

Theory ['θιǝrι] is an idea used to account for a situation or justify a course of action.

It is a nontechnical name for *hypothesis*.

Syn: hypothesis, thesis, conjecture, supposition, speculation, postulation, postulate, proposition, premise, surmise [səˈmaɪz], assumption, presupposition; opinion, view, belief, contention. My theory would be that the place has been seriously mismanaged... I have a theory about that.

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Theory ['θιǝrι] is an ideal or hypothetical situation (esp in the phrase in theory).

Theory ['θιǝrι] is abstract knowledge or reasoning.

**Theory** ['θιǝrι] is a speculative or conjectural view or idea.

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a set of principles on which the practice of an activity is based.

Theory ['θιοτι] is a supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something, especially one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained.

Theory ['θιθτι] is a system of rules, procedures, and assumptions used to produce a result.

Theory ['θιǝrι] is a set of hypotheses related by logical or mathematical arguments to explain and predict a wide variety of connected phenomena in general terms.

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- in practice, they may well become a lot worse. 
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- If you have a theory about something, you have your own opinion about it which you cannot prove but which you think is true.
- There was a theory that he wanted to marry her...