

profess

[prə'fes] *v*

1. открыто признавать, заявлять (во всеуслышание)
 to profess too much - обещать слишком много; слишком горячо заверять (в чём-л.)
 to profess oneself - признаваться
 he professed himself glad to be home again - он признался /утверждал/, что рад быть снова дома
 he professed his dislike of long speeches - он заявил, что не любит длинных речей
 I profess that this is news to me - признаюсь, что это для меня новость
2. притворяться, прикидываться, делать вид
 they profess extreme regret - они притворяются /делают вид/, что очень сожалеют
3. претендовать
 to profess to be a learned man - претендовать на учёность
 he professes to be an expert at chess - он выдаёт себя за первоклассного шахматиста
 she professes to be thirty - она всем говорит /утверждает/, что ей тридцать лет
4. заниматься (какой-л. деятельностью)
 to profess law [medicine] - заниматься юридической [врачебной] практикой
5. преподавать
 to profess history [chemistry, physics] - преподавать историю [химию, физику]
6. исповедовать (веру)
7. 1) *обыкн. pass* принимать в религиозный орден
 2) принять монашество; вступить в религиозный орден (*мж.* to profess oneself)

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pro·fess [profess professes professed professing] *BrE* [prə'fes] ^u *NAmE*

[prə'fes] ^u *verb* (formal)

1. to claim that sth is true or correct, especially when it is not
 - ~ **sth** She still professes her innocence.
 - ~ **to be/have sth** I don't profess to be an expert in this subject.
2. to state openly that you have a particular belief, feeling, etc.
Syn: ↑declare
 - ~ **sth** He professed his admiration for their work.
 - ~ **yourself + adj.** She professed herself satisfied with the progress so far.
3. ~ **sth** to belong to a particular religion
 - to profess Christianity/Islam/Judaism

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	profess
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'fes/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'fes/
he / she /it	professes
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'fesɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'fesɪz/
past simple, past participle	professed
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'fest/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'fest/
-ing form	professing
	<i>BrE</i> /prə'fesɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prə'fesɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English (as be professed 'be received into a religious order'): from Latin **profess-** 'declared publicly', from the verb **profiteri**, from **pro-** 'before' + **fateri** 'confess'.

Example Bank:

- I don't profess to be an expert in this subject.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: professus, past participle of profiteri 'to profess, confess']

1. to say that you do, are etc something, especially when it is not really true
profess to do/be something
 - The government professes to care about the poor.
 - He professed to be an expert on Islamic art.
2. **profess your innocence** to say that you did not do something bad, especially a crime:
 - In court, the man was still professing his innocence.
3. to state a personal feeling or belief openly:
 - He finally made up his mind to profess his love for her.**profess yourself (to be) something**
 - He professed himself satisfied with the results.
4. to have a religion or belief:
 - Matt professed no religion.

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