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Words and phrases that can confuse

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To **assume** - means to suppose something without proof;

To **presume** - means to suppose something based on probability or evidence.

Once we saw that the plane crashed, we presumed the pilot was dead.

In this sentence, *presumed* is a better word choice because the plane crash gives us a reason or strong probability to believe the pilot did not survive.

- An effective bnAb HIV priming immunogenis to promote enhanced affinity for the **presumed** HIV boost in gantigen(s).
- There was just one **presumed** bat-to-human transfer.
- This indicates that items with diameters of 10 nm or less can pass through the **presumed** pores formed by gasdermin-N.
- The **presumed** N2 ice in SP may be much more viscous than in the reported experiments.
- The mapping reveals the shared presence of a **presumed** interblade D box-like degron-binding site.



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- Let's just **assume** [boreholes] could work better than anybody ever imagined.
- They **assumed** that new water entering the soil displaces older resident water...
- ...how influenza evolves as much as previously **assumed**.
- We therefore **assumed** that the observed brightness peak in the SXS image is the AGN in NGC 1275.
- And all carbon atoms were **assumed** to have the same atomic displacement parameter.
- We could **assume** that they represent some kind of symbolic or ritual behaviour...
- ...were **assumed** to be one of the main ways that respiratory diseases spread...