

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)

<b>apparatus</b>	Equipment designed to serve a specific function. <i>One thing about the book's <b>apparatus</b> does irritate the absence of an index of titles.</i>
<b>conception</b>	A plan or intention. <i>The <b>conception</b> of a balance of power.</i>
<b><u>concoction</u></b>	Any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients. <i>He volunteered to taste her latest <b>concoction</b>.</i>
<b>construction</b>	A group of words that form a constituent of a sentence and are considered as a single unit. <i>The central waterway was a spectacular <b>construction</b>.</i>

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

<b><u>imagination</u></b>	The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses. <i><b>Imagination</b> reveals what the world could be.</i>
<b>imaginativeness</b>	The formation of a mental image of something that is not perceived as real and is not present to the senses.
<b>innovation</b>	A creation (a new device or process) resulting from study and experimentation. <i><b>Innovation</b> is crucial to the continuing success of any organization.</i>
<b>inspiration</b>	Arousal of the mind to special unusual activity or creativity. <i>Helen had one of her flashes of <b>inspiration</b>.</i>
<b>inventiveness</b>	The quality of being inventive; creativity. <i>His comic <b>inventiveness</b>.</i>
<b>machine</b>	A person who acts with the mechanical efficiency of a machine. <i>The party's fund raising is helping it to build a formidable political <b>machine</b>.</i>
<b><u>originality</u></b>	The ability to think and act independently. <i>She's a writer of great <b>originality</b>.</i>
<b><u>origination</u></b>	An event that is a beginning; a first part or stage of subsequent events. <i>There are a number of theories on the <b>origination</b> of the name.</i>
<b>piece of fiction</b>	A serving that has been cut from a larger portion.
<b>story</b>	A plot or storyline. <i>The novel has a good <b>story</b>.</i>
<b><u>tale</u></b>	A fictitious or true narrative or story, especially one that is imaginatively recounted. <i>She enjoyed hearing others tell their <b>tales</b>.</i>
<b>yarn</b>	Spun thread used for knitting, weaving, or sewing. <i>Hanks of pale green <b>yarn</b>.</i>



## 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)

<b><u>abstraction</u></b>	Something which exists only as an idea. <i>Critics sought the meaning of O Keeffe's <b>abstractions</b>.</i>
<b>artwork</b>	Paintings, drawings, or other artistic works. <i>Each <b>artwork</b> is reproduced in colour on a full page.</i>
<b><u>conceive</u></b>	Form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind. <i>The dam project was originally <b>conceived</b> in 1977.</i>
<b>conception</b>	An abstract or general idea inferred or derived from specific instances. <i>The <b>conception</b> of a balance of power.</i>
<b>contrive</b>	Manage to do something foolish or create an undesirable situation. <i>His opponents <b>contrived</b> a cabinet crisis.</i>
<b>create</b>	Create by artistic means. <i>He was <b>created</b> a baronet.</i>
<b>creation</b>	The human act of creating. <i>Job <b>creation</b>.</i>

<b>creative</b>	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>A <b>creative</b> team of designers.</i>
<b>creatively</b>	In an original or imaginative way. <i>This article inspires you to think <b>creatively</b>.</i>
<b>creativeness</b>	The ability to create.
<b>creativity</b>	The ability to create. <i>Firms are keen to encourage <b>creativity</b>.</i>
<b><u>devise</u></b>	Plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought. <i><b>Devise</b> a plan to take over the director s office.</i>
<b><u>discovery</u></b>	The action or process of discovering or being discovered. <i>The <b>discovery</b> of the body.</i>
<b>feign</b>	Make believe with the intent to deceive. <i>He <b>feigned</b> sleep.</i>
<b>figment</b>	A thing that someone believes to be real but that exists only in their imagination. <i>It really was Ross and not a <b>figment</b> of her overheated imagination.</i>
<b>freshness</b>	The property of being pure and fresh (as if newly made); not stale or deteriorated. <i>He brings <b>freshness</b> to a familiar story.</i>
<b><u>groundbreaking</u></b>	The ceremonial breaking of the ground to formally begin a construction project. <i><b>Groundbreaking</b> research into fertility problems.</i>
<b>hallucinatory</b>	Of or resembling a hallucination. <i>A <b>hallucinatory</b> drug.</i>
<b>idea</b>	The content of cognition; the main thing you are thinking about. <i>He has an <b>idea</b> that we don t like him.</i>
<b><u>imagination</u></b>	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 <b>imagination</b>.</i>
<b><u>imaginative</u></b>	(used of persons or artifacts) marked by independence and creativity in thought or action. <i>Making <b>imaginative</b> use of computer software.</i>
<b>ingenious</b>	(of a machine or idea) cleverly and originally devised and well suited to its purpose. <i>His theory while <b>ingenious</b> is most assuredly incorrect.</i>
<b>ingenuity</b>	The property of being ingenious. <i>A plot of great <b>ingenuity</b>.</i>

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

