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Dictionary



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noun | de·vice | \di-'vis\

## Simple Definition of DEVICE

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- : an object, machine, or piece of equipment that has been made for some special purpose
- : a weapon that explodes
- : something that is done in order to achieve a particular effect

## Full Definition of DEVICE

- : something **devised** or contrived: as
  - a** (1): **PLAN, PROCEDURE, TECHNIQUE** (2): a scheme to deceive: **STRATAGEM, TRICK**
  - b**: something fanciful, elaborate, or intricate in design
  - c**: something (as a figure of speech) in a literary work designed to achieve a particular artistic effect
  - d** *archaic*: **MASQUE, SPECTACLE**
  - e**: a conventional stage practice or means (as a stage whisper) used to achieve a particular dramatic effect
  - f**: a piece of equipment or a mechanism designed to serve a special purpose or perform a special function <an electronic *device*>
- : **DESIRE, INCLINATION** <left to my own *devices*>
- : an emblematic design used especially as a heraldic bearing

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