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n.

1. A belief or opinion: *had an old-fashioned notion of what qualities were most important in a mate.*
2. A mental image; an idea or conception: *Do you have any notion of what I'm referring to?* See Synonyms at [idea](#).
3. An impulse or whim: *I suddenly had the notion of walking by the river.*
4. **notions** Small lightweight items for household use, such as needles, buttons, and thread.

[Middle English *nocioun*, concept, from Latin *nōtiō*, *nōtiōn-*, from *nōtus*, known, past participle of *nōscere*, to get to know; see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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