concept

[/kønsept] *п* понятие, идея, общее представление; концепция

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noun

# con cept AW [concept concepts] BrE ['konsept] NAmE ['ka nsept"

- an idea or a principle that is connected with sth tabstract
- ~ (of sth) the concept of social class
- concepts such as 'civilization' and 'government'
- He can't grasp the basic concepts of mathematics.
- ~ (that...) the concept that everyone should have equality of opportunity
- a new concept in teaching

### Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'thought, imagination'): from Latin conceptum 'something conceived', from Latin concept-'conceived', from concipere, from com- 'together' + capere 'take'

### Thesaurus:

## concept noun C

basic concepts of right and wrong

idea • • notion • • thought • |formal abstraction • the concept/idea/notion/thought that... understand/grasp a/an concept/idea/notion/abstraction discuss/consider/explore a/an concept/idea/notion

### Example Bank:

- 'Mental handicap' should be replaced with the broader concept of 'learning difficulties'.
- Culture is a fairly nebulous concept.
- He formulated the concept of imaginary time.
- Not all companies have embraced the concept of diversity in the workplace.
- She finds it difficult to grasp abstract concepts.
- Students must be able to apply classroom concepts to practical situations.
- Teachers should have a clear concept of what a multiracial society is.
- The book provides concrete interpretations of some rather abstract concepts.
- · The concept of 'adequate medical care' is too vague
- The concept of my book is very simple.
- The whole concept of responsibility was alien to him.
- the need to create new words to frame new concepts
- Industry has endorsed the concept that every young person should have the opportunity of work experience before leaving school.
- The concept of infinity is almost impossible for us to comprehend.
- We discussed concepts such as 'democracy' and 'equality'.
- We need to instil in children basic concepts of right and wrong.

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[Word Family: noun: <sup>1</sup>concept, <sup>1</sup>conceptualization; verb <sup>1</sup>conceptualize; adverb <sup>1</sup>conceptually; adjective: <sup>1</sup>conceptual]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: conceptum, from the past participle of concipere;  $\Rightarrow$  <sup>†</sup>conceive]

# an idea of how something is, or how something should be done concept of

- the concept of total patient care
- the concept of infinite space

# concept that

- the concept that we are citizens of one world
- a <u>new concept</u> in business travel
- our basic concepts of decent human behaviour
- It's very simple, once you grasp the concept.

# COLLOCATIONS

# adjectives

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- a new concept Part of a teacher's job is to introduce new concepts to students.
- a basic/fundamental concept The children are taught the basic concepts of mathematics.
- a key/central/important concept The title tells you something about the central concept of the poem.
- a difficult concept Difficult concepts can sometimes be explained by diagrams or graphs.
- a simple concept Cause and effect is a fairly simple concept.
- the whole concept of something Some people reject the whole concept of evolution.
- a general /broad concept The book begins with some general historical concepts.

• an abstract concept (=based on general ideas rather than on something that exists) He finds it hard to grasp abstract concepts.

• a theoretical concept (=that exists only as a theory) The theoretical concepts of psychology, for example Freud's ideas, are

also useful in the study of literature.

- a legal/mathematical /marketing etc concept Democracy is a very important political concept.

an alien concept (=an idea that is very strange or that does not exist) In many countries, queuing for a bus is an alien concept.

an ambiguous/vague concept (=one that is not clear or is hard to define) Creativity is an ambiguous concept.
verbs

- have a concept of something Animals have no concept of their own mortality.

- understand a concept The class will help you understand the basic concepts of physics.

grasp a concept (=understand it) Children often grasp new concepts more quickly than adults.

• introduce a concept The first year of the course introduces the basic concepts of management.

- develop a concept The Greeks developed the concept of a scientific theory.

### ... 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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