conception

[kən'sep[(ə)n] n

1. понимание

beyond one's conception - выше чьего-л. понимания

I have no conception of what he means - я не понимаю, что он имеет в виду

I had no conception of the amount of risk I ran - я не имел представления о риске, которому подвергался

2. концепция; понятие, представление, идея

clear [precise, distinct, vague] conception - ясное [точное, определённое, смутное] представление/понятие/ he had not the slightest /faintest, remotest/ conception of it - он не имел ни малейшего понятия /представления/ об этом his conception of honour - его понимание чести

this conception is current - эта концепция общепризнанна

3. замысел (художника, поэта, учёного и т. п.)

poetic conception - поэтический замысел

a good novelist needs great powers of conception - хороший романист должен иметь богатую фантазию

4. физиол. зачатие, оплодотворение

conception control - а) предупреждение беременности, б) противозачаточные средства

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conception AW [conception conceptions] BrE [kan'sep[n] NAmE [kən'sep[n] noun

1. uncountable the process of forming an idea or a plan

• The plan was brilliant in its conception but failed because of lack of money.

2. countable, uncountable ~ (of sth) | ~ (that...) an understanding or a belief of what sth is or what sth should be

- · Marx's conception of social justice
- He has no conception of how difficult life is if you're unemployed.
- 3. uncountable, countable the process of an egg being fertilized inside a woman's body so that she becomes pregnant
 - the moment of conception
 - A child is born about 40 weeks after conception takes place.

see also [†]conceive

Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin conceptio(n-), from the verb concipere, from com- 'together' + capere 'take'.

Example Bank:

- · Saussure began developinghis conception of linguistics in 1916.
- Sex identity is fixed at conception.
- The Internet challenges traditional conceptions of copyright.
- We now have a clearer conception of the problem.
- You have no conception of what her life is like.
- · liberal conceptions of the role of the state
- · He has no conception of what it's like to be unemployed.
- I had a rather romantic conception of life in the country.
- I had to reassess my conception that she was basically an honest person.
- Our conception of relationships is largely formed in early childhood.
- · Our conceptions of our own society may not always be accurate.

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AmE ^{*} con cep tion AC /kən'sep fən/ BrE noun

[Word Family: verb \uparrow conceive; noun: \uparrow conception; adjective: \uparrow conceivable $\neq \uparrow$ inconceivable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin conceptio, from concipere; ⇒ [↑]conceive]

- 1. [uncountable and countable] an idea about what something is like, or a general understanding of something ⇒ concept conception of
 - the conception of parliamentary democracy
 - changing conceptions of the world

have (no) conception of something

- They have no conception of what women really feel and want.
- **2.** [uncountable] a process in which someone forms a plan or idea \Rightarrow **conceive** :
 - the original conception of the book

3. [uncountable and countable] the process by which a woman or female animal becomes [†]pregnant, or the time when this happens

⇒ conceive :

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