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trans·fer  (trăns-fûr , trăns fər)

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v. trans·ferred, trans·fer·ring, trans·fers

v.tr.

1. To convey or cause to pass from one place, person, or thing to another.
2. *Law* To make over the possession or legal title of (property, for example); convey.
3. To convey (a design, for example) from one surface to another, as by impression.

v.intr.

1. To move oneself from one location or job to another.
2. To withdraw from one educational institution or course of study and enroll in another.
3. To change from one public conveyance to another: *transferred to another bus.*

n. (trăns fər)

1. also **trans·fer·al** (trăns-fûr əl) The conveyance or removal of something from one place, person, or thing to another.
2. One who transfers or is transferred, as to a new school.
3. A design conveyed by contact from one surface to another.
4.
 - a. A ticket entitling a passenger to change from one public conveyance to another as part of one trip.
 - b. A place where such a change is made.
5. also **transferral** *Law* A conveyance of title or property from one person to another.

[Middle English *transferren*, from Old French *transferer*, from Latin *trānsferre* : *trāns-*, *trans-* + *ferre*, to carry; see *bher-*¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

trans·fer'a·bil i·ty *n.*

trans·fer a·ble, trans·fer ra·ble *adj.*

trans·fer rer *n.*

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