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1. [prim] *a*

- 1) чопорный, официальный натянутый
prim smile - натянутая/заученная/ улыбка
- 2) строгий, правильный, аккуратный
prim hedges - аккуратные изгороди
prim garden - тщательно ухоженный сад
◇ prim and proper - чопорный

2. [prim] *v*

1. принимать строгий, официальный вид; напускать на себя важность (*тж.* prim up)
to prim (up) one's lips /mouth/ - поджимать губы
2. *уст.* тщательно наряжать (*обыкн.* prim up, prim out)

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[prim] = *privet*

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prim [prim primmer primmest prims primmed primming] *BrE* [prim] ^ˈ *NAmE*[prim] ^ˈ *adjective* (prim-mer, prim-mest) (disapproving)

1. (*of a person*) always behaving in a careful and formal way, and easily shocked by anything that is rude
• You can't tell her that joke— she's much too **prim and proper** .
2. formal and neat

Syn: ↑demure

- a prim suit with a high-necked collar

Derived Word ↑primlyWord Origin:late 17th cent. (as a verb): probably ultimately from Old French *prin*, Provençal *prim* 'excellent, delicate', from Latin *primus* 'first'.Example Bank:

- He had rather prim ideas about what things were suitable for the children.
- She knew she sounded prim.
- You can't tell her that joke— she's much too prim and proper.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

prim /praɪm/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective*[**Date:** 1700-1800; **Origin:** Perhaps from Old French *prin* 'excellent, fine', from Latin *primus*; ⇨ ↑prime¹]

1. very formal and careful in the way you speak and behave, and easily shocked by anything rude:

- She looked prim and nervous in her best hat and coat.
- a very prim and proper young lady

2. prim clothes are neat and formal:

- a prim suit

—primly *adverb*

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