



OF PRETEND

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ABSTRACT:

Through pretension one can enjoy and offer enjoyment to all. In friend and family circle it is extensively used by people from all walks of life. It offers fresh oxygen to the tired nerves. It converts any serious and tensed situation into a jovial one. But in case of sorrow aroused from death pretension is to be avoided. Further joy or amusement should not cross the limit. It must not hurt the sentiment of anybody in any way to avoid unwanted problem or future complicity.

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INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather reveals, so it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. The present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common mass. As you know well that Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays and notably, *Of Love, Of Friendship, Of Ambition, Of Studies*, etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation i.e., his unique style kindled the imagination already in me and encouraged me as well to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

ARTICLE

Pretend is to make oneself appear to be something or to be doing something in order to deceive others or in play. It is to claim something falsely, especially as an excuse. It is to make a claim to something. It is a derogatory approach. It is practised by a degraded soul. This falsehood does not last long.

Pretend is to claim or profess falsely. It is to repute or allege e.g. to pretend ignorance of the law. It is to simulate e.g. to pretend anger. It is to make believe, as in play e.g. to pretend to be astronauts. It is to make believe in play or in an attempt to deceive.

Pretend is to stretch forth, or in front. It is to offer. It is to purpose. It is to venture, attempt, undertake. It is to indicate. It is to reach or go forward. It is to be a claimant.

Pretend is to cause or attempt to cause, what is not so, to seem so. It is to feign e.g. to pretend illness. It is to appear falsely so as to deceive e.g. to pretend to go to sleep. It is to allege or profess falsely e.g. he pretended to have no knowledge of her whereabouts. It is to lay claim to e.g. he pretended to the throne. It is to make pretensions e.g. he pretends to great knowledge. It is to aspire, as a suitor or candidate.

Pretend is to claim or assert falsely so as to deceive e.g. pretend to know the answer, pretended that they were foreigners. It is to imagine to oneself in play e.g. pretended to be monsters, pretended it was night. It is to make, pretence, especially in imagination or play. It is to make believe e.g. they are just pretending. It is to profess, especially falsely or extravagantly e.g. does not pretend to be a scholar.

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It is falsely avowed as such e.g. a pretended friend. It is venture, aspire, and presume. It is to lay claim to right, title, etc.

Simulate, fake, sham, counterfeit are synonymous. Pretend, affect, assume, feign imply an attempt to create a false appearance. To pretend is to create an imaginary characteristic or to play a part e.g. to pretend sorrow. To affect is to make a consciously artificial show of having qualities which one thinks would look well and impress others e.g. to affect shyness. To assume is to take on or put on a specific outward appearance, often, but not always, with intent to deceive e.g. to assume an air of indifference. To feign implies using ingenuity in pretence, and some degree of imitation of appearance or characteristics e.g. to feign surprise.

Pretended implies falsely professed e.g. a pretended

interest in art. It implies feigned, fictitious, or counterfeit e.g. pretended wealth. It is alleged or asserted e.g. reputed. Pretended to means profess to have quality etc. It is try to win person, person's hand in marriage.

Pretender is a person who pretends especially for a dishonest purpose. He is one who makes especially baseless pretensions to title etc. or absolutely. He is a person whose claim to something is disputed. He is an aspirant or claimant e.g. a pretender to the throne. He is a person who makes unjustified or false claims, statements, etc. He is a candidate. He is a suitor. Old Pretender, Young Pretender is the son, grandson, of James II and VII as claimants to the British Throne.

Pretenceless is without a pretext.

Pretense is a claim, especially an unsupported one, as to some distinction or accomplishment. It is a false claim or profession. It is a false reason or plea. It is rare aim. It is intention. It is ostentation. It is a pretentious act or remark. It is an allegation. It is an aim, purpose. It is the thing aimed at. It is appearance or show to hide reality. It is false show. It is a false allegation. It is a sham. It is pretentiousness. It is a pretext.

Pretense implies pretending or feigning e.g. make-believe. It is a false show of something e.g. a pretense of friendship. It is the act of pretending or alleging falsely. It is a false allegation or justification. It is insincere or false profession. It is the putting forth of an unwarranted claim. It is the claim itself. It is any allegation or claim. It is pretension e.g. destitute of any pretense to wit. It is pretension e.g. making no pretence to being rich. It is a false claim or profession e.g. a pretence of friendship. It is a pretending, as at play.

Pretence or pretense is a claim to merit etc. It is in borne on an inescutcheon to indicate pretension or claim. It is ostentation, display e.g. devoid of all pretence. It is false profession of purpose, pretext e.g. under the pretence of helping, on the slightest pretence.

Pretension is laying of a claim to something. It is a claim or title to something. It is often, pretensions, a claim made, especially indirectly or by implication, to some quality, merit, or the like. It is a claim to dignity, importance, or merit. Pretension is pretentiousness. It is the act of pretending or alleging. It is an allegation of doubtful veracity.

Pretension is a pretext or allegation. It is a claim, as to a right, title, distinction, etc. It is show. It is pretext. It is claim. It is aspiration, especially to marriage. It is a justifiable claim e.g. has no pretensions to the name, has some pretensions to be included.

Pretension is an assertion of a claim to thing, or absolutely. It means justifiable claim to thing, to be or do. For example: He has no pretensions to the name. He has some pretensions to be chosen as the site.

Pretentious implies full of pretence or pretension. It is characterized by assumption of dignity or importance. It is ostentatious. It implies making claims, explicit or implicit,

to some distinction, importance, dignity, or excellence. It is affectedly grand. It is over assuming. It is seeming to claim much or too much. It is making an excessive claim to great merit or importance. It implies claiming or pretending to be more important, elegant, etc. than is really so, affectedly grand. It means claiming importance, value or style, especially without good cause.

Man pretends. He has to pretend. He is bound to pretend. Thus man pretends, willy-nilly, infinite times from cradle to grave. Pretension is of various kinds having different degree and dimension as well.

A serious person contends that the time has come to stop pretending! She pretended that she was not at home when we rang the bell. The children pretended to drive the car. I don't pretend i.e. claim to know as much about it as he does. She pretended illness as an excuse. His pretended concern did not fool me. I don't pretend to any great understanding of music. She pretends to be honest. She pretended to be asleep. He pretended illness to avoid his duties. The little girl pretends to be a mother of a large family. I don't pretend to know enough to enlighten him. Someone pretends to higher kind of knowledge. There were quite a few pretenders to the succession or throne. The man has some social pretension.

Someone has social pretension. Someone bears literary pretension. Again someone prefers to have artistic pretension. All are so-called fake genius. They are all finished scoundrels and never commit any mistake. Knowledge is infinite. As such a wise person makes no pretension to being an expert on a specific subject. Pretentious behaviour does not pay always. A true gentleman lives modestly, without pretension. A novice expresses in pretentious language. A pretentious person is avoided by all. A pretentious film gets fewer spectators. A pretentious name gets hatred everywhere. Full of literary or scholarly pretensions is liable for incomplete knowledge that is a hindrance to attain success. The future of a pretentious claim to all sorts of technical knowledge is quite frustrating.

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CONCLUSION

All cannot pretend. It needs practise. It needs nerve. A strong personality can manage falsehood, seldom a novice or timid one. Through pretensions small thing can be achieved, someone can be managed, sometime can be spent, a little or narrow escape may be possible but neither all can be conquered nor any great thing can be acquired permanently. Thus pretension is good, but too

much pretension is not good. For too much of everything is bad. It is equally and especially true in case of pretension being a comic ingredient.

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No reference, since the present article is an outcome of Creative Writing.