

Need another word that means the same as “precursor”? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for “precursor” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Precursor” are: forerunner, harbinger, herald, predecessor, forefather, father, parent, antecedent, ancestor, forebear, progenitor**

## Precursor as a Noun

### Definitions of "Precursor" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “precursor” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone.*
- *A substance from which another is formed, especially by metabolic reaction.*
- *A substance from which another substance is formed (especially by a metabolic reaction).*
- *A person who goes before or announces the coming of another.*
- *A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.*



## Synonyms of "Precursor" as a noun (11 Words)

<b>ancestor</b>	A person, typically one more remote than a grandparent, from whom one is descended. <i>The <b>ancestor</b> of most dolphins is not clear.</i>
<b>antecedent</b>	The referent of an anaphor; a phrase or clause that is referred to by an anaphoric pronoun. <i>Some <b>antecedents</b> to the African novel might exist in Africa's oral traditions.</i>
<b>father</b>	A male parent also used as a term of address to your father. <i>He's held to be the <b>father</b> of abstract art.</i>
<b>forebear</b>	A person from whom you are descended. <i>Generations of his <b>forebears</b> had lived in London.</i>
<b>forefather</b>	A precursor of a particular movement. <i>The <b>forefathers</b> of modern British socialism.</i>
<b>forerunner</b>	A person who goes before or announces the coming of another. <i>Overcast mornings are the sure <b>forerunners</b> of steady rain.</i>

<b>harbinger</b>	A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another. <i>These works were not yet opera but they were the most important <b>harbinger</b> of opera.</i>
<b>herald</b>	(formal) a person who announces important news. <i>The chieftain had a <b>herald</b> who announced his arrival with a trumpet.</i>
<b>parent</b>	An organization or company which owns or controls a number of subsidiaries. <i>God's hand had written in the hearts of our first <b>parents</b> all the rules of good.</i>
<b>predecessor</b>	A thing that has been followed or replaced by another. <i>The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its <b>predecessor</b>.</i>
<b>progenitor</b>	A person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent. <i>The <b>progenitor</b> of modern jazz.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Precursor" as a noun

- *Pepsinogen is the inactive precursor of pepsin.*
- *A three-stringed precursor of the violin.*

## Associations of "Precursor" (30 Words)

<b>above</b>	(in writing) at an earlier place. <i>Flaws in the <b>above</b> interpretation.</i>
<b>antecedent</b>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Her early life and <b>antecedents</b> have been traced.</i>
<b>anterior</b>	Of or near the head end or toward the front plane of a body. <i>The veins <b>anterior</b> to the heart.</i>
<b>before</b>	During the period of time preceding a particular event or time. <i>With the cross of Jesus marching on <b>before</b>.</i>
<b>forego</b>	Lose (s.th.) or lose the right to (s.th.) by some error, offense, or crime.
<b>forerunner</b>	An advance messenger. <i>Overcast mornings are the sure <b>forerunners</b> of steady rain.</i>
<b>former</b>	Denoting the first or first mentioned of two people or things. <i>The <b>former</b> president.</i>
<b>formerly</b>	At a previous time. <i>The building <b>formerly</b> housed the National Assembly.</i>

<b>front</b>	Provide something with a front or facing of a particular type or material. <i>He walked to the <b>front</b> of the stage.</i>
<b>harbinger</b>	Foreshadow or presage. <i>These works were not yet opera but they were the most important <b>harbinger</b> of opera.</i>
<b>herald</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>omen</b>	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>He looked for an <b>omen</b> before going into battle.</i>
<b>portend</b>	Be a sign or warning that (something, especially something momentous or calamitous) is likely to happen. <i>The eclipses <b>portend</b> some major events.</i>
<b>precede</b>	Preface or introduce something with. <i>He <b>preceded</b> the book with a collection of poems.</i>
<b>precedent</b>	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 <b>precedent</b> to protect hundreds of miles of green lanes.</i>
<b>preceding</b>	Existing or coming before. <i>A growth in sales above those of the <b>preceding</b> year.</i>
<b>predate</b>	Exist or occur at a date earlier than (something). <i>These mammals <b>predate</b> certain eggs.</i>
<b>predecessor</b>	A thing that has been followed or replaced by another. <i>The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his <b>predecessor</b>.</i>
<b>preemptive</b>	Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence. <i>A <b>preemptive</b> business offer.</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>	Before the end of the normal period of gestation. <i>His son died <b>prematurely</b>.</i>
<b>premonition</b>	A feeling of evil to come. <i>He had a <b>premonition</b> of imminent disaster.</i>
<b>previous</b>	Previous convictions a criminal record. <i>He's got <b>previous</b> theft and wounding.</i>
<b>previously</b>	At a previous or earlier time; before. <i>Museums and art galleries which had <b>previously</b> been open to the public.</i>

<b><u>prior</u></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><u>priority</u></b>	A thing that is regarded as more important than others. <i>The safety of the country takes <b>priority</b> over any other matter.</i>
<b>superior</b>	A person superior to another in rank or status especially a colleague in a higher position. <i><b>Superior</b> wisdom derived from experience.</i>
<b><u>teacher</u></b>	A person whose occupation is teaching. <i>Books were his <b>teachers</b>.</i>
<b>trailblazer</b>	Someone who marks a trail by leaving blazes on trees. <i>He was a <b>trailblazer</b> for many ideas that are now standard fare.</i>
<b>untimely</b>	At a time that is unsuitable or premature. <i>Alcohol brought him to an <b>untimely</b> end.</i>