

conjecture

1. [kən'dʒektʃə] *n*

1. предположение, догадка

right [well-founded, erroneous, dubious] conjecture - правильное [обоснованное, ошибочное, сомнительное] предположение
to lose oneself in conjectures - теряться в догадках

2. *лингв.* конъектура

2. [kən'dʒektʃə] *v*

предполагать, строить догадки, гадать

to conjecture the cause of smth. - строить догадки, гадать о причине чего-л.

I conjecture what will happen - я догадываюсь о том, что произойдёт

it was just as I conjectured - получилось, как я думал

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con-jec-ture [conjecture conjectures conjectured conjecturing] **noun, verb** *BrE*

[kən'dʒektʃə(r)] ¹ *NAmE* [kən'dʒektʃər] ²

noun (formal)

1. **countable** an opinion or idea that is not based on definite knowledge and is formed by guessing

Syn: ↑guess

- The truth of his conjecture was confirmed by the newspaper report

2. **uncountable** the forming of an opinion or idea that is not based on definite knowledge

- What was going through the killer's mind is a matter for conjecture.

see also ↑guesswork

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the senses 'to divine' and 'divination'): from Old French, or from Latin *conjectura*, from *conicere* 'put together in thought', from *con-* 'together' + *jacere* 'throw'.

Example Bank:

- These are mere conjectures on our part.
- Whether she will run for a second term in office is a matter for conjecture.
- Whether the business will survive another ten years is pure conjecture.
- It's not conjecture. I'm absolutely certain of it.
- The truth of this conjecture was confirmed the next day.
- There has been a lot of conjecture about the state of their marriage.
- What was going on in the killer's mind is a matter for conjecture.
- You must not present conjecture as fact.

Derived Word ↑conjectural

verb intransitive, transitive (formal)

to form an opinion about sth even though you do not have much information on it

Syn: ↑guess

- ~ **(about sth)** We can only conjecture about what was in the killer's mind.
- ~ **what/how, etc...** We can only conjecture what was in the killer's mind
- ~ **that...** He conjectured that the population might double in ten years.
- ~ **sth** She conjectured the existence of a completely new species.
- ~ **sth to do sth** The remains are conjectured to be thousands of years old.

Verb forms:

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present simple	
I / you / we / they	conjecture
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'dʒektʃə(r)/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'dʒektʃər/
he / she / it	conjectures
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'dʒektʃəz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'dʒektʃərz/
past simple, past participle	conjectured
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'dʒektʃəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /kən'dʒektʃəd/
-ing form	conjecturing
	<i>BrE</i> /kən'dʒektʃərɪŋ/
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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: conjectura, from conicere 'to throw together', from com- (⇒ COM-) + jacere 'to throw']

1. **[uncountable]** when you form ideas or opinions without having very much information to base them on:What she said was pure conjecture.

There has been some conjecture about a possible merger.

2. **[countable]** an idea or opinion formed by guessing **SYN guess, hypothesis**:

My results show that this conjecture was, in fact, correct.

—**conjectural** *adjective*II. **conjecture**² *BrE*^ˈ *AmE*^ˈ *verb [intransitive and transitive] formal*to form an idea or opinion without having much information to base it on **SYN guess****conjecture that**

It seems reasonable to conjecture that these conditions breed violence.

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