

Need another word that means the same as "earlier"? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for "earlier" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Earlier" are: sooner, before, in the beginning, in the first place, originally, earliest

### Earlier as an Adjective

#### Definitions of "Earlier" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "earlier" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

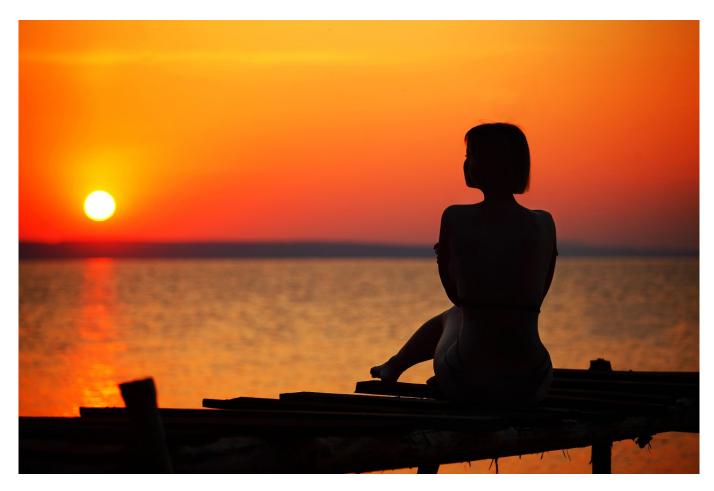
- Expected in the near future.
- Belonging to the distant past.
- (comparative and superlative of `early') more early than; most early.
- Of an early stage in the development of a language or literature.
- Very young.
- Being or occurring at an early stage of development.
- At or near the beginning of a period of time or course of events or before the usual or expected time.





Synonyms of "Earlier" as an adjective (1 Word)





# Usage Examples of "Earlier" as an adjective

- A fashion popular in earlier times.
- His earlier work reflects the influence of his teacher.





## Earlier as an Adverb

#### Definitions of "Earlier" as an adverb

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "earlier" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- In good time.
- Before now.
- Before the usual time or the time expected.
- During an early stage.
- Earlier in time; previously.
- Comparatives of `soon' or `early.





## Synonyms of "Earlier" as an adverb (5 Words)

**before** During the period of time preceding a particular event or time.

He called me the day **before** but your call had come even earlier.

in the beginning To or toward the inside of.in the first place To or toward the inside of.

originally

In an original manner.

The suggestions so **originally** and persuasively outlined.

In the near future.

I d sooner die than give up.





# Usage Examples of "Earlier" as an adverb

- I mentioned that problem earlier.
- He called me the day before but your call had come even earlier.
- Her parents had died four years earlier.
- Came earlier than I expected.





# Associations of "Earlier" (30 Words)

**ahead** Ahead of time in anticipation.

The horse was three lengths **ahead** going into the home stretch.

A person who lived in ancient times.

**ancient Ancient** Greece.

antecedence Preceding in time.

 ${\bf antiquate} \qquad {\bf Make\ obsolete\ or\ old\text{-}fashioned}.$ 

**beforehand** Being ahead of time or need.

Was **beforehand** with her report.

**beginning** The background or origins of a person or organization.

 $^{f y}$  He left at the **beginning** of February.

betimes In good time.

He awoke **betimes** that morning.

**colonist** A settler in or inhabitant of a colony.



**embryonic** Of an organism prior to birth or hatching.

The plan is still in its **embryonic** stages.

**emerging**Becoming apparent or prominent.

Established and **emerging** artists.

The first or highest in an ordering or series.

The **first** verse.

**germinal** In the earliest stage of development.

De Beauvoir s **germinal** book The Second Sex.

**history** A past characterized by a particular thing.

**History** takes the long view.

(of an offence, such as incitement or conspiracy) anticipating or preparatory

**inchoate** to a further criminal act.

A still **inchoate** democracy.

inchoative An inchoative verb.

Inchoative stages.

initial Mark with one s initials.

The witness was identified simply by an **initial** letter.

**medieval** As if belonging to the Middle Ages; old-fashioned and unenlightened.

A **medieval** attitude toward dating.

neolithic Latest part of the Stone Age beginning about 10,000 BC in the Middle East

(but later elsewhere.

paleolithic Of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age (following the eolithic.

**Paleolithic** artifacts.

Open up a road or terrain as a pioneer.

The technique was **pioneer**ed by a Swiss doctor in the 1930s.

**predate**Be earlier in time; go back further.

These mammals **predate** certain eggs.

Uncommonly early or before the expected time.

The sun can cause **premature** ageing.

Before the end of the normal period of gestation.

prematurely I spoke prematurely.

**previous** Previous convictions a criminal record.

The **previous** occupant of the White House.

**primal** Serving as an essential component.

Rivers were the **primal** highways of life.

primeval Having existed from the beginning; in an earliest or original stage or state.

Mile after mile of **primeval** forest.



**primitive**A painting by a primitive artist or an object in a primitive style.

Santa Fe style antiques and Mexican **primitives**.

primordial (of a cell, part, or tissue) in the earliest stage of development.

**Primordial** forms of life.

A negotiator who settles disputes.

**settler** The early European **settler**s in America were often fleeing from religious

persecution.

**untimely** At a time that is unsuitable or premature.

Dave s **untimely** return.

