

**Inspiration**[ˌɪnspɪˈreɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1) вдохновение; воодушевление, душевный подъём  
to draw /to get, to derive/ inspiration from smth. - черпать вдохновение в чём-л.  
to do smth. by inspiration - сделать что-л в минуту вдохновения
- 2) вдохновляющая идея, мысль *и т. п.*  
he had a sudden inspiration - внезапно его осенила мысль
2. 1) стимулирование, побуждение; воздействие; воодушевление  
his wife was a constant inspiration to /for/ him - жена неизменно была для него источником вдохновения
- 2) *рел.* наитие (свыше)
3. инспирирование  
inspiration of rumours - инспирирование слухов
4. вдыхание, вдох

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**in·spira·tion** [ˌɪnspɪˈreɪʃən] *BrE* [ˌɪnspəˈreɪʃn] *AmE* [ˌɪnspəˈreɪʃn]*noun*

1. **uncountable** ~ **(to do sth)** | ~ **(for sth)** the process that takes place when sb sees or hears sth that causes them to have exciting new ideas or makes them want to create sth, especially in art, music or literature
  - Dreams can be a rich source of inspiration for an artist.
  - Both poets **drew their inspiration from** the countryside.
  - Looking for inspiration for a new dessert? Try this recipe.
  - Her work lacks inspiration (= it does not contain any exciting new ideas).
2. **countable, usually singular** ~ **(for sth)** a person or thing that is the reason why sb creates or does sth
  - He says my sister was the inspiration for his heroine.
  - Clark was the inspiration behind Saturday's victory.
3. **countable, usually singular** ~ **(to/for sb)** a person or thing that makes you want to be better, more successful, etc
  - Her charity work is an inspiration to us all.
4. **countable, usually singular, uncountable** a sudden good idea
  - He had an inspiration: he'd give her a dog for her birthday.
  - I came to me in a **flash of inspiration**.

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'divine guidance'): via Old French from late Latin *inspiratio(n)-*, from the verb *inspirare* 'breathe or blow into' from *in-* 'into' + *spirare* 'breathe'.

Thesaurus:**inspiration** *noun* U

- Dreams are a source of inspiration for many artists.

**creativity** • • **vision** • • **imagination** • • **originality** • • **ingenuity** • • **inventiveness** •

**great** inspiration/creativity/vision/imagination/originality/ingenuity/inventiveness

**have** inspiration/imagination/originality/ingenuity

**lack/be lacking in** inspiration/vision/imagination/originality/ingenuity

Example Bank:

- He was the inspiration behind last week's victory.
- Her inspiration comes from Asia.
- Her latest book owes its inspiration to childhood memories.
- His wife was the direct inspiration for the main character in the book.
- I had to wait until inspiration struck.
- I a flash of inspiration, I decided to paint the whole house white.
- Many of us found inspiration in her teaching.
- One day the inspiration just came.
- She's been a great inspiration to me.
- The movement draws much of its inspiration from the Greek philosophers.
- The sea has provided an inspiration for many of his paintings.
- Then I had a moment of true inspiration.
- Where did you get the inspiration for the book?
- Julia's courage must be a great inspiration to those people facing a similar ordeal.
- She became an inspiration and a role model for a new generation of women.
- She had the time and the inspiration to develop her talent.
- The garden is an inspiration for all gardeners with limited resources.

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1. a good idea about what you should do, write, say etc, especially one which you get suddenly:
  - The Malvern Hills have provided inspiration for many artists and musicians over the decades.
  - He raised his eyes to the altar as if seeking inspiration.
  - He draws inspiration from ordinary scenes.

- Mary Quant's inspiration comes from the glam style of the seventies.
  - He had a sudden flash of inspiration.
  - He has always been a source of inspiration for me.
2. a person, experience, place etc that gives you new ideas for something you do:
- The seascapes of Cape Cod were her inspiration.

**inspiration for/behind**

- He was the inspiration for Wordsworth's poem 'The Old Huntsman'.
3. **be an inspiration to somebody** to make someone feel encouraged to be as good, successful etc as possible:
- People like Tara are an inspiration to us all.
4. **under the inspiration of somebody** used to say who made a person or group want to do something:
- the spread of improved nursing under the inspiration of Florence Nightingale

**COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)**

**verbs**

- **get inspiration from something** He gets much of his inspiration from the classical poets.
- **draw/take/derive inspiration from something (=get inspiration)** She draws inspiration from mythology and folk stories.
- **find inspiration in something** As a musician, he finds inspiration in traditional music.
- **look for inspiration (also seek inspiration formal)** I sought inspiration in medieval carvings.
- **have an inspiration (=suddenly have an idea)** He had an inspiration while he was taking a walk in the countryside.
- **lack inspiration (=not have any good or interesting ideas)** His latest album appears to lack inspiration.
- **provide inspiration for something** The Malvern Hills have provided inspiration for many artists.
- **inspiration comes from somebody/something** The architect's chief inspiration came from Christopher Wren.

**phrases**

- **a flash of inspiration (=a sudden good idea)** A sudden flash of inspiration came to him.
- **a source of inspiration for/to somebody** Our success was a source of inspiration for many countries in Africa.

**adjectives**

- **a great inspiration** My mother was a great inspiration to me.
- **a sudden inspiration** He had a sudden inspiration.
- **fresh inspiration (=new inspiration)** Fresh inspiration was provided by his trip to Italy.
- **direct inspiration (=in which someone copies an idea directly from a person or thing)** She took direct inspiration from the films of John Ford.
- **divine inspiration (=inspiration from God)** He prayed for divine inspiration.
- **creative inspiration (=which inspires someone to create something new, for example a story or a work of art)** Her creative inspiration is evident in this series of sculptures.
- **artistic inspiration (=which inspires someone to produce a work of art)** Writers are always looking for new sources of inspiration.
- **poetic inspiration (=which inspires someone to write poetry)** Poetic inspiration can come from many sources.

**THESAURUS**

- **idea** something that you think of, especially something that you could do or suggest: I think that's an excellent idea. | Let me know if you have any good ideas.
- **thought** something that comes into your mind: The thought had entered my mind that he might be lying. | It was a worrying thought. | She was lost in her thoughts.
- **impression** the idea that you have in your mind about what someone or something is like: What was your impression of him?
- **inspiration** a good and original idea, which makes you think of doing or creating something: Where did you get your inspiration from for the book? | He suddenly had a flash of inspiration. | The design for the house was entirely the inspiration of the architect.
- **brainwave** *British English*, **brainstorm** *American English* a sudden new and clever idea, especially one that solves a problem: I thought I'd have to sell the house, but then I had a brainwave.
- **concept** an idea of how something is, or how something should be done: Concepts of beauty are different in different cultures. | the traditional concept of marriage
- **notion** an idea about life or society, especially one that is a little silly or old-fashioned: There is no evidence to support the notion that poverty is caused by laziness.

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