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- a thing made for a particular purpose; an invention or contrivance, especially a mechanical or electrical one.
- 2. a plan or scheme for effecting a purpose.
- a crafty scheme; trick.
- a particular word pattern, figure of speech, combination of word sounds, etc., used in a literary work to evoke a desired effect or arouse a desired reaction in the reader: rhetorical devices.
- something elaborately or fancifully designed.

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# Origin:

1375–1425; blend of late Middle English devis division, discourse and devise heraldic device, will; both < Anglo-French, Old French < Latin dīvīsa, feminine of dīvīsus; see division

# Related forms

de-vice-ful, adjective de-vice-ful-ly, adverb de-vice-ful-ness, noun

Can be confused: device, devise.

1. gadget. 2. project, design. 3. wile, ruse, artifice, stratagem, maneuver. 7. slogan, legend.

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device (dr'vars)

- 1.a machine or tool used for a specific task; contrivance
- 2. euphemistic a bomb
- 3.a plan or plot, esp a clever or evil one; scheme; trick
- 4.any ornamental pattern or picture, as in embroidery 5.computer hardware that is designed for a specific function
- 6.a written, printed, or painted design or figure, used as a heraldic
- sign, emblem, trademark, etc
- 7.a particular pattern of words, figures of speech, etc, used in literature to produce an effect on the reader
- 8. archaic the act or process of planning or devising
- 9.leave someone to his own devices to leave someone alone to do as he wishes

[C13: from Old French devis purpose, contrivance and devise difference, intention, from deviser to divide, control; see devise ]

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