

pretentious[prɪ'tenʃəs] *a*

1) претенциозный

pretentious book [manner, style] - претенциозная книга [манера, -ый стиль]

to speak in pretentious language - говорить вычурно

2) показной

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pre-ten-tious *BrE* [prɪ'tenʃəs] ^m *NAmE* [prɪ'tenʃəs] ^m **adjective** (disapproving)

trying to appear important, intelligent, etc. in order to impress other people; trying to be sth that you are not, in order to impress

- That's a pretentious name for a dog!
- It was just an ordinary house— nothing pretentious.
- He's so pretentious!

compare ↑unpretentiousDerived Words ↑pretentiously ▪ ↑pretentiousnessWord Origin:[**pretentious pretentiously pretentiousness**] mid 19th cent.: from French *prétentieux*, from *prétention* from medieval Latin *praetensio(n)*, from *praetens-* 'alleged', from the verb *praetendere* 'stretch forth, claim', from *prae* 'before' + *tendere* 'stretch'.Example Bank:

- He's so pretentious!
- That's a pretentious name for a cat!

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pre-ten-tious /prɪ'tenʃəs/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**if someone or something is pretentious, they try to seem more important, intelligent, or high class than they really are in order to be impressive **OPP unpretentious**:

a pretentious film

—**pretentiously** *adverb*—**pretentiousness** *noun* [uncountable]**pretentious**

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