

Evoke - Elicit - Project - Projection

To summon or call forth: actions that evoked our mistrust. To call to mind by naming, citing, or suggesting: songs that evoke old memories. To create a new, especially by means of the imagination: a novel that evokes the Depression in accurate detail.

[Latin *evocare* : e-, ex-, ex- + *vocare*, to call; tr.v., e·voked, e·vok·ing, e·vokes.]

evocable ev'o·ca·ble (ev'·k?-b?l, i-vo'k?-) adj.

SYNONYMS evoke, educe, elicit. These verbs mean to draw forth or bring out something latent, hidden, or unexpressed: evoke laughter; educe significance from the event; trying to elicit the truth.

Elicit

tr.v., -it·ed, -it·ing, -its.

1. To bring or draw out (something latent); educe.

To arrive at (a truth, for example) by logic.

To call forth, draw out, or provoke (a reaction, for example). See synonyms at [evoke](#).

[Latin *ēlicere*, *ēlicit-* : ē-, ex-, ex- + *lacere*, to entice.]

elicitation e·lic'i·ta'tion *n.*

elicitor e·lic'i·tor *n.*

Project

v. pro·ject (prə-jěkt'), -ject·ed, -ject·ing, -jects.

v. tr.

1. To thrust outward or forward: *project one's jaw in defiance.*
2. To throw forward; hurl: *project an arrow.*
3. To send out into space; cast: *project a light beam.*
4. To cause (an image) to appear on a surface: *projected the slide onto a screen.*
5. *Mathematics.* To produce (a projection).
6. To direct (one's voice) so as to be heard clearly at a distance.

7. **Psychology.** To externalize and attribute (an emotion or motive, for example) unconsciously to someone or something else in order to avoid anxiety.
8. To convey an impression of to an audience or to others: *a posture that projects defeat.*
9. To form a plan or intention for: *project a new business enterprise.*
10. To calculate, estimate, or predict (something in the future), based on present data or trends: *projecting next year's expenses.*

v.intr.

1. To extend forward or out; jut out: *beams that project beyond the eaves.* See synonyms at [bulge](#).
2. To direct one's voice so as to be heard clearly at a distance.

[Middle English *projecte*, from Latin *prōiectum*, projecting structure, from neuter past participle of *prōicere*, to throw out : *prō-*, forth; see [pro-1](#) + *iacere*, to throw.]

projectable *pro·ject'a·ble* *adj.*

Projection

n.

1. The act of projecting or the condition of being projected.
2. A thing or part that extends outward beyond a prevailing line or surface: *spiky projections on top of a fence; a projection of land along the coast.*
3. A plan for an anticipated course of action: *"facilities [that] are vital to the projection of U.S. force . . . in the Pacific"* (Alan D. Romberg).
4. A prediction or an estimate of something in the future, based on present data or trends.
5.
 - a. The process of projecting an image onto a screen or other surface for viewing.

- b. An image so projected.
- 6. *Mathematics*. The image of a geometric figure reproduced on a line, plane, or surface.
- 7. A system of intersecting lines, such as the grid of a map, on which part or all of the globe or another spherical surface is represented as a plane surface.
- 8. *Psychology*.
 - a. The attribution of one's own attitudes, feelings, or suppositions to others: *"Even trained anthropologists have been guilty of unconscious projection-of clothing the subjects of their research in theories brought with them into the field"* (Alex Shoumatoff).
 - b. The attribution of one's own attitudes, feelings, or desires to someone or something as a naive or unconscious defense against anxiety or guilt.

projectional pro·jec'tion·al *adj.*