



Natural Resources & The Economy



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Right: A child drinks water from a well built by Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40 in Shant Abak. Released into public domain by the United States Navy.

Economy (E·con·o·my)

Definition: The way that money, businesses and products are organized in a particular country, area, etc.

Example: We are putting money into our country's *economy* when we buy things.



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Factory

(fac·to·ry)



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Granite

(gran·ite)

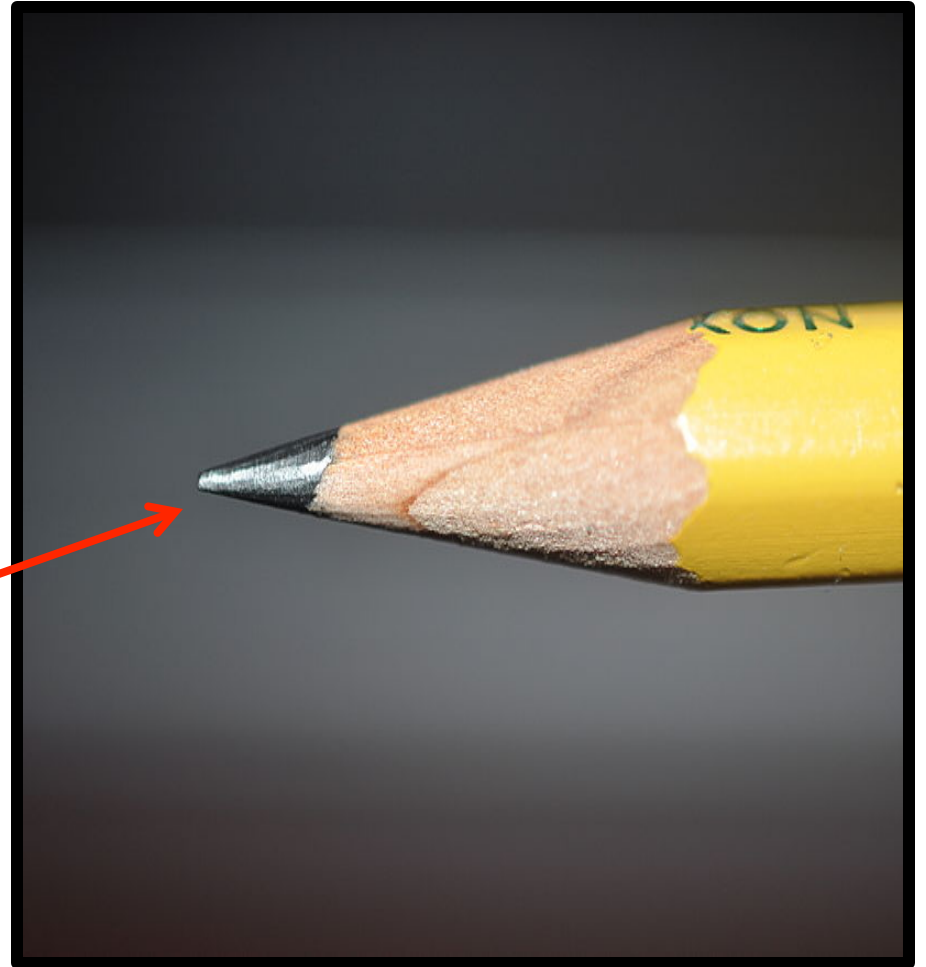
Definition: a very hard natural igneous rock formation

Example: The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is made of white *granite*.



Graphite

(graph·ite)



