# supposition

# [/ѕ∧рә′zı∫(ә)n] *n* предположение, гипотеза

on the supposition of smth. - предполагая что-л.

on the supposition that ... - предположим, что ...

it was a mere supposition - это была лишь догадка

a newspaper article based on supposition - газетная статья, основанная на домыслах

we mustn't condemn him on mere supposition - мы не должны осуждать его только на основании догадок

our suppositions were confirmed - наши подозрения оправдались

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# **sup·pos·ition** [supposition suppositions] *BrE* [,sʌpə'zɪʃn] *NAmE* [,sʌpə'zɪʃn] noun (formal)

1. countable ~ (that...) an idea that you think is true although you may not be able to prove it Syn: <sup>1</sup>assumption

- The police are working on the supposition that he was murdered.
- All the evidence appears to support this supposition.
- It seems a reasonable supposition.
- 2. uncountable the act of believing or claiming that sth is true even though it cannot be proved
  - The report is based entirely on supposition.
  - What happened next is a matter of supposition.

### Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a term in scholastic logic): from Old French, or from late Latin suppositio(n-) (translating Greek hupothesis 'hypothesis'), from the verb supponere, from sub- 'from below' + ponere 'to place'.

#### Example Bank:

- Let's work on the supposition that she meant no offence.
- She was charged on the supposition that she had colluded with her husband in the murders.
- That is mere supposition!
- They are making all sorts of suppositions about our possible reaction.
- · We can make a supposition about how the accident happened.
- · You are correct in your suppositions about the source of his wealth.
- a supposition of innocence
- There have been some interesting suppositions about the causes of the disease.

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[Word Family: verb †suppose, †presuppose; noun: †supposition, †presupposition; adverb †supposedly; adjective: †supposed] something that you think is true, even though you are not certain and cannot prove it:

His version of events is <u>pure</u> <u>supposition</u>.

#### supposition (that)

The police are acting on the supposition that she took the money.

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