

assumption

noun

▶ Say it: as • sump • tion **#10** Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
a belief about something that is not always true <i>Synonym:</i> conclusion	We often make assumptions about people based on _____.



Forms	Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singular: assumption • Plural: assumptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verb: assume • Adjective: assumed

Word Partners	
• common _____	A common assumption about sharks is that they like to eat humans, but attacks are usually accidental.
• correct/false _____	Before they understood bacteria and viruses, doctors made many false assumptions about the causes of disease.
• make _____ s	Many people make assumptions before knowing all the facts.

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 A negative **assumption** that people often make about dogs like pit bulls and Dobermans is that they are _____.
- 2 One **assumption** that I made about this class before I took it was that _____.

Writing Practice

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

It's not fair to make _____ about people you don't know based on how they look or dress because _____.

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

One false _____ that people often make about me is that I am _____.

Be an Academic Author **Work independently** to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **assumption** in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use **assumption** in the *plural form*.

1 _____

 2 _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

His assumptions about me were wrong.

She likes board games.

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

Assumptions are judgments that help us _____¹ the world around us. People make _____² every day based on information they have learned in the past. For example, many drivers proceed through green lights without looking both ways because they _____³ that other drivers who have red lights will stop. This is a reasonable _____⁴ because most drivers follow this rule. However, this assumption is also potentially _____⁵ because there are times when drivers _____⁶ red lights and cause accidents. It is important to think critically and determine whether your _____⁷ about a situation are truly accurate.