

**preposterous**[pri'pɒst(ə)rəs] *a*

- книжн.** нелепый, бессмысленный, абсурдный; противоречащий здравому смыслу  
preposterous idea [story] - нелепая /абсурдная/ идея [история]  
preposterous claim - нелепое требование  
that's simply preposterous! - это чёрт знает что!
- редк.** перевернутый, поставленный в обратном порядке

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**pre·pos·ter·ous** *BrE* [pri'pɒstərəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* [pri'pɑːstərəs] <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective** (formal)

- completely unreasonable, especially in a way that is shocking or annoying

**Syn:** ↑outrageous

- These claims are absolutely preposterous!
- It's preposterous to suggest that everything was her fault!

- unusual in a silly or shocking way

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- The band were famous for their preposterous clothes and haircuts.

Derived Word ↑preposterouslyWord Origin:[**preposterous preposterously**] mid 16th cent.: from Latin **praeposterus** 'reversed, absurd' (from **prae** 'before' + **posterus** 'coming after') + ↑-ous.Example Bank:

- The whole idea sounds quite preposterous!

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**pre·pos·ter·ous** /pri'pɒstərəs \$ -'pɑːstərəs *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> **adjective** *formal*[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** praeposterus 'with the back part in front', from prae- (⇒ ↑pre-) + posterus (, ↑posterior<sup>1</sup>)]completely unreasonable or silly **SYN** **absurd**:

The whole idea sounds absolutely preposterous!

—**preposterously** *adverb*—**preposterousness** *noun* [uncountable]**preposterous**

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