

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

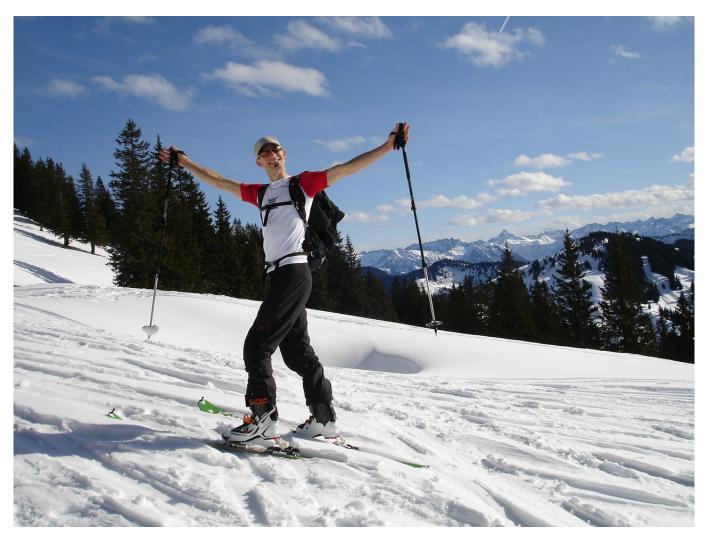
### Predecessor as a Noun

### 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)

Someone from whom you are descended (but usually more remote

than a grandparent.

antecedent
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.

A person or thing that announces or signals the approach of

**harbinger** another.

Witch hazels are the **harbinger**s of spring.



herald

precursor

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.

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.

Indicate or discover that (a document, event, or word) should be assigned to

**antedate** an earlier date.

A civilization that **antedate**d the Roman Empire.

**anterior** A tooth situated at the front of the mouth.

His malocclusion was caused by malposed **anterior**s.



**before** At or in the front.

As I said **before**.

first The first or highest in an ordering or series.

The **first** violin section.

**forego** Do without or cease to hold or adhere to.

A person or thing that precedes the coming or development of someone or

**forerunner** something else.

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

former Having previously been a particular thing.

The seafarers of **former** times.

**formerly** At a previous time.

The building **formerly** housed the National Assembly.

front Of a building or piece of land have the front facing or directed towards.

She is set to **front** a new BBC show.

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

Witch hazels are the **harbinger**s of spring.

An official employed to oversee state ceremonial, precedence, and the use of

armorial bearings, and (historically) to make proclamations, carry official

herald messages, and oversee tournaments.

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

omen Indicate as with a sign or an omen.

The ghost s appearance was an ill **omen**.

Be the predecessor of.

She always **precede**s her lectures with a joke.

A previous case or legal decision that may be or binding precedent must be

followed in subsequent similar cases.

**precedent**We hope to set a legal **precedent** to protect hundreds of miles of green

lanes.

Existing or coming before.

**preceding**A growth in sales above those of the **preceding** year.

A person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.

*Pepsinogen is the inactive* **precursor** *of pepsin.* 

**predate** Establish something as being earlier relative to something else.

Here parish boundaries seem clearly to **predate** Roman roads.

Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or

**preemptive** occurrence.

A preemptive business offer.



**prefatory** Serving as an introduction or preface.

*In his prefatory remarks the author claims that.* 

**prematurely** Too soon; in a premature manner.

His son died **prematurely**.

A thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or

**prerequisite** exist.

Latin was a **prerequisite** for admission.

**previous** Previous convictions a criminal record.

The boat s **previous** owner.

The head of a religious order in an abbey the prior is next below the abbot.

He had no juvenile record no **prior**s.

The fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than

**priority** others.

The safety of the country takes **priority** over any other matter.

**superior** A superior letter figure or symbol.

Trust magnates who felt themselves **superior** to law.

trailblazer Someone who helps to open up a new line of research or technology or art.

He was a **trailblazer** for many ideas that are now standard fare.

**untimely** At a time that is unsuitable or premature.

His **untimely** death in military action.



