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## Assume or Presume

### Definition

*The main difference between "assume" and "presume" is the amount of information available when making a decision.*

**Assume** - To accept or suppose something without evidence or with a low level of certainty.

**Presume** - To suppose something based on probability or reasonable evidence.

### Example

I **assumed** you knew each other because you went to the same school.  
I **presume** you'll fly to Chicago rather than drive.



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## Quintessential

### Definition

**Adjective** - representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class

### Example

The critics love the director's latest film and consider it to be the **quintessential** horror movie.



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## Ramification

### Definition

**Noun** - a consequence, especially one that causes complications.

### Example

The deal would have huge financial **ramifications**.



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## Depository or Repository

### Definition

A **depository** is a place to store something **tangible**, like money, for safekeeping.

A **repository** is a place to store something **abstract**, like knowledge, information, or ideas.

### Example

The documents are currently in a **depository** in Woking.

She's a **repository** of knowledge about our family history.





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## Synonymous

### Definition

**Adjective:**  
having the same  
meaning.

### Example

Her name was  
**synonymous** with  
success.



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## Tentative

### Definition

**Adjective** - not yet fully developed or definitely decided.

### Example

He was **tentative** in his conclusion.



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## Past or Passed

### Definition

**Past** functions as a noun ('the distant **past**'), an adjective ('thinking of **past** times'), a preposition ('just **past** the store'), and an adverb ('running **past** our house').

**Passed**, on the other hand, is only ever the past tense of the verb pass.

### Example

Past – noun ('the distant **past**'), an adjective ('thinking of **past** times'), a preposition ('just **past** the store'), and an adverb ('running **past** our house').

Passed - she **passed** the test.



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## Ubiquitous

### Definition

*Adjective* -  
present, appearing, or  
found everywhere.

### Example

Mobile phones are  
**ubiquitous** amongst  
teenagers.





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## Verbose

**Definition**

*Adjective*

Containing more words  
than necessary.

**Example**

The answer they  
gave was **verbose**.



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## Either or Neither

### Definition

**Either** means “one of two options.” It is used to indicate a choice between one or another item or in addition to something else.

**Neither** means “not either” and is also commonly defined as “none of.” It is used to indicate that none of the available options presented are true, applicable, or acceptable.

### Example

**Either** - “You can **either** go to the movie or stay at home.”

**Neither** - “I like **neither** coffee nor tea in the morning.”



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## Wither

### Definition

Verb - lose  
freshness, vigour, or  
vitality.

### Example

The plant had  
**withered** over the  
winter months.

