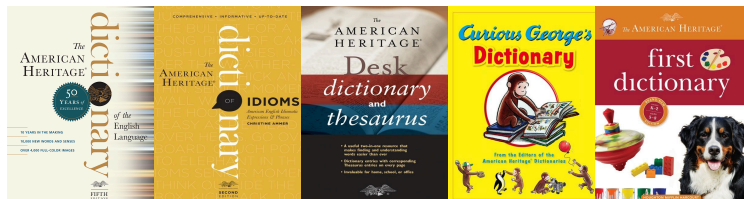
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