

theory['θi(ə)rɪ] *n*

1. 1) теория

coherent theory - последовательная/непротиворечивая теория

social-science theories - социологические теории

general relativity theory - общая теория относительности

theory of evolution - теория эволюции

essays in theory - теоретические очерки

to formulate [to bear out, to reject, to falsify] a theory - сформулировать [подтвердить, отвергнуть, опровергнуть] теорию

to put forward a new theory - выдвинуть новую теорию

the theories that have sprung up in recent years - теории, появившиеся в последние годы

the theory of economic integration has made rapid strides - теория экономической интеграции быстро развивалась

2) *мат.* раздел (математики), теория

game [graph, group, set] theory - теория игр [графов, групп, множеств]

theory of similarity - теория подобия

the theory of numbers [of probability] - теория чисел [вероятностей]

2. *разг.* предположение, догадка; особое мнение, взгляд

to have a theory (that ...) - полагать (что ...)

what's your theory of the case? - что вы думаете по этому поводу?

my theory is that he is lying - я думаю, что он лжёт

my theory has been amply born out - моя точка зрения полностью подтвердилась

3. теоретические правила, основы

the theory of education [of government, of music] - теоретические основы воспитания [управления, музыки]

4. *без артикля* абстрактные теоретические знания

theory and practice - теория и практика

in theory - в теории; теоретически, абстрактно, отвлечённо

your plan is good in theory - вообще /теоретически/ ваш план неплох

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the·ory *AW* [theory theories] *BrE* ['θɪəri] * *NAmE* ['θɪri] * *NAmE* ['θiɔəri] ***noun** (pl. **the·ories**)1. **countable, uncountable** a formal set of ideas that is intended to explain why sth happens or exists

• According to the theory of relativity, nothing can travel faster than light.

• The debate is centred around two conflicting theories.

2. **uncountable** the principles on which a particular subject is based

• the theory and practice of language teaching

• literary theory

3. **countable** ~ **(that...)** an opinion or idea that sb believes is true but that is not proved

• I have this theory that most people prefer being at work to being at home.

Idiom: ↑ **in theory****Word Origin:**late 16th cent. (denoting a mental scheme of something to be done): via late Latin from Greek **theōria** 'contemplation, speculation', from **theōros** 'spectator'.**Collocations:****Scientific research***Theory***formulate/advance** a theory/hypothesis**build/construct/create/develop** a simple/theoretical/mathematical model**develop/establish/provide/use** a theoretical/conceptual framework**advance/argue/develop** the thesis that...**explore** an idea/a concept/a hypothesis**make** a prediction/an inference**base** a prediction/your calculations on sth**investigate/evaluate/accept/challenge/reject** a theory/hypothesis/model*Experiment***design** an experiment/a questionnaire/a study/a test**do** research/an experiment/an analysis**make** observations/measurements/calculations**carry out/conduct/perform** an experiment/a test/a longitudinal study/observations/clinical trials**run** an experiment/a simulation/clinical trials**repeat** an experiment/a test/an analysis**replicate** a study/the results/the findings**observe/study/examine/investigate/assess** a pattern/a process/a behaviour (*especially US*) a behavior**fund/support** the research/project/study**seek/provide/get/secure** funding for research*Results***collect/gather/extract** data/information

yield data/evidence/similar findings/the same results
analyse/examine the data/soil samples/a specimen
consider/compare/interpret the results/findings
fit the data/model
confirm/support/verify a prediction/a hypothesis/the results/the findings
prove a conjecture/hypothesis/theorem
draw/make/reach the same conclusions
read/review the records/literature
describe/report an experiment/a study
present/publish/summarize the results/findings
present/publish/read/review/cite a paper in a scientific journal

Example Bank:

- Current feminist theory consists of several different trends.
- Each school has its own set of theories.
- Einstein's general theory of relativity
- He has a theory about why dogs walk in circles before going to sleep.
- His comments are just abstract theory and show little understanding of the realities of the situation.
- In theory, these machines should last for ten years.
- Keynes misinterpreted the classical theory of interest.
- One of her pet theories is that people who restrict their calorie intake live longer.
- Police are working on the theory that the murderer was known to the family.
- a conspiracy theory about the princess's death
- a grand unified theory of the physical forces governing matter
- the distinction/relationship between theory and practice
- the dominant strand of postmodern theory
- the existence of a grand unified theory that determines everything in the universe
- According to Einstein's theory of relativity, nothing can travel faster than light.
- Further experiments seemed to confirm this theory.
- He wrote a number of books on political theory.
- If the theory is correct, any child can be taught to be a musical genius.
- In theory, all children get an equal chance at school.
- It is a theory that cannot be proved or disproved
- Marx's theories of history raise one or two major questions.
- She doesn't agree with the theory that rich people work harder than poor people.
- The theory was first advanced back in the 16th century.
- There are conflicting theories as to the very early origins of mankind.
- This is all theory so far...you'll need to back it up with facts.
- You can neither prove nor disprove this theory.
- You will have to study both the theory and practice of education.

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theory **S2 W1 AC** /'θiəri \$ 'θi:əri **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun** (plural **theories**)

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑**theorist**, ↑**theory**, ↑**theorem**, theoretician; **verb**: ↑**theorize**; **adverb**: ↑**theoretically**; **adjective**: ↑**theoretical**]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: theoria, from Greek, from theorein 'to look at']

1. **[countable]** an idea or set of ideas that is intended to explain something about life or the world, especially an idea that has not yet been proved to be true ⇒ **theoretical**

theory about/on

" different theories about how the brain works

theory of

" Darwin's theory of evolution

theory that

" the theory that light is made up of waves

2. **[uncountable]** general principles and ideas about a subject:

" Freudian theory has had a great influence on psychology.

political/economic/literary etc theory

" I'm taking a course on political theory.

3. **in theory** something that is true in theory is supposed to be true, but might not really be true or might not be what will really happen **OPP in practice**:

" In theory, everyone will have to pay the new tax.

4. **[countable]** an idea or opinion that someone thinks is true but for which they have no proof

theory that

" Detectives are working on a theory that he knew his murderer.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **come up with/develop a theory** These birds helped Darwin develop his theory of natural selection.
- **test a theory** Researchers gave workers a questionnaire to test that theory.
- **prove a theory** No evidence emerged to prove either theory.

- **support a theory** Modern research strongly supports this theory.
- **disprove a theory** (also **refute a theory formal**) (=show that it is wrong) Later experiments seemed to disprove the theory.
- **discredit a theory** (=make people stop believing in it) These latest findings discredit his entire theory.

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + theory

- **a scientific theory** Scientific theories can be tested experimentally.
- **an economic theory** His economic theory assumes that both labour and capital are perfectly mobile.
- **a conspiracy theory** (=a theory that an event was the result of secret plan made by two or more people) A variety of conspiracy theories question the official account of President Kennedy's assassination.
- **a pet theory** (=a personal theory that you strongly believe) Each of them had his pet theory on what had caused the uprising.

phrases

- **the theory of evolution/relativity etc** According to the theory of relativity, nothing can travel faster than light.

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