

## invention

[ɪnˈvenʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) изобретение, создание  
the invention of the telephone - изобретение телефона
- 2) изобретение  
the telephone is a useful invention - телефон - полезное изобретение
2. выдумка, измышление, вымысел  
his story is pure invention - его рассказ - сплошной вымысел  
the report was an invention of the sensational newspapers - сообщение было сфабриковано газетами, гонящимися за сенсациями
3. изобретательность, выдумка  
a poet without invention - поэт, лишённый фантазии
4. муз. инвенция  
◇ Invention of the Cross - *рел.* обретение честного креста  
necessity is the mother of invention - *посл.* ≅ голь на выдумки хитра

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**in·ven·tion** [invention inventions] *BrE* [ɪnˈvenʃn] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [ɪnˈvenʃn] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun**

1. **countable** a thing or an idea that has been invented  
• Fax machines were a wonderful invention at the time.
  2. **uncountable** the act of inventing sth  
• Such changes have not been seen since the invention of the printing press.
  3. **countable, uncountable** the act of inventing a story or an idea and pretending that it is true; a story invented in this way  
• This story is apparently a complete invention.  
• What would he tell his parents? Some invention and quick thinking— that's what was needed.
  4. **uncountable** the ability to have new and interesting ideas  
• John was full of invention— always making up new dance steps and sequences.
- see** necessity is the mother of invention **at** ↑necessity

### Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'finding out, discovery'): from Latin *inventio(n)*, from *invenire* 'discover', from *in-* 'into' + *venire* 'come'.

### Thesaurus:

**invention** **noun** C, U

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- the invention of the printing press

**innovation** • • **creation** • • **design** • • **development** •

sb's **new/latest** invention/innovation/creation/design

a **brilliant** invention/innovation/design

a/an **ingenious/wonderful** invention/design

### Example Bank:

- He failed to patent his invention and never made a penny from it.
- His powers of invention are somewhat limited.
- Most of what he says is pure invention!
- The two friends started a company to market their invention.
- The story is apparently a complete invention.
- This combination of cheese and apples is not an invention of the north of England.
- What would he tell his parents? Some invention and quick thinking— that's what was needed.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Word Family: **noun**: ↑invention, ↑inventiveness, ↑inventor; **verb**: ↑invent, ↑reinvent; **adverb**: ↑inventively; **adjective**: ↑inventive]

1. **[countable]** a useful machine, tool, instrument etc that has been invented:  
The dishwasher is a wonderful invention.
2. **[uncountable]** the act of inventing something:  
The invention of the computer has revolutionized the business world.
3. **[uncountable and countable]** a story, explanation etc that is not true:  
They subsequently admitted that the story was pure invention.
4. **[uncountable]** the ability to think of new and clever ideas:  
With such powers of invention, he should get a job easily.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **5048** <sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **2061** <sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **3k INVENT** 16821

invent 1887

invents 224

invented 5822

inventing 1107

inventor 1544

inventors 802

invention 4122

inventions 1313

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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