

evolution

[i:və'lʊ:ʃ(ə)n, ,evəʃ'lʊ:ʃ(ə)n]-n

1. развитие; процесс изменения, роста
the evolution of the child [of the drama, of a language] - развитие ребёнка [драматургии, языка]
2. эволюция, постепенное развитие
Theory of Evolution - теория эволюции, дарвинизм
the evolution of one species out of another - развитие одного вида из другого, превращение одного вида в другой
3. развитие, развёртывание (*мысли, сюжета, аргументации и т. п.*)
the evolution of the ages - ход истории
4. *pl*
 - 1) изгибы, завитки
the evolutions of an arabesque pattern - причудливые изгибы, арабески
 - 2) фигуры (*в танцах и т. п.*)
5. *воен., мор.* перестроение; манёвр, передвижение
6. *мат.* извлечение корня
7. *спец.*
 - 1) выделение (*газа, тепла*)
 - 2) образование (*дыма*)

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evolu-tion **AW** [evolution evolutions] **BrE** [iˌvəʊlʊʃən] **NAmE** [iˌvəʊlʊʃən]**BrE** [evə'lʊʃən] **NAmE** [evə'lʊʃən] **noun uncountable**

1. (**biology**) the gradual development of plants, animals, etc. over many years as they adapt to changes in their environment
 - the evolution of the human species
 - Darwin's theory of evolution
2. the gradual development of sth
 - In politics Britain has preferred evolution to revolution (= gradual development to sudden violent change) .

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from Latin **evolutio(n-)** 'unrolling', from the verb **evolvere** from **e-** (variant of **ex-**) 'out of' + **volvere** 'to roll'. Early senses related to movement, first recorded in describing a "wheeling" manoeuvre in the realignment of troops or ships. Current senses stem from a notion of "opening out", giving rise to the sense 'development'.

Example Bank:

- Evolution requires intermediate forms between species.
- The movement is undergoing an ideological evolution
- a book tracing the evolution of the English language
- competing theories as to how evolution works
- during the early evolution of animals
- his evolution from comedian to serious actor
- organic evolution by natural selection
- people who reject the theory of evolution
- the country's gradual evolution towards democracy
- the forces that drove the evolution of the European financial system
- the long-term evolution of ecosystems
- the parallel evolution of science and art
- the peaceful evolution to democracy
- Darwin's theory of evolution incorporates the principle of natural selection.
- In politics Britain has preferred evolution to revolution

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evolu-tion **AC** /iˌvəʊlʊʃən, ,evə-ʃ, ,evəʃ/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun** [uncountable][**Word Family**: **verb**: ↑evolve **noun**: ↑evolution; **adjective**: ↑evolutionary]

1. the scientific idea that plants and animals develop and change gradually over a long period of time

evolution of

- the evolution of mammals
- the theory of evolution

2. the gradual change and development of an idea, situation, or object

evolution of

- the evolution of the computer
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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)■ **verbs**

- **evolution happens/takes place** (*also evolution occurs formal*) We can see signs of evolution taking place in the world around us.
- **trace something's evolution** (=find the origins of when an animal, plant etc began or where it came from) Anthropologists can trace the evolution of plants and animals by examining fossils.

■ **adjectives**

- **human evolution** Our ancestors reached a key stage in human evolution when they began to stand up straight.

- **biological evolution** Every living creature has been formed by the slow process of biological evolution.
- **physical evolution** The environment plays a large part in the physical evolution of the species.
- **Darwinian evolution** (=based on the ideas of Charles Darwin) He expounded the theory that language is the product of Darwinian evolution.

■ phrases

- **the theory of evolution** Many Christians find it impossible to accept Darwin's theory of evolution.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **gradual/continuous evolution** The social system is undergoing continuous evolution to adapt to these rapid changes.
- **cultural/social evolution** Neither cultural or social evolution is any guarantee that we are moving towards a better world.
- **political evolution** Prime Minister Nehru played a significant role in the political evolution of India.
- **technological evolution** The pace of technological evolution is getting faster all the time.

■ verbs

- **evolution takes place** (also **evolution occurs formal**) (=happens) A similar evolution was taking place in other great American cities.
- **trace something's evolution** (=find the origins of when something began or where it came from) The show traced the evolution of black American music from gospel through soul to hip-hop

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