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How was the earth created?; The circus created great excitement. skep, in die lewe roep, voortbring تَخْلِق създавам criar (s)tvořit; vyvolat (er-)schaffen skabe; frembringe; oprette δημιουργώcrear looma, tekitama آفریدن; خلق کردن luoda créer ליצור לייצר ,[illegible] stvoriti, uzrokovati teremt, alkot membuat, menciptakan skapa, búa til creare, produrre 創造する (su)kurti, daryti, sukelti radīt; izraisīt mewujudkan scheppenskape, frambringe/-kalle tworzyć כول, پیدا کول создавать (s)tvoriť; vyvolať povzročiti stvoriti framkalla [illegible] yaratmak, oluşturmak 創造 творити; створювати پیدا کرنا, وجود میں لانا tạo nên 創造2. to give (a rank etc to). Sir John was created a knight in 1958. maak, benoem يَمنَحُ لَقَبا давам титла fazer jmenovat ernennen zu udnævne; gøre til ορίζω, χρίζωnombrar ülendama عنوان اعطا کردن myöntää créer תואר להַעֲנִיק [illegible] pr rangra emel memberi gelar gera að nominare 授ける ( ) (kam) suteikti (titulą) iecelt (dižciltīgo kārtā) dijadikan benoemen tot utnevnemianować د بخشلو عنوان fazer a face присваивать титул menovať imenovati imenovati utnämna [illegible] atamak, getirmek 封爵 , 授予 зводити (до) عطا کرنا phong cấp 封授cre'ation noun1. the act of creating. the creation of the world. skepping, in die voortbring خَلْق сътворение criação stvoření die Erschaffung skabelse δημιουργίαcreación loomine آفرینش luominen créationבריאה, יצירה, [illegible] stvaranje teremtés penciptaan sköpun creazione 創造 (su)kūrimas, kūryba radīšana; izraisīšana; iecelšana (dižciltīgo kārtā) penciptaan scheppingskapelsestworzenie, twór مخلوق criação creație создание stvorenie stvaranje stvaranje skapelse, skapande [illegible] yaratma, var etme 創造 створення پیدائش, تخلیق sự tạo ra 創造 , 创建 2. something created. The dress designer is showing his latest creations. skeppings مُبتَكَر شيء, خَلق, إبداع, творба criação výtvor die Schöpfung værk; kreation; kunstværk; skaberværk δημιουργία, δημιούργημαcreación looming ابتکار ابداع; työ créationיצירה, [illegible] stvaralaštvo, uradak alkotás sköpunarverk creazione 創作品 kūrinys darbs (māksla, zinātnē) ciptaan creatieskaperverk, kreasjon kreacja, twór ابتکار criação creație творение výtvor stvaritev kreacija verk, kreation [illegible] kreasyon, buluş 創造物 творіння, ایجاد, اختراع tác phẩm 创造物cre'ative (-tiv) adjective having or showing the power and imagination to create. a creative dress-designer. skeppingskrag, vormend خلاق, مُبْدِع творчески criativo kreativní, tvořivý schöpferisch kreativ; skabende; idérig δημιουργικόςcreativo loov خلاق luova créateur יצירתי; [illegible] kreativan, stvaralački alkotó; teremtő kreatif skapandi, frjór creativo 創造的な kūrybingas, kūrybiškas radošs kreativiti creatiefskapende, kreativ, formendetwórczy خلاق criativo inventiv, creativ творческий tvorivý ustvarjalen kreativ [illegible] yaratıcı, özgün düşünce ürünü 有創造力的 творчий ایجاد, قوت تخلیق, قوت تخلیق thuộc sự sáng tạo 有创造力的cre'atively adverb skeppend, kreatiewelik بإبداع творческо criativamente tvořivě schöpferisch kreativt; idérigt δημιουργικά creativamente, con creatividad loovalt ابتکار یا luovasti d'une façon créatrice יצירתי באופן [illegible] kreativno alkotó n kreatif hugvitssamlega creativamente 創造的に kūrybiškai radoši dengan kreatif creatiefkreativt tvórczo له ابتکار سره com criatividade (în mod) creator/creativ творчески tvorivo ustvarjalno kreativno kreativt [illegible] yaratıcı/özgün bir şekilde 有創意地 تخلیقی انداز میں творчо một cách sáng tạo 有创造性地cre'ativeness noun skeppingskrag, skeppingsvermoë إبداعيّه, خَلّق, قَنّيّه criatividade tvůrčí schopnost die Schaffenskraft skaberevne δημιουργικότητα creatividad loovus ابتکار; خلاقیت luovuus esprit de création יצירתיות; [illegible] kreativnost alkotókészség semangat kreatif sköpunargeðri; hugvitssemi creatività 創造性 kūrybiškumas radoša pieeja kekreatifan creativiteitskaperevne twórczy charakter ابتکار, خلاقیت criatividade creativitate творческий дар ustvarjalnost kreativnost kreativitet [illegible] yaratıcılık 有創意 творчі здібності; творча діяльність تخلیقی, قوت اختراع, قوت تخلیق tính sáng tạo 创造性,crea'tivity (kriːə-) noun kreatiwiteit قُدرة الخَلق والإبداع творческа сила criatividade tvořivost die Kreativität kreativitet δημιουργικότητα creatividad loovus خلاقیت luovuus créativité יצירתיות [illegible] kreativnost alkotó sköpunargáfa creatività 創造性 kūrybingumas radoša izdoma sifat kreatif creativiteitkreativitet, skaperkraft, oppfinnsomhet kreatywność خلاقیت criatividade creativitate творческий дар tvorivosť ustvarjalnost kreativnost kreativitet [illegible] yaratıcılık 創造力 творче ставлення; здатність творити اختراع, قوت تخلیق, قوت تخلیق tính sáng tạo 创造力cre'ator noun a person w creates. skepper, ontwerper, maker مُبْدِع, خالق създател criador tvůrce der Erschaffer skaber δημιουργός creador looja خالق آفریننده; luoja créateur/-trice יוצר [illegible] stvaralac alkotó pencipta skapari, höfundur creatore, creatrice 創造者 kūrējas radītājs; autors mencipta schepperskapertwórca خالق , پیداکوونکی criador creator создатель tvorca ustvarjalec stvaralac skapare, upp yaratıcı 創造者 творець; автор خالق, موجد người sáng tạo 創造者the Creator God. die Skepper الخالق, الله Господ Criador Stvořitel der Sch[illegible]pfer Skaberen O Δημιουργός el Creador Looja آفریدگار Luoja le Créateur הבורא [illegible], [illegible] Stvoritelj a Teremtő Tuhan Maha Pencipta skaparinn il Creatore 創造主 Kūrējas Radītājs, Dievs Tuhan de Schepper Skaperen, Gud Stwórca Creatorul Бог Stvoriteľ Stvarnik Tvorac skaparen [illegible] Allah 造物者 , 上帝 Творець خدا Đấng Tạo hóa 造物者 , 上帝 Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. → إبْداعيّ| tvořivý kreativ kreativ δημιουργικός creativo luova inventif kreativan creativo 創造的な [illegible] creatief kreativ twórczy criativo творческий kreativ [illegible] yaratıcı sán tạo 创造性的Multilingual Translator © HarperCollins Publishers 2009 Want to thank TFD for its existence? 