

Need another word that means the same as “ahead”? Find 30 synonyms and 30 related words for “ahead” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Ahead” are: in the lead, out front, before, in front, forrader, forward, forwards, onward, onwards, beforehand, in advance, frontwards, to the fore, in the vanguard, in the van, in the future, in time, in time to come, in the fullness of time, after this, henceforth, subsequently, later on, in due course, next, from now on, out in front, first, leading**

## Ahead as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Ahead" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ahead” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Having the leading position or higher score in a contest.*



## Synonyms of "Ahead" as an adjective (2 Words)

**in the lead** Holding office.

**leading** Having the leading position or higher score in a contest.  
*The **leading** man.*



## Usage Examples of "Ahead" as an adjective

- *He is ahead by a pawn.*



## Ahead as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Ahead" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "ahead" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *Further forward in space; in the line of one's forward motion.*
- *At or in the front.*
- *In a forward direction.*
- *Higher in number, amount, or value than previously.*
- *To a more advanced or advantageous position.*
- *Further forward in time; in the near future.*
- *Ahead of time; in anticipation.*
- *Toward the future; forward in time.*
- *In the lead.*
- *Leading or ahead in a competition.*
- *To a different or a more advanced time (meaning advanced either toward the present or toward the future).*



## Synonyms of "Ahead" as an adverb (28 Words)

<b>after this</b>	Happening at a time subsequent to a reference time.
<b>before</b>	During the period of time preceding a particular event or time. <i>With the cross of Jesus marching on <b>before</b>.</i>
<b><a href="#">beforehand</a></b>	Ahead of time; in anticipation. <i>Rooms must be booked <b>beforehand</b>.</i>
<b>first</b>	The initial time. <i><b>First</b> we must consider the garter snake.</i>
<b>forrader</b>	In a forward direction. <i>I couldn t conceive that the information could get the police any <b>forrader</b>.</i>
<b><a href="#">forward</a></b>	In a forward direction. <i>Rory leaned <b>forward</b> over the table.</i>
<b>forwards</b>	Near or toward the bow of a ship or cockpit of a plane.
<b>from now on</b>	Used to preface a command or reproof or request.
<b>frontwards</b>	At or to or toward the front.

<b><u>henceforth</u></b>	From this or that time on. <b>Henceforth</b> parties which fail to get 5 of the vote will not be represented in parliament.
<b>in advance</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in due course</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in front</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in the fullness of time</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in the future</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in the lead</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in the van</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in the vanguard</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in time</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>in time to come</b>	To or toward the inside of.
<b>later on</b>	Happening at a time subsequent to a reference time. On the first or soonest occasion after the present; immediately afterwards.
<b><u>next</u></b>	<b>Next</b> I heard the sound of voices.
<b>onward</b>	In a continuing forward direction; ahead. <i>The period from 1969 <b>onward</b>.</i>
<b>onwards</b>	In a forward direction.
<b>out front</b>	Moving or appearing to move away from a place, especially one that is enclosed or hidden.
<b>out in front</b>	Moving or appearing to move away from a place, especially one that is enclosed or hidden.
<b>subsequently</b>	Happening at a time subsequent to a reference time. <i>He apologized <b>subsequently</b>.</i>
<b>to the fore</b>	Near or toward the bow of a ship or cockpit of a plane.



## Usage Examples of "Ahead" as an adverb

- *Profits were slightly ahead.*
- *He was striding ahead towards the stream.*
- *The boat lurched ahead.*
- *I like to look ahead in imagination to what the future may bring.*
- *Go ahead.*
- *The road ahead is foggy.*
- *He contemplated the day ahead.*
- *Staring straight ahead.*
- *Ahead by two pawns.*
- *I see the lights of a town ahead.*
- *The horse was three lengths ahead going into the home stretch.*
- *The train moved ahead slowly.*
- *We like to plan ahead.*
- *We have to plan ahead.*

- *The road ahead.*
- *He was slightly ahead on points.*
- *When you pay ahead (or in advance) you receive a discount.*



## Associations of "Ahead" (30 Words)

- above** Higher in grade or rank.  
*See **above**.*
- antecedence** Preceding in time.
- antedate** Be earlier in time; go back further.  
*There are no references to him that would **antedate** his birth.*
- anterior** Of or near the head end or toward the front plane of a body.  
*His malocclusion was caused by malposed **anterior**s.*
- before** In front of someone or something.  
*With the cross of Jesus marching on **before**.*



<b>beforehand</b>	Ahead of time; in anticipation. <i>Was <b>beforehand</b> with her report.</i>
<b>early</b>	Early shifts. <i>An <b>early</b> death.</i>
<b>first</b>	The first element in a countable series. <i>The <b>first</b> day of spring.</i>
<b>forefront</b>	The part in the front or nearest the viewer. <i>The issue has moved to the <b>forefront</b> of the political agenda.</i>
<b>forego</b>	Do without or cease to hold or adhere to.
<b>former</b>	The first of two or the first mentioned of two. <i>The <b>former</b> president.</i>
<b>formerly</b>	At a previous time. <i>Mumbai <b>formerly</b> Bombay.</i>
<b>forward</b>	In a forward direction. <i>I look <b>forward</b> to seeing you.</i>
<b>front</b>	Of or at the front. <i>He was well behaved in <b>front</b> of company.</i>
<b>onwards</b>	In a forward direction.
<b>outdistance</b>	Go far ahead of. <i>She could maintain a fast enough pace to <b>outdistance</b> any pursuers.</i>
<b>precede</b>	Come before in order or position. <i>Take time to read the chapters that <b>precede</b> the recipes.</i>
<b>precedence</b>	The act of preceding in time or order or rank (as in a ceremony). <i>Its <b>precedence</b> as the world's leading manufacturer of pharmaceuticals.</i>
<b>precedent</b>	A system of jurisprudence based on judicial precedents rather than statutory laws. <i>We hope to set a legal <b>precedent</b> to protect hundreds of miles of green lanes.</i>
<b>precedential</b>	Of the nature of or constituting a precedent; providing a guide or rule for subsequent cases. <i><b>Precedential</b> treatment for senior members of the firm.</i>
<b>preceding</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>The <b>preceding</b> pages.</i>
<b>predate</b>	Be earlier in time; go back further. <i>These mammals <b>predate</b> certain eggs.</i>
<b>prefatory</b>	Serving as an introduction; introductory. <i>In his <b>prefatory</b> remarks the author claims that.</i>

- premature** Too soon or too hasty.  
*The child was three weeks **premature**.*
- prematurely** Before the end of the normal period of gestation.  
***Prematurely** grey hair.*
- previous** Previous convictions a criminal record.  
*Our condemnation of him was a bit **previous**.*
- previously** At an earlier time or formerly.  
*A **previously** unquestioned attitude.*
- prior** The head of a religious order in an abbey the prior is next below the abbot.  
*He had no juvenile record no **priors**.*
- priority** Status established in order of importance or urgency.  
*National independence takes **priority** over class struggle.*
- untimely** (of a death or end) happening too soon or sooner than normal.  
*The moment was very **untimely** chosen.*

