

## assumption

[ə'sʌmpʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. 1) **принятие на себя (ответственности, обязанности и т. п.)**  
 assumption of risk - принятие на себя риска  
 assumption of office [of the presidency] - вступление в должность [на пост президента]
- 2) **юр.** принятие на себя устного или письменного обязательства
2. **присвоение, захват**  
 assumption of power - захват власти
3. **притворство**  
 assumption of friendliness - напускное дружелюбие
4. **высокомерие, надменность; самонадеянность**
5. 1) **предположение, допущение; исходное положение**  
 we proceed from the assumption that ... - мы исходим из того, что ...  
 unwarrantable assumption - ни на чём не основанное предположение
- 2) **лог.** исходная посылка силлогизма
6. **рел.**
  - 1) **взятие живым на небо**
  - 2) (Assumption) Успение (богородицы) (*праздник*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

as-sump-tion **AW** [assumption assumptions] **BrE** [ə'sʌmpʃn] **NAme**

[ə'sʌmpʃn] **noun**

1. **countable** a belief or feeling that sth is true or that sth will happen, although there is no proof
  - an **underlying /implicit assumption**
  - We need to challenge some of the basic assumptions of Western philosophy.
  - We are working **on the assumption that** everyone invited will turn up.
  - It was impossible to **make assumptions about** people's reactions.
  - His actions were based on a false assumption.
  - She arrived at college with a whole set of assumptions inherited from her family.
2. **countable, uncountable ~ of sth (formal)** the act of taking or beginning to have power or responsibility
  - their **assumption of power/control**
  - the assumption of responsibility by the government for the disaster

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **asompion** or Latin **assumptio(n-)**, from the verb **assumere**, from **ad-** 'towards' + **sumere** 'take'.

### Example Bank:

- Lots of evidence supports this assumption.
- She's always making assumptions about how much money people have.
- There is an underlying assumption that the unemployed are reluctant to work.
- We are working on the assumption that the techniques are safe.
- Your argument is based on a set of questionable assumptions.
- assumptions about how women should behave
- shared assumptions between teachers and parents
- the assumptions underlying their beliefs
- I really don't like you making assumptions about what I think.
- The underlying assumption is that young people are incapable of knowing their own minds.
- There is a general but false assumption that intelligent people do better in life.
- They are basing their costs on the assumption that about 10 000 people will need to be rehoused.
- We are working on the assumption that about 50 people will turn up.
- We need to establish a basic set of assumptions before we can continue.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

as[sump]tion **S2 W2 AC** /ə'sʌmpʃən/ **BrE** **AmE** **noun**

[Word Family: verb: ↑assume; noun: ↑assumption]

1. **[countable]** something that you think is true although you have no definite proof ⇒ **assume**  
**assumption that**
  - A lot of people make the assumption that poverty only exists in the Third World.
  - My calculations were based on the assumption that house prices would remain steady.**assumption about**
  - People make a lot of assumptions about me.
2. **[uncountable] formal** when someone starts to have control or power  
**assumption of**
  - the assumption of responsibility
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### COLLOCATIONS

#### ■ verbs

- **make an assumption** You're making a lot of assumptions for which you have no proof.
- **be based on/rest on an assumption** Our plans were based on the assumption that everyone would be willing to help.

▪ **work on an assumption** (=act according to something that may not be true) The police seemed to be working on the assumption that he was guilty.

### ■ adjectives

- **a reasonable /valid assumption** This seemed like a reasonable assumption.
- **a common/general /widespread assumption** There's a common assumption that science is more difficult than other subjects.
- **a basic/fundamental /underlying assumption** There is a basic assumption in international law that a state will protect its citizens.
- **a correct assumption** Many people acted on the correct assumption that interest rates would rise.
- **a wrong/false/mistaken assumption** Both theories are based on a single wrong assumption.
- **an underlying assumption** (=a belief that is used as the basis for an idea, but which may not be correct) There seems to be an underlying assumption in what he says that women are weaker than men.
- **a tacit/unspoken assumption** (=one that no one says aloud) There seemed to be a tacit assumption that they would get married.
- **a questionable assumption** (=one that is likely to be wrong) That assumption was obviously highly questionable.

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