

Need another word that means the same as “prelude”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “prelude” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Prelude” are: overture, preliminary, opening, preparation, introduction, start, beginning, lead-in, precursor, forerunner, harbinger, herald, voluntary, preface, prologue, foreword, preamble**

## Prelude as a Noun

### Definitions of "Prelude" as a noun

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

- *Something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows.*
- *Music that precedes a fugue or introduces an act in an opera.*
- *A short piece of music of a style similar to a prelude, especially for the piano.*
- *The introductory part of a poem or other literary work.*
- *An action or event serving as an introduction to something more important.*
- *An introductory piece of music, most commonly an orchestral opening to an act of an opera, the first movement of a suite, or a piece preceding a fugue.*



## Synonyms of "Prelude" as a noun (17 Words)

- beginning** The event consisting of the start of something.  
*She had the **beginnings** of a headache.*
- forerunner** An advance messenger.  
*Overcast mornings are the sure **forerunners** of steady rain.*
- foreword** A short introductory essay preceding the text of a book.  
A forerunner of something.
- harbinger** *These works were not yet opera but they were the most important **harbinger** of opera.*
- herald** A person who announces important news.  
*They considered the first primroses as the **herald** of spring.*
- introduction** The act of putting one thing into another.  
*The **introduction** of muskrats into central Europe.*
- lead-in** The introductory section of a story.
- opening** The act of opening something.  
*There is an **opening** in the sales department.*
- overture** A tentative suggestion designed to elicit the reactions of others.  
*Drinks were the **overture** to dinner.*

<b>preamble</b>	A preliminary introduction to a statute or constitution (usually explaining its purpose. <i>I gave him the bad news without <b>preamble</b>.</i>
<b>precursor</b>	A substance from which another is formed, especially by metabolic reaction. <i>Pepsinogen is the inactive <b>precursor</b> of pepsin.</i>
<b>preface</b>	A preliminary explanation. <i>It was an abrupt question made without even the <b>preface</b> of a greeting.</i>
<b>preliminary</b>	A preliminary round in a sporting competition. <i>The bombardment was resumed as a <b>preliminary</b> to an infantry attack.</i>
<b>preparation</b>	(in conventional harmony) the sounding of the discordant note in a chord in the preceding chord where it is not discordant, lessening the effect of the discord. <i>He left the <b>preparation</b> of meals to his wife.</i>
<b>prologue</b>	The actor who delivers the prologue in a play. <i>The suppressed <b>prologue</b> to Women in Love.</i>
<b>start</b>	A turn to be a starter in a game at the beginning. <i>You hear of some rum <b>starts</b> there.</i>
<b>voluntary</b>	A person who freely enlists for service.



## Usage Examples of "Prelude" as a noun

- *A ceasefire had been agreed as a prelude to full peace negotiations.*

## Associations of "Prelude" (30 Words)

<b>accompanist</b>	A person who provides a musical accompaniment to another musician or to a singer.
<b>aria</b>	A long accompanied song for a solo voice, typically one in an opera or oratorio.
<b>cantata</b>	A musical composition for voices and orchestra based on a religious text.
<b>choral</b>	Engaged in or concerned with singing. <i>A <b>choral</b> scholar.</i>
<b><u>chorus</u></b>	A section of text spoken by the chorus in drama. <i>Yes the children <b>chorused</b>.</i>
<b><u>concert</u></b>	Joint action, especially in the committing of a crime. <i>The <b>concert</b> version of the fourth interlude from the opera.</i>
<b>concerto</b>	A musical composition for a solo instrument or instruments accompanied by an orchestra, especially one conceived on a relatively large scale.
<b><u>ensemble</u></b>	The coordination between performers executing an ensemble passage. <i>We would have to adopt a picture in which there is an <b>ensemble</b> of all possible universes with some probability distribution.</i>
<b>introductory</b>	Serving as an introduction or preface. <i>We are making a special <b>introductory</b> offer of a reduced subscription.</i>
<b>music</b>	The sounds produced by singers or musical instruments or reproductions of such sounds. <i>He devoted his life to <b>music</b>.</i>
<b>musical</b>	A play or film whose action and dialogue is interspersed with singing and dancing. <i>A hit West End <b>musical</b> Miss Saigon.</i>
<b>orchestra</b>	The part of a theatre where the orchestra plays typically in front of the stage and on a lower level.
<b>orchestration</b>	An arrangement of events that attempts to achieve a maximum effect. <i>Ballads backed by lush <b>orchestrations</b>.</i>
<b>overture</b>	An approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship. <i>The <b>overture</b> to Mozart's Don Giovanni.</i>

<b>philharmonic</b>	Devoted to music (chiefly used in the names of orchestras. <i>The most <b>philharmonic</b> ear is at times deeply affected by a simple air.</i>
<b>pianist</b>	A person who plays the piano.
<b>piano</b>	A large keyboard musical instrument with a wooden case enclosing a soundboard and metal strings, which are struck by hammers when the keys are depressed. The strings' vibration is stopped by dampers when the keys are released and can be regulated for length and volume by two or three pedals. <i>The <b>piano</b> passages in the composition.</i>
<b>playing</b>	The act of playing a musical instrument.
<b>preamble</b>	A preliminary or preparatory statement; an introduction. <i>I gave him the bad news without <b>preamble</b>.</i>
<b>preliminary</b>	A preliminary action or event. <i>A <b>preliminary</b> investigation.</i>
<b>preparatory</b>	Preceding and preparing for something. <i><b>Preparatory</b> schooling.</i>
<b>rehearsal</b>	(psychology) a form of practice; repetition of information (silently or aloud) in order to keep it in short-term memory. <i><b>Rehearsals</b> for the opera season.</i>
<b>repertoire</b>	A stock of plays, dances, or items that a company or a performer knows or is prepared to perform. <i>His <b>repertoire</b> of denigratory gestures.</i>
<b>rondo</b>	A musical form with a recurring leading theme, often found in the final movement of a sonata or concerto.
<b>soloist</b>	A musician who performs a solo. <i>He appears as a concerto <b>soloist</b> with all the great British orchestras.</i>
<b>sonata</b>	A composition for an instrumental soloist often with a piano accompaniment typically in several movements with one or more in sonata form.
<b>symphony</b>	A long and complex sonata for symphony orchestra. <i>Autumn is a <b>symphony</b> of texture and pattern.</i>
<b>viola</b>	Any of the numerous plants of the genus Viola.
<b>violin</b>	Bowed stringed instrument that is the highest member of the violin family this instrument has four strings and a hollow body and an unfretted fingerboard and is played with a bow.
<b>yet</b>	Used in negative statement to describe a situation that has existed up to this point or up to the present time. <i>The congress was widely acclaimed as the best <b>yet</b>.</i>