

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)

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

<b>former</b>	Denoting the first or first mentioned of two people or things. <i>The <b>former</b> president.</i>
<b>past</b>	(of a specified period of time) occurring before and leading up to the time of speaking or writing. <i>His youth is <b>past</b>.</i>
<b>precursory</b>	Warning of future misfortune. <i><b>Precursory</b> seismic activity.</i>
<b>previous</b>	Just preceding something else in time or order. <i>The boat s <b>previous</b> owner.</i>
<b>prior</b>	Earlier in time. <i>He has a <b>prior</b> engagement this evening.</i>
<b>retiring</b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>A gentle <b>retiring</b> person who avoided conflict.</i>



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

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

<b>previously</b>	At an earlier time or formerly. <i>She had <b>previously</b> lived in Chicago.</i>
<b>prior</b>	The head of a religious order in an abbey the prior is next below the abbot. <i>He had no juvenile record no <b>priors</b>.</i>
<b>priority</b>	Status established in order of importance or urgency. <i>The safety of the country takes <b>priority</b> over any other matter.</i>
<b>untimely</b>	Too soon; in a premature manner. <i>The moment was very <b>untimely</b> chosen.</i>



