

speculate

[ˈspekjʊleɪt] *v*

- 1) **размышлять, раздумывать (над чем-л.); обдумывать (что-л.)**
 to speculate on /upon, about/ smth. - размышлять/предаваться раздумьям/ о чём-л.; обдумывать что-л.
 to speculate concerning the future - размышлять о будущем
- 2) **строить предположения; заниматься домыслами**
 to speculate as to /concerning/ the cause of smth. - строить предположения /догадки/ о причине чего-л.
 to speculate on the origin of the universe - строить гипотезы о происхождении вселенной
 about such matters it is useless to speculate, what we need is exact knowledge - в таких вопросах бесполезно заниматься домыслами, нужно точно знать факты
2. **спекулировать; играть на бирже**
 to speculate in stocks and shares - спекулировать ценными бумагами
 to speculate for a rise [for a fall] - играть на повышение [на понижение]

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specu·late [speculate speculates speculated speculating] *BrE* [ˈspekjʊleɪt] ^u

NAmE [ˈspekjuleɪt] ^u **verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to form an opinion about sth without knowing all the details or facts
 - ~ **(about/on/as to sth)** We all speculated about the reasons for her resignation.
 - They were all speculating as to the identity of the stranger.
 - ~ **why, how, etc...** It is useless to speculate why he did it.
 - ~ **that...** We can speculate that the stone circles were used in some sort of pagan ceremony.
2. **intransitive** ~ **(in/on sth)** to buy goods, property, shares, etc, hoping to make a profit when you sell them, but with the risk of losing money
 - He likes to speculate on the stock market.

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | speculate |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈspekjʊleɪt/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪt/ |
| he / she / it | speculates |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪz/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | speculated |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪd/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪd/ |
| -ing form | speculating |
| | <i>BrE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪŋ/ |
| | <i>NAmE</i> / ˈspekjuleɪtɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from Latin **speculat-** ‘observed from a vantage point’, from the verb **speculari**, from **specula** ‘watchtower’, from **specere** ‘to look’.

Example Bank:

- Commentators are openly speculating on whether the accusation is false.
- He refused to speculate on her reasons for leaving.
- It is idle to speculate what the consequences would have been.
- It would be premature to speculate as to the outcome at this stage.
- It would seem entirely reasonable to speculate that tribal loyalties influenced the outcome of the election.
- The British press speculated wildly about his disappearance.
- There was no point in speculating about the possibility of them getting back together.
- We can only speculate as to this man's identity.
- Everyone speculated wildly about the reasons for her resignation.
- I'm not going to speculate on her reasons for leaving.
- It's interesting to speculate whether they really did believe in witchcraft.
- It's useless to speculate why he did it.
- They could only speculate as to the identity of the stranger.
- We can speculate that the stone circles were used in some kind of religious ceremony.

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specu·late /ˈspekjʊleɪt, ˈspekjuleɪt/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **verb**

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: past participle of speculari ‘to watch (secretly)’, from specere ‘to look (at)']

1. **[intransitive and transitive]** to guess about the possible causes or effects of something, without knowing all the facts or details:
 - She refused to speculate.
 - speculate on/about (why/what etc)**
 Jones refused to speculate about what might happen.
 - speculate that**
 Some analysts speculated that jobs will be lost.

2. [intransitive] to buy goods, property, ↑shares in a company etc, hoping that you will make a large profit when you sell them

speculate in/on

He speculated in stocks.

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