

guess**1. [ges] n****1. догадка; предположение**

lucky guess - счастливая догадка

scientific guess - научное предположение

by guess - наугад [*ср. тж.* 2]

to give /to have, to make/ a guess - высказать предположение

to make a guess at what will happen - высказать догадку о том, что произойдёт

that's a good guess - ваше предположение верно; как вы догадались?!

that was an easy guess - тут и догадываться нечего

I give you three guesses - можешь угадывать до трёх раз; если с трёх раз не отгадаешь - проиграл

what is your guess? - что вы предполагаете?

2. приблизительный подсчёт

crude guess - грубая оценка

at a guess, by guess - приблизительно, примерно, по грубому подсчёту [*ср. тж.* 1]

◇ to miss one's guess - *амер.* ошибиться, не отгадать

this is anyone's guess - об этом можно только догадываться; ≅ это ещё неизвестно; кто знает?; как знать?

your guess is as good as mine - я об этом знаю столько же, сколько вы

one man's guess is as good as another's - ≅ никто ничего не знает, нельзя сказать ничего определённого; это одному богу известно

to steer by guess and by God - *мор.* плыть наугад /наобум, как бог на душу положит/

2. [ges] v**1. 1) догадываться; предполагать**

I can only guess the reasons for his conduct - я могу только догадываться о причинах его поведения

guess who did it! - догадайтесь, кто это сделал!

I can guess your answer - я предвижу ваш ответ

to keep smb. guessing - держать кого-л. в недоумении, озадачивать

that got him guessing - это его заинтриговало, он не знал, что и подумать

2) приблизительно определять

can you guess his weight? - как вы думаете, сколько он весит?

from his appearance I should guess his age at 40 - судя по внешности, ему лет сорок

can't you even guess at his age? - разве вы не можете хотя бы примерно определить его возраст?

I guess him to be twenty five - на мой взгляд, ему лет двадцать пять

2. 1) угадывать, отгадывать

to guess a riddle - отгадать загадку

to guess what smb. is thinking - угадать чьи-л. мысли

to guess right [wrong] - угадать правильно [неправильно]

2) понимать, заключать

to guess smth. from smb.'s manner - понять что-л. по чьему-л. поведению

3. *амер. разг.* думать, считать, полагать

I guess it's going to rain - мне кажется, сейчас пойдёт дождь

I guess we shall see him soon - думаю, что мы скоро увидим его

I'm not a good guess - я недогадлив

guess

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guess [guess guesses guessed guessing] verb, noun *BrE* [ges] ^u *NAmE* [ges]

verb**1. intransitive, transitive** to try and give an answer or make a judgement about sth without being sure of all the facts

- I don't really know. I'm just guessing.
- ~ **at sth** We can only guess at her reasons for leaving.
- + **adj.** He **guessed right/wrong**.
- ~ **(that)...** I'd guess that she's about 30.
- ~ **where, who, etc...** Can you guess where I've been?
- ~ **sth** Can you guess his age?

2. transitive to find the right answer to a question or the truth without knowing all the facts

- ~ **sth** She guessed the answer straight away.
- ~ **what, where, etc...** **You'll never guess** what she told me.
- ~ **(that)...** You would never guess (that) she had problems. She's always so cheerful.

see also ↑second-guess

3. I guess transitive, intransitive ~ (that)... (*informal, especially NAmE*) to suppose that sth is true or likely

- I guess (that) you'll be looking for a new job now.
- I guess I'm just lucky.
- 'He didn't see me, I guess.'
- 'Are you ready to go?' 'Yeah, **I guess so**.'
- 'They aren't coming, then?' ' **I guess not**.'

4. guess...! **transitive** used to show that you are going to say sth surprising or exciting

- ~ **sth** Guess what! He's asked me out!
- ~ **who, where, etc...** Guess who I've just seen!

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	guess
	BrE /ges/
	NAmE /ges/
he / she / it	guesses
	BrE /gestz/
	NAmE /gestz/
past simple, past participle	guessed
	BrE /gest/
	NAmE /gest/
-ing form	guessing
	BrE /gesɪŋ/
	NAmE /gesɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Middle English: origin uncertain; perhaps from Dutch **gissen**, and probably related to **↑get**.

