

## ROOT: "Praesumere" (adjective)

Presumptuous stems from Old-French *presuntuex*, *presuntuos*, *presumptueuse*, which originates directly from the Late Latin word *praesumptuosus* meaning 'full of boldness'. Today, presumptuous means when a person (or their behaviour) fails to observe the limits of what is allowed or appropriate. In other words, it refers to when a person is overstepping the boundaries.

Type of word: adjective

4 syllables: pre-sum-chew-us

## SYNONYMS:

- Assumptive
- Brazen
- Overconfident
- Bold
- Audacious
- Forward
- Arrogant
- Pompous

# PRESUMPTUOUS

## ANTONYMS:

- Unassuming
- Timid
- Modest
- Humble
- Unconceited
- Cautious
- Apprehensive
- Demure

I don't want to be **presumptuous**, but I might be the only person who can deal with this.

## EXAMPLES:

The man seemed too **presumptuous** to be a humble leader, so he was not elected.

## QUOTES:

*"It's most presumptuous to believe we already know all the answers and will never get any more big surprises."*  
**Stanley Schmidt**

*"I never knew a more presumptuous person than myself. The fact that I say that shows that what I say is true."* **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

## HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD

PRE-  
4 + 3 = 7



## HOW TO USE PRESUMPTUOUS:

- PERHAPS ANOTHER PERSON IS BEING A BIT TOO BOLD
- MAYBE THEY'RE TAKING YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE FOR GRANTED
- THEIR BEHAVIOUR IS BRAZEN AND NOT APPROPRIATE
- Use **presumptuous** to describe them. To call someone **presumptuous** means that they are overstepping the mark in an uncalled for way.