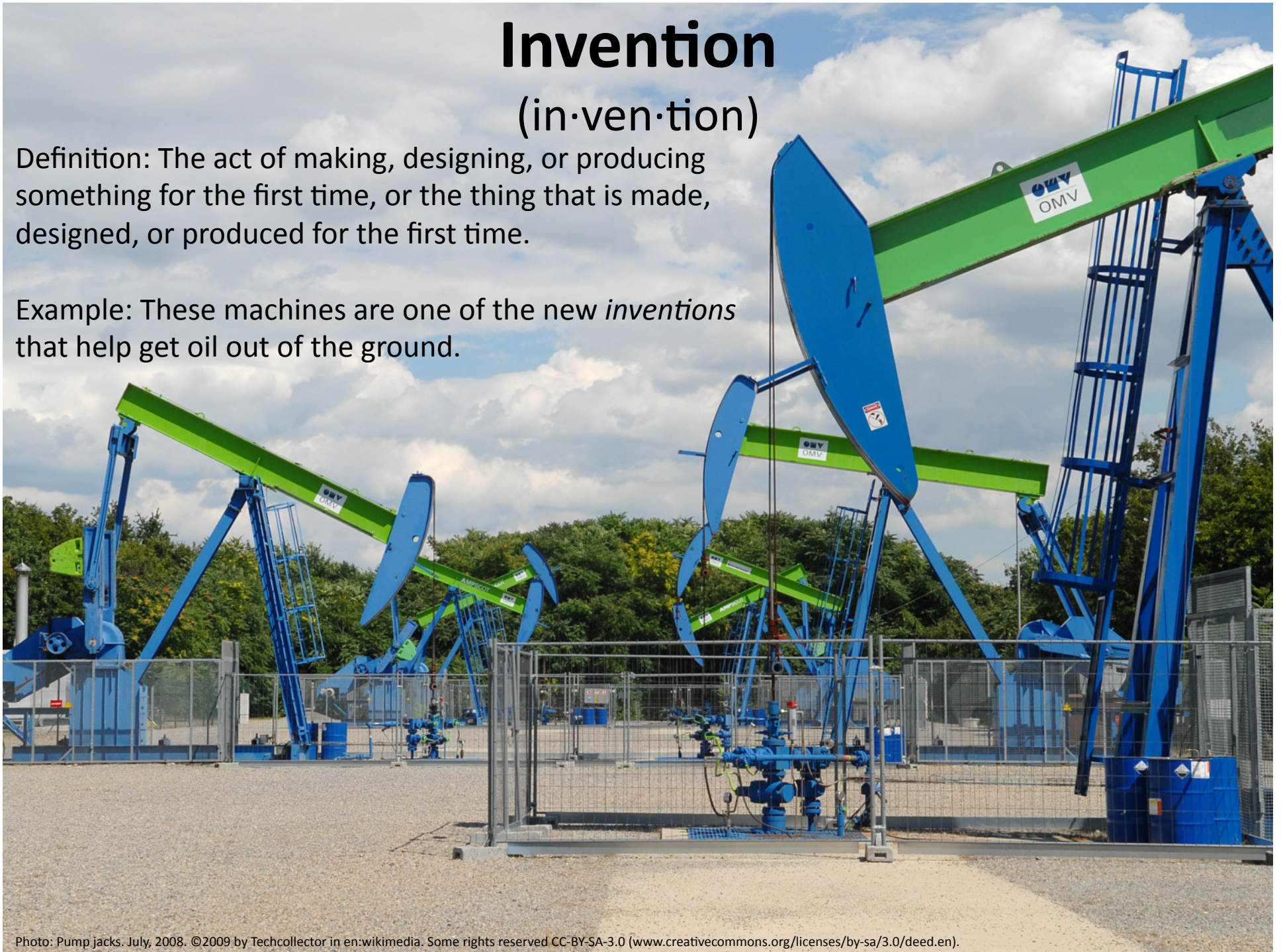
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Invention

(in·ven·tion)

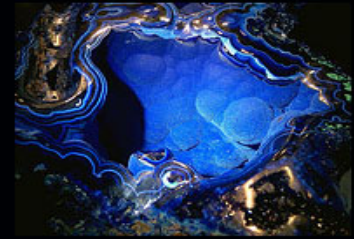
Definition: The act of making, designing, or producing something for the first time, or the thing that is made, designed, or produced for the first time.

Example: These machines are one of the new *inventions* that help get oil out of the ground.



Mineral

(Min·er·al)



Renewable

(re·new·a·ble)

Definition: Something that is able to be replaced by natural processes so that it is never used up.

Example: Cows always produce milk, which makes them a great *renewable* resource for humans.



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Resource

(re·source)

Definition: Something such as land, mineral, or natural energy that exists in a country and can be used in order to increase its wealth

Example: Trees are a natural *resource* that humans use to make paper.



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