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Link to this page: So far as the Monarch understands them at all, he accepts them as his own -- for he cannot conceive of any other except himself -- and plumes himself upon the variety of 'Its Thought' as an instance of creative Power.Never was there a creative fever such as mine from which the patient escaped fatal results.When, however, we returned to Switzerland towards the end of June, and he found himself once more in the familiar and exhilarating air of the mountains, all his joyous creative powers revived, and in a note to me announcing the dispatch of some manuscript, he wrote as follows: "I have engaged a place here for three months: forsooth, I am the greatest fool to allow my courage to be sapped from me by the climate of Italy.I agree that man is pre-eminently a creative animal, predestined to strive consciously for an object and to engage in engineering--that is, incessantly and eternally to make new roads, wherever they may lead.But how strange it was that the creative instinct should seize upon this dull stockbroker, to his own ruin, perhaps, and to the misfortune of such as were dependent on him; and yet no stranger than the way in which the spirit of God has seized men, powerful and rich, pursuing them with stubborn vigilance till at last, conquered, they have abandoned the joy of the world and the love of women for the painful austerities of the cloister.The creative spirit in him flamed up at the thought and urged that he recreate this beauty for a wider audience than Ruth.Ye did beget this luckless child, and have abandoned him, ye creative libertines.The field for the exhibition of her creative instinct was painfully small, and the only use she had made of it as yet was to leave eggs out of the corn bread one day and milk another, to see how it would turn out; to part Fanny's hair sometimes in the middle, sometimes on the right, and sometimes on the left side; and to play all sorts of fantastic pranks with the children, occasionally bringing them to the table as fictitious or historical characters found in her favorite books.I began to imitate this master of mine almost as soon as I began to read him; this must be, and I had a greater pride and joy in my success than I should probably have known in anything really creative; I should have suspected that, I should have distrusted that, because I had nothing to test it by, no model; but here before me was the very finest and noblest model, and I had but to form my lines upon it, and I had produced a work of art altogether more estimable in my eyes than anything else could have been.Concerning each of which many seem to have fallen into very great errors; for by invention, I believe, is generally understood a creative faculty, which would indeed prove most romance writers to have the highest pretensions to it; whereas by invention is really meant no more (and so the word signifies) than discovery, or finding out; or to explain it at large, a quick and sagacious penetration into the true essence of all the objects of our contemplation.The word 'human,' indeed, became the chosen motto of the Renaissance scholars; 'humanists' was the title which they applied to themselves as to men for whom 'nothing human was without appeal.' New creative enthusiasm, also, and magnificent actual new creation, followed the discovery of the old treasures, creation in literature and all the arts; culminating particularly in the early sixteenth century in the greatest group of painters whom any country has ever seen, Lionardo da Vinci, Raphael, and Michelangelo.And surely the art of the painter and every other creative and constructive art are full of them,--weaving, embroidery, architecture, and every kind of manufacture; also nature, animal and vegetable,-- in all of them there is grace or the absence of grace. 