

contraption[kən'træpʃ(ə)n] *n* *разг.*

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contraption**con·trap·tion** [contraption contraptions] *BrE* [kən'træpʃn] ^ˈ *NAmE*[kən'træpʃn] ^ˈ *noun*

a machine or piece of equipment that looks strange

- She showed us a strange contraption that looked like a satellite dish.

Word Origin:early 19th cent.: perhaps from [↑]**contrive** (on the pattern of pairs such as conceive, conception), by association with [↑]**trap**.**contraption**

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con·trap·tion /kən'træpʃən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1800-1900; **Origin:** Perhaps from contrivance + trap + invention]

a piece of equipment or machinery that looks funny, strange, and unlikely to work well:

- a bizarre contraption

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- **machine** a piece of equipment with moving parts that uses power such as electricity to do a particular job: a washing machine | an X-ray machine | Staff are trained to operate the machine.
- **appliance** *formal* a machine or piece of electrical equipment, usually a large one, that people use in the home: The store sells kitchen appliances such as refrigerators, dishwashers, and toasters. | We carry out repairs on a range of household appliances.
- **device** a piece of equipment, usually a small electronic one, that does a special job: electronic listening devices | 50,000 people downloaded the music to computers or portable devices such as iPods. | The device is fitted to the car and can detect stationary objects ahead.
- **gadget** a small, useful, and cleverly-designed tool or machine: high-tech gadgets | He buys all the latest gadgets.
- **contraption** a machine or piece of equipment that looks strange or complicated: There was a bizarre contraption for polishing the floor.

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