

conceive[kən'si:v] **v**

- постигать, понимать**
I can't conceive where he has gone - я не могу понять, куда он ушёл
I can't conceive why you allowed the child to travel alone - просто непостижимо, как вы могли разрешить ребёнку уехать одному
- возыметь, почувствовать**
to conceive a dislike [an affection] for smb. - невзлюбить кого-л. [привязаться к кому-л.]
- задумывать, замышлять**
to conceive a plan - задумать план
who first conceived this idea? - у кого впервые зародилась эта мысль?
he has conceived a certain manner of painting - он создал определённую манеру письма
scientists first conceived the idea of the atomic bomb in the 1930s - мысль об атомной бомбе впервые возникла у учёных в тридцатые годы
- полагать, думать**
we conceive it to be expedient - мы полагаем, что это целесообразно
I conceive it my duty to admonish you - считаю своим долгом указать вам
- (of) **книжн. представлять, воображать**
to conceive of the author as a genius - считать писателя гением
in ancient times the world was conceived of as flat - в старину землю представляли плоской
- физиол. забеременеть, зачать**

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con·ceive **AW** [conceive conceives conceived conceiving] **BrE** [kən'si:ɹ̩]**NAmE** [kən'si:ɹ̩] **verb**

- transitive (formal)** to form an idea, a plan, etc. in your mind; to imagine sth
 - ~ **sth** He conceived the idea of transforming the old power station into an arts centre.
 - ~ **of sth (as sth)** God is often conceived of as male.
 - ~ **(that)...** I cannot conceive (= I do not believe) (that) he would wish to harm us.
 - ~ **what/how, etc...** I cannot conceive what it must be like.
- intransitive, transitive** when a woman conceives or conceives a child, she becomes pregnant
 - She is unable to conceive.
 - ~ **sth** Their first child was conceived on their wedding night.

see also ↑conception**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	conceive
	BrE /kən 'si:v/
	NAmE /kən 'si:v/
he / she /it	conceives
	BrE /kən 'si:vz/
	NAmE /kən 'si:vz/
past simple, past participle	conceived
	BrE /kən 'si:vɪd/
	NAmE /kən 'si:vɪd/
-ing form	conceiving
	BrE /kən 'si:vɪŋ/
	NAmE /kən 'si:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **concevoir**, from Latin **concipere**, from **com-** 'together' + **capere** 'take'.**Word Family:**

- conceive** verb
conceivable adjective (≠inconceivable)
conceivably adverb
concept noun
conception noun
conceptual adjective

Example Bank:

- They conceived of a theory and stuck to it.
- I cannot conceive why you paid out so much money.
- It is difficult to conceive of a society without money.
- She was unable to conceive a child naturally and was offered fertility treatment.
- The course is very broadly conceived.
- The dam project was originally conceived in 1977.
- The plan was brilliantly conceived.
- We conceive of ourselves as individuals.
- the Christian belief in Jesus as being immaculately conceived

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Many people can't conceive of a dinner without meat or fish.

conceive that

He could not conceive that anything really serious could be worrying his friend.

conceive what/why/how etc

I can hardly conceive what it must be like here in winter.

conceive of something/somebody as something

Language may be conceived of as a process which arises from social interaction.

2. [**transitive**] to think of a new idea, plan etc and develop it in your mind ⇒ **conception**:

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3. [**intransitive and transitive**] to become ↑pregnant ⇒ **conception**:

fertility treatment for women who have difficulty conceiving

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- **invent** to think of an idea for a new product, machine etc, and design it or make it: The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. | Who invented the Internet?
- **create** to make or design something new and original: We decided to create the software ourselves. | For her latest book, she has created a whole new group of characters.
- **think of something/think up something** to produce a new idea, plan, method, excuse etc by thinking: I've thought of an idea. | They're always trying to think up new ways to improve efficiency.
- **come up with something** to produce a new idea, a way of dealing with something etc, especially a good one: How did you come up with that idea? | Ellis came up with the solution to the problem immediately.
- **make something up** to invent a story, song, game, excuse etc: My mother used to make up bedtime stories for us. | I didn't want to go to the class, so I decided to make up an excuse.
- **dream something up** to think of an idea or plan, especially one that seems unusual or even crazy: It can't be easy dreaming up new advertisements all the time. | I wonder who dreamt up that idea!
- **devise formal** to invent a way of doing something, especially one that is clever or complicated: This system was devised as a way of measuring students' progress.
- **conceive formal** to think of a new idea, plan etc and develop it in your mind: The project was originally conceived by a Dutch businessman two years ago.

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