

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

former	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>
front	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>
herald	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>
precede	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>
precursor	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>
predecessor	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.
*She had **previously** lived in Chicago.*
- 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.
*The safety of the country takes **priority** over any other matter.*
- untimely** Too soon; in a premature manner.
*The moment was very **untimely** chosen.*

