

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)

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

harbinger	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 harbinger of opera.</i>
herald	(formal) a person who announces important news. <i>The chieftain had a herald who announced his arrival with a trumpet.</i>
parent	An organization or company which owns or controls a number of subsidiaries. <i>God's hand had written in the hearts of our first parents all the rules of good.</i>
predecessor	A thing that has been followed or replaced by another. <i>The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its predecessor.</i>
progenitor	A person or thing from which a person, animal, or plant is descended or originates; an ancestor or parent. <i>The progenitor 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)

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

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

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