

Need another word that means the same as “predecessor”? Find 6 synonyms and 30 related words for “predecessor” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Predecessor” are: forerunner, harbinger, herald, precursor, former holder of the post, antecedent**

## **Predecessor as a Noun**

### **Definitions of "Predecessor" as a noun**

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

- *One who precedes you in time (as in holding a position or office).*
- *Something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone.*
- *A thing that has been followed or replaced by another.*
- *A person who held a job or office before the current holder.*



## Synonyms of "Predecessor" as a noun (6 Words)

### **antecedent**

Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote than a grandparent).

*Some **antecedents** to the African novel might exist in Africa's oral traditions.*

### **forerunner**

Anything that precedes something similar in time.

*The ice safe was a **forerunner** of today's refrigerator.*

### **former holder of the post**

The first of two or the first mentioned of two.

### **harbinger**

A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another.

*Witch hazels are the **harbingers** of spring.*

**herald**

A brown moth with dull orange markings, often hibernating in houses and old buildings.

*The chieftain had a **herald** who announced his arrival with a trumpet.*

**precursor**

A substance from which another is formed, especially by metabolic reaction.

*A three stringed **precursor** of the violin.*



**Usage Examples of "Predecessor" as a noun**

- *The chapel was built in 1864 on the site of its predecessor.*
- *The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor.*



## Associations of "Predecessor" (30 Words)

- above** In or to a place that is higher.  
*The two cases described **above**.*
- antecedence** Preceding in time.
- antecedent** Denoting or counting as an antecedent.  
*Phrenology was an **antecedent** of modern neuroscience.*
- antedate** Indicate or discover that (a document, event, or word) should be assigned to an earlier date.  
*A civilization that **antedated** the Roman Empire.*
- anterior** A tooth situated at the front of the mouth.  
*His malocclusion was caused by malposed **anteriors**.*

<b>before</b>	At or in the front. <i>As I said <b>before</b>.</i>
<b>first</b>	The first or highest in an ordering or series. <i>The <b>first</b> violin section.</i>
<b>forego</b>	Do without or cease to hold or adhere to.
<b>forerunner</b>	A person or thing that precedes the coming or development of someone or something else. <i>The ice safe was a <b>forerunner</b> of today's refrigerator.</i>
<b>former</b>	Having previously been a particular thing. <i>The seafarers of <b>former</b> times.</i>
<b>formerly</b>	At a previous time. <i>The building <b>formerly</b> housed the National Assembly.</i>
<b>front</b>	Of a building or piece of land have the front facing or directed towards. <i>She is set to <b>front</b> a new BBC show.</i>
<b>harbinger</b>	A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of another. <i>Witch hazels are the <b>harbingers</b> of spring.</i>
<b>herald</b>	An official employed to oversee state ceremonial, precedence, and the use of armorial bearings, and (historically) to make proclamations, carry official messages, and oversee tournaments. <i>The chieftain had a <b>herald</b> who announced his arrival with a trumpet.</i>
<b>omen</b>	Indicate as with a sign or an omen. <i>The ghost's appearance was an ill <b>omen</b>.</i>
<b>precede</b>	Be the predecessor of. <i>She always <b>precedes</b> her lectures with a joke.</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>precursor</b>	A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner. <i>Pepsinogen is the inactive <b>precursor</b> of pepsin.</i>
<b>predate</b>	Establish something as being earlier relative to something else. <i>Here parish boundaries seem clearly to <b>predate</b> Roman roads.</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>	Too soon; in a premature manner. <i>His son died <b>prematurely</b>.</i>
<b>prerequisite</b>	A thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist. <i>Latin was a <b>prerequisite</b> for admission.</i>
<b>previous</b>	Previous convictions a criminal record. <i>The boat s <b>previous</b> owner.</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>	The fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others. <i>The safety of the country takes <b>priority</b> over any other matter.</i>
<b>superior</b>	A superior letter figure or symbol. <i>Trust magnates who felt themselves <b>superior</b> to law.</i>
<b>trailblazer</b>	Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art. <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>His <b>untimely</b> death in military action.</i>