Thesaurus:

guess verb

1. I, T

- I guessed from Gina's expression that something was wrong.

formal **surmise** • • **conjecture** •

guess/surmise/conjecture **that...**

guess/surmise sth **from** sth

guess/surmise/conjecture **what/how/why...**

2. T

- Guess how much these boots cost.

estimate • • **judge** • • **reckon** • • **calculate** • • **gauge** • |especially AmE, informal **figure** • |formal **extrapolate** •

guess/estimate/judge/reckon/calculate/gauge/extrapolate sth **from** sth

guess/estimate/judge/reckon/calculate/figure/extrapolate **that...**

guess/estimate/judge/calculate/gauge/figure **how much/how many/how far, etc.**

3. I guess T (especially AmE, informal)

- I guess I'm just lucky.

suppose • • **imagine** • • **assume** • • **suspect** • • **presume** • |especially spoken **take it** • |especially BrE, spoken **expect** • • I **dare say** •

I guess/suppose/imagine/assume/suspect/presume/take it/dare say **that...**

I guess/suppose/imagine/assume/suspect/presume **so**.

Example Bank:

- I was only guessing at her age.
- If you haven't already guessed, I'm going out with Steve.
- If you think I'm lying, well guess again.
- It's not hard to guess where they went.
- Jane had guessed wrong about who was responsible for the fire.
- She guessed from his expression that he had not won.
- So it was Rob who broke the window? I might have guessed!
- That's not the answer. Guess again.
- We can only guess how fast a dinosaur might have run.
- What star sign are you? No, let me guess.
- You can probably guess how she reacted!
- You'll never guess what she told me.
- You'll never guess who I saw yesterday!
- an easily guessed password
- 'Are you coming with us?' 'I guess so.'
- 'Can I have another cookie? 'I guess so, but that's the last one.'
- 'Do you really love her?' 'I guess so.'
- Guess how long it took me to get here.
- Guess who's here!
- He didn't see me, I guess.
- He guessed right/wrong.
- How old do you think I am? Go on, guess!
- I don't really know. I'm just guessing.
- I guess (that) you'll be looking for a new job now.
- I guess I'm just lucky.
- I guess you're mad at me.
- I guessed from John's expression that something was badly wrong.
- I guessed, rightly, that the keys would be under the doormat.
- I'd guess that she's about 30.
- If you can guess my age, I'll buy you a drink!
- It's impossible to guess what they might have been feeling.

- It's not hard to guess who he's gone to see.
- We can't begin to guess his reasons.
- What did you get her for Christmas? Let me guess.
- You'll never guess where they've gone.

Idioms: ↑ anyone's guess ▪ ↑ keep somebody guessing ▪ ↑ your guess is as good as mine

noun

an attempt to give an answer or an opinion when you cannot be certain if you are right ~ **(at sth)** (BrE)

- to **have/make a guess** (at sth)
- (NAmE) to **take a guess**
- Go on! Have a guess!
- ~ **(about sth)** The article is based on guesses about what might happen in the future.
- They might be here by 3— but that's just a **rough guess** (= not exact) .
- ~ **(that...)** **My guess is that** we won't hear from him again.
- **At a guess** , there were forty people at the party.
- If I might **hazard a guess** , I'd say she was about thirty.
- Who do you think I saw yesterday? **I'll give you three guesses** .

more at an educated guess **at** ↑ educated, miss your guess **at** ↑ miss v.

Word Origin:

Middle English: origin uncertain; perhaps from Dutch **gissen**, and probably related to ↑ get.

