

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)

after this	Happening at a time subsequent to a reference time.
before	During the period of time preceding a particular event or time. <i>With the cross of Jesus marching on before.</i>
beforehand	Ahead of time; in anticipation. <i>Rooms must be booked beforehand.</i>
first	The initial time. <i>First we must consider the garter snake.</i>
forrader	In a forward direction. <i>I couldn't conceive that the information could get the police any forrader.</i>
forward	In a forward direction. <i>Rory leaned forward over the table.</i>
forwards	Near or toward the bow of a ship or cockpit of a plane.
from now on	Used to preface a command or reproof or request.
frontwards	At or to or toward the front.

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

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

