

conceit

1. [kən'si:t] *n*

- 1. тщеславие; самомнение; чванство
 he is full of conceit - он полон самомнения
 to have a great conceit of oneself - быть о себе высокого мнения
 wise in his own conceit - умён в своих собственных глазах /в своём собственном мнении/

- 2. причудливый образ; изощрённое сравнение *u m. n.*
 the use of conceits in Elizabethan poetry - пышные метафоры в поэзии елизаветинского периода
 ◇ to be out of conceit with smb., smth. - разочароваться в ком-л., чём-л.

2. [kən'si:t] *v арх.*

- 1. льстить, *особ.* себя надеждой, тешить себя; лестно отзываться (*особ.* о себе)
- 2. воображать, представлять себе

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con·ceit [conceit conceits] *BrE* [kən'si:t] *AmE* [kən'si:t] *noun*

- 1. **uncountable** (disapproving) too much pride in yourself and what you do
- 2. **countable** (formal) an artistic effect or device, especially one that is very clever or tries to be very clever but does not succeed
 - The ill-advised conceit of the guardian angel dooms the film from the start.
 - The director's brilliant conceit was to film this tale in black and white.
- 3. (**technical**) a clever expression in writing or speech that involves a comparison between two things

Syn: ↑metaphor

- The idea of the wind singing is a romantic conceit.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'notion', also 'quaintly decorative article'): from ↑conceive, on the pattern of pairs such as deceive, deceit.

Example Bank:

- I can say without conceit that I have talent.

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[Date: 1600-1700; Origin: conceit 'thought, opinion' (14-19 centuries), from conceive, on the model of deceive, deceit]

- 1. **[uncountable]** an attitude that shows you have too high an opinion of your own abilities or importance **SYN** conceitedness:
 The conceit of the woman!
- 2. **[countable] technical** an unusual way of showing or describing something in a play, film, work of art etc:
 His sermons were full of puns and conceits.

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