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- At a guess, there were about 40 people there.

estimate • • **speculation** • • **assumption** • • **guesswork** • • **presumption** • |formal **conjecture** • |formal, disapproving **presupposition** •

(a/an) guess/speculation/assumption/guesswork/presumption/conjecture/presupposition **about** sth

make a/an guess/estimate/assumption/presumption/conjecture

base sth on (a/an) guess/estimate/assumption/presumption/presupposition

Example Bank:

- 'Where's Tom?' 'I'll give you three guesses!'
- April is a safe guess for first deliveries.
- As a vet, he could make an educated guess as to what was wrong with his stomach.
- At a guess, I'd say there's a problem with the fuel pump.
- At a rough guess, I'd say we're about twenty miles from home.
- He made a wild guess as to how much the piano might cost.
- If I might hazard a guess...
- If you don't know the answer, have a guess.
- She could make an educated guess as to what was wrong with him.
- What's your best guess on what's going to happen?
- a guess based on your experience
- 'Who do you think is going to win?' 'Your guess is as good as mine.'
- At a guess, there were about 40 people there.
- If I might hazard a guess, I'd say she's about 30.
- It's probably about 300 kilometres away, but that's just a rough guess.
- My guess is that not many people will turn out today.
- What will happen next is anyone's guess.
- Who do you think I saw yesterday? I'll give you three guesses.

guess

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I. guess¹ **S1 W3** /ges/ BrE " AmE " verb

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: Probably from a Scandinavian language]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to try to answer a question or form an opinion when you are not sure whether you will be correct:

I'd say he's around 50, but I'm only guessing.

guess right/correctly/wrong

If you guess correctly, you have another turn.

guess what/who/how etc

You can guess what happened next.

guess at

We can only guess at the cause of the crash.

What star sign are you? No, let me guess.

difficult/hard/easy etc to guess

It's hard to guess his age because he dyes his hair.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to realize that something is true even though you do not know for certain

guess (that)

I guessed that you must be related because you look so similar.

guess from

" I guessed from his expression that he already knew about the accident.

" Can you guess the identity of this week's special guest?

3. **keep somebody guessing** to make someone feel excited or not sure about what will happen next:

" a thriller that keeps audiences guessing

4. **I guess spoken**

a) used to say that you think something is true or likely, although you are not sure:

" His light's on, so I guess he's still up.

b) used to say that you will do something even though you do not really want to:

" I'm tired, so I guess I'll stay home tonight.

5. **I guess so/not spoken** used to agree or disagree with a statement or question:

" 'You're one lucky guy.' 'I guess so.'

" 'I don't really have any choice, do I?' 'I guess not.'

6. **guess what/you'll never guess who/what etc spoken** used before you tell someone something that will surprise them:

" Guess what! Bradley's resigned.

" You'll never guess who I saw today.

⇒ †second-guess

II. **guess**² **S3 BrE** ^{AmE} **noun** [countable]

1. an attempt to answer a question or make a judgement when you are not sure whether you will be correct:

" I'd say she's about 35, but that's only a guess.

2. **be anybody's guess** to be something that no one knows:

" What she's going to do with her life now is anybody's guess.

3. **your guess is as good as mine spoken** used to tell someone that you do not know any more than they do about something

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **make a guess** I didn't know the answer to question 7, so I just had to make a guess.
- **have a guess** *British English*, **take a guess** *AmE*: Go on, have a guess at how much it cost. | Take a guess. How many people do you think showed up?
- **hazard a guess** (=guess something, when you feel very uncertain) No one at this stage is prepared to hazard a guess about the outcome of the elections.

■ adjectives

- **a rough guess** (=one that is not exact) This is just a rough guess, but I think it would cost about \$50.
- **a wild guess** (=one made without much thought or information) I made a wild guess and I got the answer right first time.
- **a lucky guess** 'How did you know?' 'It was just a lucky guess.'
- **a good guess** (=one that is likely to be right) I'm not sure how old she is, but I can make a good guess!
- **sb's best guess** (=one that you think is most likely to be right) My best guess is that it will take around six months.
- **an educated/informed guess** (=a guess based on things that you know are correct) Stockbrokers try to make educated guesses as to which stocks will do well.
- **an intelligent guess** Analysis of the archaeological site will help us make an intelligent guess as to what it was used for.
- **an inspired guess** (=a very good guess that you make suddenly) It's hard to believe he got that right with just an inspired guess.

■ phrases

- **my guess is (that)** My guess is there won't be many people there.
- **at a guess** *British English* (=used when saying that you are making a guess) I'd say it was built around the turn of the century, at a guess.
- **I'll give you three guesses** (=used to tell someone that it should be easy for them to guess the answer to their question) 'Where is he?' 'I'll give you three guesses.'

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