

**pompous**

[ˈpɒmpəs] *a*

- 1. великолепный, помпезный, эффектный
- 2. 1) напыщенный, полный важности, самомнения  
he's a pompous ass - он (просто) надутый осёл
- 2) высокопарный, напыщенный (о *слоге*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**pompous** *BrE* [ˈpɒmpəs] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈpɑːmpəʒ] <sup>m</sup> **adjective** (disapproving)

showing that you think you are more important than other people, especially by using long and formal words

**Syn:** ↑pretentious

- a pompous official
- His speech sounded very pompous and self-congratulatory.

Derived Words ↑pomposity ▪ ↑pompously

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **pompeux** 'full of grandeur', from late Latin **pomposus**, from **pompa** 'pomp'.

Example Bank:

- It was a good letter, if a little pompous.
- She found him pompous and annoying.
- I can't stand pompous people.
- She made a long, pompous speech.
- That probably sounds rather pompous.

Example Bank:

- The prince's manner was informal, without a trace of pomposity.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**pompous** /ˈpɒmpəs \$ 'pɑːm- *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

someone who is pompous thinks that they are important, and shows this by being very formal and using long words – used to show disapproval:

- <sup>m</sup> He seems rather pompous.
- <sup>m</sup> the book's pompous style

—**pompously** *adverb*

—**pomposity** /pɒm'pɒsəti, pɒm'pɒsɪti \$ pɑːm'pɒzɪti (also **pompousness**) /'pɒmpəsənəs 'pɑːm-, 'pɒmpəsənɪs 'pɑːm- *noun*

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**THESAURUS**

- **proud** very pleased with what you, your family, or your country have achieved, or of something you own: I felt so proud when my son graduated from college. | Judith's very proud of her new Ferrari.
- **pleased with yourself** feeling pleased because something good has happened, especially because you think you have been very clever, skilful etc: He was smoking a big cigar and was obviously pleased with himself. | I'd made a big profit and was feeling pretty pleased with myself.
- **arrogant** *disapproving* behaving in an unpleasant and annoying way, because you think you are better or know more than other people, and that your opinions are always right: He was arrogant and regarded people who disagreed with him as fools. | his arrogant attitude to women
- **vain** *disapproving* too proud of your appearance, in a way that annoys other people: He's so vain – he thinks all the girls fancy him.
- **conceited/big-headed** *disapproving* proud of yourself because you think you are very intelligent, skilful, beautiful etc, especially without good reason and in a way that annoys people: Stewart's the most arrogant conceited person I've ever known. | She was offered a brilliant job and became incredibly big-headed overnight.
- **pompous** *disapproving* thinking that you are much more important than you really are, and using very long and formal words to try to sound important: The clerk was a pompous little man with glasses. | a pompous speech
- **smug** *disapproving* pleased with yourself in a quiet but annoying way because you think you are in a better position than other people: Milly was looking very smug about coming top of the class. | a smug expression
- **self-satisfied** *disapproving* pleased with what you have achieved and showing it clearly in an annoying way: She glared angrily into his self-satisfied face. | a self-satisfied grin

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