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genie [genie genii genies] BrE ['dʒi□n]i noun (pl. gen·ies or **genii** BrE ['dʒi□nia] ; NAmE ['dʒi□nia])

(in Arabian stories) a spirit with magic powers, especially one that lives in a bottle or a lamp Syn: [†]djinn

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (denoting a guardian or protective spirit): from French génie, from Latin genius 'attendant spirit present from one's birth, innate ability or inclination', from the root of gignere 'beget'. Génie was adopted in the current sense by the 18th-cent. French translators of The Arabian Nights' Entertainments, because of its resemblance in form and sense to Arabic jinnī 'jinnee'.

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ge inie /ˈdʒiːːn/i BrE AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700, Language: French, Origin: génie, from Arabic jinniy]

1. a magical creature in old Arabian stories that will do what you want when you call it

2. let the genie out of the bottle to do something that has a great and often bad effect on a situation, which can then never return to its previous state

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