

Need another word that means the same as “preceding”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “preceding” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Preceding” are: past, retiring, foregoing, previous, prior, former, precursory, earlier, above, above-mentioned, aforementioned, above-named, antecedent

Preceding as an Adjective

Definitions of "Preceding" as an adjective

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

- *Coming before something in order, position, or time.*
- *Existing or coming before.*
- *Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.*



Synonyms of "Preceding" as an adjective (13 Words)

above	Appearing earlier in the same text. <i>Flaws in the above interpretation.</i>
above-mentioned	Mentioned or named earlier in the same text.
above-named	Mentioned or named earlier in the same text.
aforementioned	Being the one previously mentioned or spoken of. <i>Works of all the aforementioned authors.</i>
<u>antecedent</u>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Antecedent events.</i>
<u>earlier</u>	Very young. <i>His earlier work reflects the influence of his teacher.</i>
<u>foregoing</u>	Just mentioned or stated; preceding. <i>The foregoing analysis of the economic class structure.</i>

former

Denoting the first or first mentioned of two people or things.

*The **former** president.*

past

(of a specified period of time) occurring before and leading up to the time of speaking or writing.

*His youth is **past**.*

precursory

Warning of future misfortune.

***Precursory** seismic activity.*

previous

Just preceding something else in time or order.

*The boat s **previous** owner.*

prior

Earlier in time.

*He has a **prior** engagement this evening.*

retiring

Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.

*A gentle **retiring** person who avoided conflict.*



Usage Examples of "Preceding" as an adjective

- *A growth in sales above those of the preceding year.*
- *The preceding pages.*



Associations of "Preceding" (30 Words)

above	An earlier section of a written text. <i>For instructions refer to the above.</i>
antecedence	Preceding in time.
<u>antecedent</u>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Phrenology was an antecedent of modern neuroscience.</i>
antedate	Establish something as being earlier relative to something else. <i>There are no references to him that would antedate his birth.</i>
anterior	Coming before in time; earlier. <i>An incident anterior to her troubles.</i>
before	At or in the front. <i>I had known her before.</i>
<u>beforehand</u>	Ahead of time; in anticipation. <i>Was beforehand with her report.</i>
first	The first element in a countable series. <i>The first time.</i>
<u>forego</u>	Be earlier in time; go back further.
forerunner	A sign or warning of something to come. <i>The ice safe was a forerunner of today's refrigerator.</i>

<u>former</u>	Referring to the first of two things or persons mentioned (or the earlier one or ones of several. <i>I take the former view.</i>
formerly	At a previous time. <i>Mumbai formerly Bombay.</i>
<u>front</u>	Be or stand in front of. <i>The fronting of au was completed a couple of generations ago.</i>
harbinger	A forerunner of something. <i>Witch hazels are the harbingers of spring.</i>
<u>herald</u>	A brown moth with dull orange markings, often hibernating in houses and old buildings. <i>They considered the first primroses as the herald of spring.</i>
introductory	Serving as a base or starting point. <i>Began the slide show with some introductory remarks.</i>
<u>precede</u>	Move ahead (of others) in time or space. <i>Bill preceded John in the long line of Susan s husbands.</i>
precedence	The order to be ceremonially observed by people of different rank, according to an acknowledged or legally determined system. <i>Quarrels over precedence among the Bonaparte family marred the coronation.</i>
precedent	A system of jurisprudence based on judicial precedents rather than statutory laws. <i>There are substantial precedents for using interactive media in training.</i>
<u>precursor</u>	A person who goes before or announces the coming of another. <i>Pepsinogen is the inactive precursor of pepsin.</i>
predate	Be earlier in time; go back further. <i>These mammals predate certain eggs.</i>
<u>predecessor</u>	Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone. <i>The new President s foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor.</i>
preface	Provide a book with a preface. <i>The book is prefaced by a quotation from William Faulkner.</i>
prefatory	Serving as an introduction or preface. <i>In his prefatory remarks the author claims that.</i>
prematurely	Too soon; in a premature manner. <i>I spoke prematurely.</i>
previous	Previous convictions a criminal record. <i>She looked tired after her exertions of the previous evening.</i>

previously	At an earlier time or formerly. <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 had no juvenile record no priors.</i>
<u>priority</u>	Status established in order of importance or urgency. <i>The safety of the country takes priority over any other matter.</i>
untimely	Too soon; in a premature manner. <i>The moment was very untimely chosen.</i>

