

Need another word that means the same as “former”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “former” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Former” are: erstwhile, old, one-time, onetime, quondam, sometime, early, other, late, previous, earlier, past, bygone, long-ago, forgotten, immemorial, remote, first

Former as an Adjective

Definitions of "Former" as an adjective

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

- *(used especially of persons) of the immediate past.*
- *Denoting the first or first mentioned of two people or things.*
- *Of the immediate past.*
- *Of or occurring in the past.*
- *Belonging to the distant past.*
- *Referring to the first of two things or persons mentioned (or the earlier one or ones of several).*
- *Belonging to some prior time.*
- *Having previously been a particular thing.*



Synonyms of "Former" as an adjective (18 Words)

- bygone** Well in the past; former.
*Relics of a **bygone** age.*
- earlier** (comparative and superlative of `early`) more early than; most early.
*A fashion popular in **earlier** times.*
- early** Of an early stage in the development of a language or literature.
***Early** forms of life.*
- erstwhile** Former.
*The **erstwhile** president of the company.*

first	Preceding all others in time or space or degree. <i>Her first baby.</i>
forgotten	Not noticed inadvertently. <i>Her aching muscles forgotten she danced all night.</i>
immemorial	Originating in the distant past; very old. <i>An immemorial custom.</i>
late	At or toward an end or late period or stage of development. <i>The late Francis Bacon.</i>
long-ago	Belonging to time long gone.
old	Used informally especially for emphasis old adj of a very early stage in development. <i>He gave his old clothes away.</i>
one-time	Belonging to some prior time.
onetime	Belonging to some prior time.
other	Very unusual; different in character or quality from the normal or expected-Lance Morrow. <i>Today isn't any other day.</i>
past	Earlier than the present time; no longer current. <i>His youth is past.</i>
previous	(used especially of persons) of the immediate past. <i>The previous owner.</i>
quondam	Belonging to some prior time. <i>Quondam dissidents joined the establishment.</i>
remote	Located far away spatially. <i>A golden age in the remote past.</i>
sometime	Belonging to some prior time. <i>A sometime contributor.</i>



Usage Examples of "Former" as an adjective

- *Our former glory.*
- *Former generations.*
- *The powers of the former are more comprehensive than those of the latter.*
- *The seafarers of former times.*
- *I take the former view.*
- *Her former boyfriend.*
- *The former president.*



Associations of "Former" (30 Words)

above	At a higher level or layer. <i>For instructions refer to the above.</i>
ahead	Leading or ahead in a competition. <i>We like to plan ahead.</i>
antecedence	Preceding in time.
antecedent	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Antecedent events.</i>
antedate	Indicate or discover that (a document, event, or word) should be assigned to an earlier date. <i>There are no references to him that would antedate his birth.</i>
anterior	(of a part of a flower or leaf) situated further away from the main stem. <i>An incident anterior to her troubles.</i>
before	During the period of time preceding a particular event or time. <i>I had known her before.</i>
beforehand	Before an action or event; in advance. <i>Was beforehand with her report.</i>
first	The fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed at first of the bases in the infield counting counterclockwise from home plate. <i>The first meetings of the new party.</i>
forego	Lose (s.th.) or lose the right to (s.th.) by some error, offense, or crime.
formerly	In the past; in earlier times. <i>The building formerly housed the National Assembly.</i>
front	Be or stand in front of. <i>The Spartans preserving an even and unbroken front.</i>
outdistance	Go far ahead of. <i>She could maintain a fast enough pace to outdistance any pursuers.</i>
precede	Be the predecessor of. <i>Most English adjectives precede the noun they modify.</i>
precedence	Preceding in time. <i>Quarrels over precedence among the Bonaparte family marred the coronation.</i>
precedent	A previous case or legal decision that may be or binding precedent must be followed in subsequent similar cases. <i>We hope to set a legal precedent to protect hundreds of miles of green lanes.</i>

<u>preceding</u>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>The preceding pages.</i>
<u>precursor</u>	A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner. <i>Pepsinogen is the inactive precursor of pepsin.</i>
predate	Establish something as being earlier relative to something else. <i>Here parish boundaries seem clearly to predate Roman roads.</i>
<u>predecessor</u>	Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone. <i>The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its predecessor.</i>
preface	Provide a book with a preface. <i>It is important to preface the debate with a general comment.</i>
prefatory	Serving as an introduction; introductory. <i>In his prefatory remarks the author claims that.</i>
prehistoric	No longer fashionable. <i>My dad s electric typewriter was a prehistoric machine.</i>
<u>premature</u>	(of a baby) born before the end of the full term of gestation, especially three or more weeks before. <i>A premature infant.</i>
prematurely	Before the due time; ahead of time. <i>His son died prematurely.</i>
previous	Previous convictions a criminal record. <i>She looked tired after her exertions of the previous evening.</i>
previously	At a previous or earlier time; before. <i>She had previously lived in Chicago.</i>
<u>prior</u>	The head of a religious order in an abbey the prior is next below the abbot. <i>He has a prior engagement this evening.</i>
<u>priority</u>	The right to proceed before other traffic. <i>The safety of the country takes priority over any other matter.</i>
untimely	Uncommonly early or before the expected time. <i>An untimely remark.</i>

