

LIST OF IDIOMS WITH THE VERB TURN

idiom	meaning	example
leave no stone unturned	try every way possible to achieve something	We'll leave no stone unturned in the hunt for the missing teenager.
take a turn for the worse	one's illness becomes more serious	My dog took a turn for the worse and sadly passed away.
the worm has turned	someone retaliates against the person who has treated them badly	He treats her like shit. One day the worm will turn.
tide turns	a change in fortunes	The greens were 3-0 down at half time. The tide has turned and they're 4-3 up.
turn a blind eye	pretend not to notice something and ignore it's happening	The police turned a blind eye to the poor child who stole some milk to feed his sister.
turn back the clock	rewind time	You can't turn back the clock. You can resit the exam next year.
turn back the hands of time	rewind time, remember and earlier time	I'll be turning back the hands of time by wearing leg warmers and a shell suit to the party.
turn back time	rewind to an earlier period	I wish I could turn back time. If I could, I wouldn't have robbed the store.
turn one's back on someone	refuse to help someone in need or stop giving attention to something	I turned my back on my law career and bought a farm in the countryside.
turn one's nose up at something	refuse something	I want to buy my nan a ticket to the opera, but I think she will turn her nose up at it.
turn one's stomach	make you feel sick/disgusted	Our stomachs were turning on the rollercoaster.
turn over a new leaf	change your behaviour for the better	I'm proud of Samuel. He's turned over a new leaf, he's been clean for 6 months.
turn someone on	sexually excite/stimulate someone	I love it when Jacob massages my feet, it really turns me on.
turn the tables	reverse a situation	We were 3-0 down, now we're 5-2 up. We turned the tables in the second half.
turn up like a bad penny	appear where you are not wanted/welcome	We were having a lovely evening when Jamie turned up like a bad penny.