1 [more creative; most creative] : having or showing an ability to make new things or think of new ideas He was more creative [=imaginative] than the other students. She's a very creative person. She has one of the most creative minds in the business. a burst of creative energy [=energy that you use to make or think of new things] They've come up with some creative new ways to make money. a creative solution to a difficult problem creative thinking [+] more examples [-] hide examples [+] Example sentences [-] Hide examples 2 always used before a noun : using the ability to make or think of new things : involving the process by which new ideas, stories, etc., are created He teaches creative writing at the university. the first step in the creative process the show's creative director/team 3 always used before a noun, usually disapproving : done in an unusual and often dishonest way It turns out that the company's report of record profits last year was due to some creative accounting. — creatively adverb [more creatively; most creatively] Try to think more creatively. solving problems creatively — creativeness noun [noncount] I admire her creativeness. [=(more commonly) creativity] Versatile RGB gaming soundbar with SuperWide™ for your TV and desktop LEARN MORE LEARN MORE Hear What You’ve Been Missing LEARN MORE REDEFINING YOUR AUDIO EXPERIENCE Subscribe to our newsletter to receive exclusive offers and deals delivered straight to you! adjective (4)noun (3)View synonyms for creativehaving the power to bring something new into being, as a creature, or to evolve something original from one’s own thought or imagination, as a work of art or invention: In the mythologies of the earliest human societies, the predominant ideas about which sex was more important in reproduction may have determined the sex assigned to the universal creative force.Research supports the claim that children are most creative in the early grades, before middle school.In the mythologies of the earliest human societies, the predominant ideas about which sex was more important in reproduction may have determined the sex assigned to the universal creative force.resulting from originality of thought, expression, etc.; imaginative.originative; productive (usually followed byof).Marx believed that labor alone was creative of value, not property ownership.Facetious. using or creating exaggerated or skewed data, information, etc..the people who design and produce artwork, video, copy, etc., for a business, typically in service of advertising and other aspects of marketing.Creative really hit this one out of the park—we’ve doubled our conversion rate almost overnight.material made for advertising and other aspects of marketing, as a billboard, video ad, or web page design, or the activity of designing and producing it.In our latest campaign for a luxury services client, we used an AI platform to fine-tune creative based on user behavior.a person who is an artist, writer, designer, etc., typically one employed by a business to work in advertising or other aspects of marketing.You’ll have to hire at least one new senior-level creative to keep up with the client’s expansion plans.having the ability to createcharacterized by originality of thought; having or showing imaginationdesigned to or tending to stimulate the imaginationcharacterized by sophisticated bending of the rules or conventions“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. 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Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012creatively adverbcreativeness nounanticreative adjectiveanticreatively adverbanticreativeness nounnoncreative adjectivenoncreatively adverbnoncreativeness nounsubcreative adjectivesubcreatively adverbsubcreativeness noununcreative adjectiveuncreatively adverbuncreativeness nouncre'ativeness nouncre'atively adverb,crea'tivity nounOrigin of creative1First recorded in 1670–80; create + -iveExamples have not been reviewed.Subsequent singles flopped, and Doechii was, as she later wrote on social media, "drowning in my own vices, battling differences with my label and a creative numbness that broke me".However, what happens with “Ponyboi” now isn’t as important to Gallo as the fact that the movie exists as a testament of their totality as a creative force.Obviously, these creative decisions allow Deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers to more easily experience “Not Alone Anymore.”She wanted to raise a mirror to Black women and showcase them in their fullness as fleshed out characters who are ambitious, creative, messy at times and most importantly nuanced.But she played down the focus on her image, saying: "I don't really think about it. What I'm really interested in is the creative aspect of my job."creation scienceCreative CommonsBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC Creative expression can be beneficial with clinical and nonclinical mental health needs. Creativity is understood as representing a complex neuro-psycho-philosophical construct. Engaging clients with creative pursuits aligns with a positive psychology of holistic and humanistic care. With the pervasive existence of smartphones, tablets, social media, and artificial intelligence, we can daily peruse the creative and cultural output of a diversity of humans. I am fascinated by videos, films, afrobeats, animation, and literary novels, to name just a few creative materials that I enjoy consuming. I also enjoy creative writing and creating explainer videos using different technologies. There's a feeling of joy and self-actualization that comes from doing so. Recently, scientists have reviewed research that explains the feelings of well-being linked to such acts of creative engagement (Kumar, Pavitra, & Bhattacharya, 