

Need another word that means the same as “invention”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “invention” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Invention” are: innovation, conception, design, excogitation, origination, creation, devising, contrivance, formulation, development, contraption, construction, device, gadget, apparatus, machine, inventiveness, originality, creativity, creativeness, imagination, imaginativeness, inspiration, fabrication, concoction, fiction, piece of fiction, yarn, story, tale, figment of one's imagination

Invention as a Noun

Definitions of "Invention" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “invention” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Creative ability.*
- *Something fabricated or made up.*
- *Something, typically a process or device, that has been invented.*
- *The action of inventing something, typically a process or device.*
- *The creation of something in the mind.*
- *Used as a title for a short piece of music.*
- *The act of inventing.*
- *A creation (a new device or process) resulting from study and experimentation.*



Synonyms of "Invention" as a noun (31 Words)

apparatus

Equipment designed to serve a specific function.

*One thing about the book's **apparatus** does irritate the absence of an index of titles.*

conception

A plan or intention.

*The **conception** of a balance of power.*

concoction

Any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients.

*He volunteered to taste her latest **concoction**.*

construction

A group of words that form a constituent of a sentence and are considered as a single unit.

*The central waterway was a spectacular **construction**.*

contraption	A machine or device that appears strange or unnecessarily complicated, and often badly made or unsafe. <i>Repairing stereos and making contraptions out of spare electronic bits.</i>
contrivance	The act of devising something. <i>The plot contained too many improbable contrivances to be believable.</i>
creation	An artifact that has been brought into existence by someone. <i>Job creation.</i>
creativeness	The ability to create.
creativity	The ability to create. <i>Firms are keen to encourage creativity.</i>
design	An anticipated outcome that is intended or that guides your planned actions. <i>He has just unveiled his design for the new museum.</i>
development	The section of a composition or movement (especially in sonata form) where the major musical themes are developed and elaborated. <i>He congratulated them on their development of a plan to meet the emergency.</i>
device	Something in an artistic work designed to achieve a particular effect. <i>A device intended to conserve water.</i>
devising	A will disposing of real property. <i>The devising of plans.</i>
excogitation	The creation of something in the mind.
fabrication	An invention; a lie. <i>The assembly and fabrication of electronic products.</i>
fiction	A literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact. <i>The notion of the country being a democracy is a polite fiction.</i>
figment of one's imagination	A contrived or fantastic idea.
<u>formulation</u>	A substance prepared according to a formula. <i>Post shave formulations which keep skin soft.</i>
gadget	A small mechanical or electronic device or tool, especially an ingenious or novel one. <i>A variety of kitchen gadgets.</i>

imagination

The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses.

***Imagination** reveals what the world could be.*

imaginativeness

The formation of a mental image of something that is not perceived as real and is not present to the senses.

innovation

A creation (a new device or process) resulting from study and experimentation.

***Innovation** is crucial to the continuing success of any organization.*

inspiration

Arousal of the mind to special unusual activity or creativity.

*Helen had one of her flashes of **inspiration**.*

inventiveness

The quality of being inventive; creativity.

*His comic **inventiveness**.*

machine

A person who acts with the mechanical efficiency of a machine.

*The party's fund raising is helping it to build a formidable political **machine**.*

originality

The ability to think and act independently.

*She's a writer of great **originality**.*

origination

An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events.

*There are a number of theories on the **origination** of the name.*

piece of fiction

A serving that has been cut from a larger portion.

story

A plot or storyline.

*The novel has a good **story**.*

tale

A fictitious or true narrative or story, especially one that is imaginatively recounted.

*She enjoyed hearing others tell their **tales**.*

yarn

Spun thread used for knitting, weaving, or sewing.

*Hanks of pale green **yarn**.*



Usage Examples of "Invention" as a noun

- *His powers of invention were rather limited.*
- *The invention of printing in the 15th century.*
- *Bach's two-part Inventions.*
- *You know my story is an invention.*
- *Medieval inventions included spectacles for reading and the spinning wheel.*



Associations of "Invention" (30 Words)

abstraction

Something which exists only as an idea.
*Critics sought the meaning of O Keeffe's **abstractions**.*

artwork

Paintings, drawings, or other artistic works.
*Each **artwork** is reproduced in colour on a full page.*

conceive

Form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind.
*The dam project was originally **conceived** in 1977.*

conception

An abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances.
*The **conception** of a balance of power.*

contrive

Manage to do something foolish or create an undesirable situation.
*His opponents **contrived** a cabinet crisis.*

create

Create by artistic means.
*He was **created** a baronet.*

creation

The human act of creating.
*Job **creation**.*

creative	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>A creative team of designers.</i>
creatively	In an original or imaginative way. <i>This article inspires you to think creatively.</i>
creativeness	The ability to create.
creativity	The ability to create. <i>Firms are keen to encourage creativity.</i>
<u>devise</u>	Plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought. <i>Devise a plan to take over the director's office.</i>
<u>discovery</u>	The action or process of discovering or being discovered. <i>The discovery of the body.</i>
feign	Make believe with the intent to deceive. <i>He feigned sleep.</i>
figment	A thing that someone believes to be real but that exists only in their imagination. <i>It really was Ross and not a figment of her overheated imagination.</i>
freshness	The property of being pure and fresh (as if newly made); not stale or deteriorated. <i>He brings freshness to a familiar story.</i>
<u>groundbreaking</u>	The ceremonial breaking of the ground to formally begin a construction project. <i>Groundbreaking research into fertility problems.</i>
hallucinatory	Of or resembling a hallucination. <i>A hallucinatory drug.</i>
idea	The content of cognition; the main thing you are thinking about. <i>He has an idea that we don't like him.</i>
<u>imagination</u>	The formation of a mental image of something that is not perceived as real and is not present to the senses. <i>She'd never been blessed with a vivid imagination.</i>
<u>imaginative</u>	(used of persons or artifacts) marked by independence and creativity in thought or action. <i>Making imaginative use of computer software.</i>
ingenious	(of a machine or idea) cleverly and originally devised and well suited to its purpose. <i>His theory while ingenious is most assuredly incorrect.</i>
ingenuity	The property of being ingenious. <i>A plot of great ingenuity.</i>

innovation	A new method, idea, product, etc. <i>Technological innovations designed to save energy.</i>
innovative	(of a product, idea, etc.) featuring new methods; advanced and original. <i>Innovative designs.</i>
<u>inventive</u>	Having the ability to create or design new things or to think originally. <i>The most inventive composer of his time.</i>
make	Make by shaping or bringing together constituents. <i>Make a dress.</i>
new	Beginning anew and in a transformed way. <i>Ready to take a new direction.</i>
<u>novelty</u>	Originality by virtue of being refreshingly novel. <i>In 1914 air travel was still a novelty.</i>
<u>originality</u>	The quality of being novel or unusual. <i>He congratulated her on the originality of her costume.</i>

