

# pivot joints *(pi-vot-joints)*

## Definition

plural n. A type of synovial joint that allows rotational movement around a single axis. An example is the joint between the first and second cervical vertebrae, which allows for the rotation of the head.

## Example Sentence

**Pivot joints** allow the head to turn from side to side.

## More Example Sentences

The **pivot joints** in the neck enable a person to shake their head 'no'.

## Synonyms

rotary joints; trochoid joints; articulation

## Antonyms

hinge joints; ball-and-socket joints; saddle joints

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