2024). Several decades ago, creative thinking was included on a list from the World Health Organization (WHO) as a necessary life skill for school-age children and adolescents (WHO, 1997). However, much has changed since 1997, so one might wonder, what are the contemporary considerations that are relevant when discussing creativity as a necessary early life skill? What has a review of contemporary research revealed about links between creative expression and mental health? Creativity and the Brain To study mental illness, we consider the brain and culture. Likewise, to thoroughly understand the relationship between mental wellness and creativity, we are able to study scientific research to learn what science says about creativity's neural components or, rather, what researchers have described as creativity's "complex neuro-psycho-philosophical construct" (Kumar, Pavitra, & Bhattacharya, 2024). What makes creativity so complex is the numerous types of creativity possible from varying forms of music, dance, painting, singing, writing, and theatrical performance. Kumar, Pavitra, and Bhattacharya reported that creative expression has mental health benefits for children and adults. Also, Pierce and Parker (2025) reported spiritual healing and liberatory benefits among Black college women who experienced a single-session group-wellness initiative that incorporated the expressive art of painting. The women were asked to paint a picture that reflected their human resistance to systemic oppression. Researchers noted that we seem to organically value the process of creativity as a human trait. By its varying definitions, creativity may also naturally appeal to our love of novelty. The novelty appeal may be most relevant to definitions of creativity that reference creativity as the achievement of a new output, no matter the type of creative work produced or witnessed. Therefore, it isn't necessarily the product, but the process of creativity. Types of Therapeutic Creativity Kumar, Pavitra, and Bhattacharya (2024) detailed several types of creativity and mentioned the relevance of culture and society. For example, they explained that, originally, creative performance in India was not for entertainment purposes as it often is today. Instead, it was originally used for therapeutic purposes to ease suffering of the mind. Using body movement or the visual language of art therapy, they explained that these practices may be used to process fear and trauma. Regarding people who are not ready to, or aren't verbally able to process their mental health challenges, such persons may achieve enhanced mental wellness through dance or visual art as a means to work through emotional and cognitive challenges. A diversity of activities are categorized as active or receptive experiences of creative expression; this means that there's potentially something for everyone to use to be health-beneficial. Active experiences involve doing something creative to achieve a tangible or intangible product, relative to receptive experiences that require listening to or viewing content that may aid mental health. Another positive takeaway from the published review is that clinical and counseling practitioners shouldn't feel intimidated if they aren't creatives themselves. It also is insignificant if the clients are talented creatives. What matters is getting clients to express creativity, using whatever artistic/creative means that will allow clients to feel comfortable. A point of note in the findings, though, was that psychiatrists in India were not among the categories of practitioners who tend to incorporate creative pursuits with their patients. Yet patients with psychiatric diagnoses shouldn't be excluded from the use of creativity as a tool to help regulate their emotional and physical conditions. The neuro-psycho-philosophical construct is interdisciplinary, and so, too, can be used as a framework to address mental illness. Psychiatrists are trained to center neurological and neurochemical influences on mental illness, providing medicine as needed. However, positive results for patients could occur from practitioners' increased openness to integrating creative pursuits across the lifespan. Thus, irrespective of age, the benefits of involving clients in creative pursuits align with a positive psychology of holistic and humanistic care. References Access this table of appropriate activities for children and adults based on the information that Kumar, Pavitra, and Bhattacharya (2024) detailed regarding creative pursuits linked to mental health and well-being (Note: paywall). Kumar, V., Pavitra, K.S, & Bhattacharya, R. (2024). Creative pursuits for mental health and well-being. Indian Journal of Psychiatry. 66 (Suppl 2), S283–S303. doi: 10.4103/indianjpsychiatry.indianjpsychiatry_781_23 Pierce, R. & Parker, J. S. (2025). A single-session wellness initiative for Black college women: Integrating expressive arts, spirituality, and political resistance. Journal of Black Psychology, 51 (1), 107–143. Get the help you need from a therapist near you–a FREE service from Psychology Today. 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