

assume

verb

► Say it: as • sūmē

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

to think that something is probably true

Example

If you see someone carrying a _____, you might assume that he or she is in a _____.



Forms

Present:
I/You/We/They assume
He/She/It assumes
Past: assumed

Family

- **Noun:** assumption
- **Adjective:** assumed

Word Partners

- let's _____ that
- reasonably _____

Let's assume that we'll raise enough money for our trip and start planning it.
Based on the weather forecasts, we can **reasonably assume** that the hurricane will bring at least six inches of rain.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 If my mother didn't return my phone calls or text messages, I would assume that she was _____.
- 2 When I saw my friend running down the street, I assumed that he was _____.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **assume** and appropriate content.

Many adults tend to _____ that young people don't care about issues such as _____, even if they really do.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **assume** and appropriate content.

You should _____ that we will have to _____ in class on Friday because it's usually required.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **assume** in the *simple past tense*. In your second sentence, use **assume** with the modal verb *should*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Modal verbs are helping verbs that give additional meaning to the main verb. *Should* can be used to express advice.

You **should** assume that we'll have practice tomorrow.

They **should** stop talking in class.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **assume** and original content.

Many high school students _____^① that getting good _____^② and a high SAT score are the only things needed to get into college. While those accomplishments are important, most colleges are looking for well-rounded students who _____^③ in a variety of extracurricular activities. They want to know: Are you a member of any school _____^④ or sports teams? Are you a _____^⑤ individual who likes to draw or paint? Are you involved in any activities that benefit your community, such as _____^⑥? You can't _____^⑦ a college knows who you are based on grades and test scores alone—you have to show them that you are special.