

imagination[ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1) воображение, фантазия
a man of no imagination - человек без воображения, человек, лишённый фантазии
to catch smb.'s imagination - захватить чьё-л. воображение
to surpass all imagination - превзойти все ожидания
- 2) творческое воображение
2. *редк.* мысленный образ
it's your imagination! - *разг.* это одно твоё воображение!, это тебе кажется!
3. изобретательность находчивость
use your imagination! - придумай что-нибудь!

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im-agin-ation [imagination imaginations] *BrE* [ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃn] *n* *NAmE*[ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃn] *noun*

1. **uncountable, countable** the ability to create pictures in your mind; the part of your mind that does this
 - a **vivid/fertile imagination**
 - He's got no imagination.
 - It doesn't **take much imagination** to guess what she meant.
 - I won't tell you his reaction— **I'll leave that to your imagination** .
 - Don't let your imagination run away with you (= don't use too much imagination) .
 - The new policies appear to have **caught the imagination** of the public (= they find them interesting and exciting) .
 - Nobody hates you— it's all **in your imagination** .
 - (*informal*) **Use your imagination!** (= used to tell sb that they will have to guess the answer to the question they have asked you, usually because it is obvious or embarrassing)
 - His stories really stretch children's imaginations.
 2. **uncountable** something that you have imagined rather than sth that exists
 - She was no longer able to distinguish between imagination and reality.
 - Is it my imagination or have you lost a lot of weight?
 3. **uncountable** the ability to have new and exciting ideas
 - His writing lacks imagination.
 - **With a little imagination** , you could turn this place into a palace.
 - We are looking for someone with ingenuity and imagination.
- more at** a figment of sb's imagination **at** **↑figment**, not by any stretch of the imagination/by no stretch of the imagination **at** **↑stretch** *n*
- Idiom:** **↑leave little to the imagination**

Word Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin **imaginatio(n-)**, from the verb **imaginari** 'picture to oneself', from **imago**, **imagin-** 'image' .Thesaurus:**imagination** *noun*1. **U, C**

- These worries are all in your imagination.
- She has a vivid imagination.

vision • |sometimes disapproving **fantasy** • • **make-believe** •**Opp:** reality(a) **romantic** imagination/vision/fantasy**Imagination or fantasy?** **Imagination** is usually a more approving term; **fantasy** is often used in a disapproving way to suggest that sb is unwilling or unable to face reality.2. **U**

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inspiration • • **creativity** • • **vision** • • **originality** • • **ingenuity** • • **inventiveness** •**have** imagination/inspiration/originality/ingenuity**lack/be lacking in** imagination/inspiration/vision/originality/ingenuity**use** your imagination/ingenuityExample Bank:

- As for their reaction, I'll leave that to your imagination!
- Dinosaurs caught and have held the imagination of us all because they seem like dragons.
- He was totally without imagination.
- His imagination conjured up a vision of the normal family life he had never had.
- I don't have a picture of this, so you'll just have to use your imagination.
- I was no good at art— I have a very poor visual imagination.
- Is it only my imagination or have you lost weight?
- It does not take great imagination to guess what happened next.
- It requires a strong effort of historical imagination to understand the Roman attitude to death.
- It's just a product of your fevered imagination!
- Nobody hates you— it's all in your imagination!
- Not by any stretch of the imagination could she be called beautiful.

- The figure vanished as silently as if it had simply been a figment of her imagination.
- The film haunted the imaginations of viewers.
- The scale of the disaster defied imagination.
- Today's music lacks imagination.
- Victorian writers fired the popular imagination with their tales of adventure
- Was it only her imagination playing tricks on her?
- With a little imagination you can create a delicious meal from yesterday's leftovers
- a movie of such limited imagination
- a popular hero who inspired the collective imagination
- an education that stimulates the moral imagination
- misery that is beyond most people's imagination
- the Pyramids retain a remarkable hold on the human imagination.
- the powers of the human imagination
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[**Word Family**: **adjective**: †imaginable ≠ †unimaginable, †imaginary, †imaginative ≠ †unimaginative, †unimagined; **noun**: †imagination, †imaginings; **adverb** †unimaginably, †imaginatively; **verb**: †imagine]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** the ability to form pictures or ideas in your mind:

- a storyteller with an incredible imagination
- It does not take much imagination to understand their grief.
- With a little imagination, you can find great inexpensive gifts.

2. **be (a figment of) sb's imagination** to be something that someone imagines, not something that really exists or happens:

- Did you hear that noise, or was it my imagination?
- These people do exist; they're not figments of my imagination.

3. **in sb's imagination** only existing or happening in someone's mind, not in real life:

- For the refugees, home exists only in their imagination.

4. **capture/catch sb's imagination** to make people feel very interested and excited:

- American football really captured the imagination of the British public.

5. **leave something to sb's imagination** to deliberately not describe something because you think someone can guess or imagine it:

- Mercifully, the writer leaves most of the physical horrors to our imagination.

6. **leave little/nothing to the imagination**

a) if someone's clothes leave little or nothing to the imagination, the clothes are very thin or are worn in a way that shows the person's body:

- Her black satin dress left nothing to the imagination.

b) if something sexual or violent is described in a way that leaves nothing to the imagination, it is described in too much detail

7. **use your imagination** *spoken* used to tell someone that they can easily guess the answer to a question, so you should not need to tell them

⇒ **not by any stretch of the imagination** at †stretch²(4)

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a good imagination** She's a lively child, with a good imagination.
- **great imagination** His paintings show great imagination.
- **a vivid/fertile imagination** (=an ability to think of a lot of ideas and things that could happen) She had a fertile imagination and a great sense of humour. | With your vivid imagination, you should write a book.
- **an overactive/fevered imagination** (=a mind that imagines strange things that are not real) These stories are the product of an overactive imagination.
- **the public imagination** The story captured the public imagination.
- **creative imagination** I don't have the creative imagination to be a writer.

■ verbs

- **have (an) imagination** Her poems show that she has a lot of imagination.
- **use your imagination** Musicians need to use their imagination as well as their technical skills.
- **show/display imagination** His latest paintings display a vivid imagination.
- **lack imagination** A lot of today's pop music seems to lack imagination.
- **fire/stimulate somebody's imagination** (=make someone use their imagination) The aim of the exhibition is to stimulate people's imagination.

■ phrases

- **be full of imagination** Her stories are full of imagination.
- **a lack of imagination** Their policies show a lack of imagination.
- **let your imagination run wild** (also **let your imagination run riot** *British English*) (=allow yourself to imagine many strange or wonderful things) He uses painting as a way of letting his imagination run riot.

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