

precipitous[prɪˈsɪpɪtəs] *a*

1. обрывистый, крутой; отвесный
precipitous descent - крутой спуск
precipitous cliffs - отвесные скалы
2. 1) стремительный безудержный
2) поспешный, опрометчивый

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

pre-cipit-ous *BrE* [prɪˈsɪpɪtəs] ^m *NAmE* [prɪˈsɪpɪtəs] ^m **adjective** (formal)

1. very steep, high and often dangerous

Syn: ↑sheer

- precipitous cliffs
- a precipitous drop at the side of the road

2. sudden and great

Syn: ↑abrupt

- a precipitous decline in exports

3. done very quickly, without enough thought or care

Syn: ↑hasty

- a precipitous action

Derived Word ↑precipitouslyWord Origin:[**precipitous precipitously**] mid 17th cent.: from obsolete French *précipiteux*, from Latin *praeceps*, *praecip(it)-* 'steep, headlong', from *prae* 'before' + *caput* 'head'.**precipitous**

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pre-cip-i-tous /prɛˈsɪpətəs, prɪˈsɪpətəs/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

1. very sudden:
" a precipitous decline in stock prices
2. dangerously high or steep:
" a precipitous path
3. *formal* happening or done too quickly, and not thought about carefully:
" a precipitous marriage

—**precipitously** *adverb***precipitous**

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