

Need another word that means the same as “prior”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “prior” in this overview.

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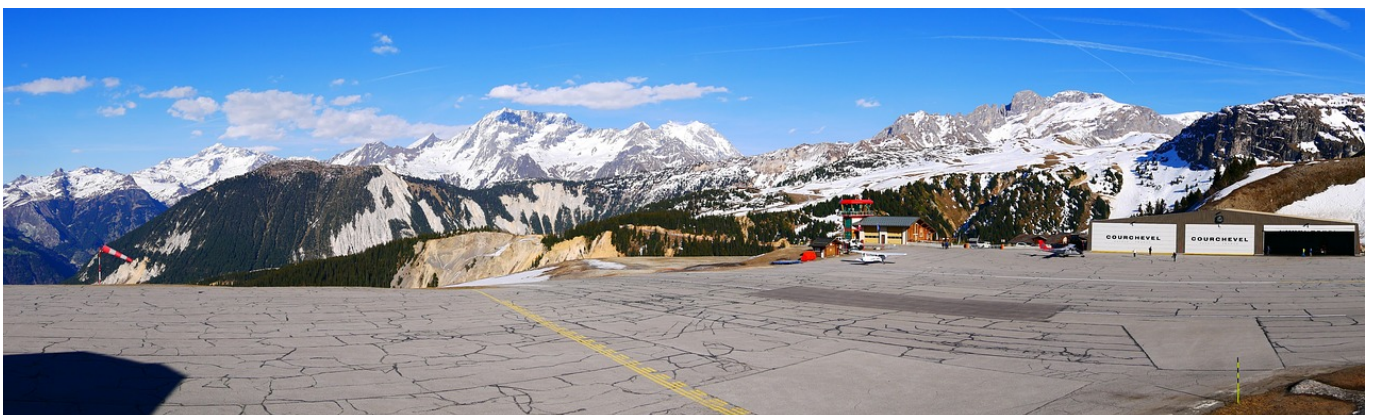
The synonyms of “Prior” are: anterior, earlier, previous, preceding, foregoing, antecedent, advance, preparatory, preliminary, initial

Prior as an Adjective

Definitions of "Prior" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “prior” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Existing or coming before in time, order, or importance.*
- *Earlier in time.*



Synonyms of "Prior" as an adjective (10 Words)

advance	Done, sent, or supplied beforehand. <i>Advance warning.</i>
<u>antecedent</u>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Antecedent events.</i>
anterior	(of a part of a flower or leaf) situated further away from the main stem. <i>The veins anterior to the heart.</i>
<u>earlier</u>	Belonging to the distant past. <i>A fashion popular in earlier times.</i>
<u>foregoing</u>	Especially of writing or speech; going before. <i>The foregoing analysis of the economic class structure.</i>
initial	(of a letter) at the beginning of a word. <i>The witness was identified simply by an initial letter.</i>
<u>preceding</u>	Coming before something in order, position, or time. <i>The preceding pages.</i>
<u>preliminary</u>	Denoting an action or event preceding or in preparation for something more important. <i>A preliminary investigation.</i>
preparatory	Serving as or carrying out preparation for a task or undertaking. <i>Preparatory schooling.</i>
previous	Just preceding something else in time or order. <i>The previous owner.</i>



Usage Examples of "Prior" as an adjective

- *He has a prior engagement this evening.*



Associations of "Prior" (30 Words)

above	Appearing earlier in the same text. <i>For instructions refer to the above.</i>
<u>ahead</u>	Leading or ahead in a competition. <i>Profits were slightly ahead.</i>
<u>antecedent</u>	Denoting or counting as an antecedent. <i>Antecedent events.</i>
antedate	Indicate or discover that (a document, event, or word) should be assigned to an earlier date. <i>There are no references to him that would antedate his birth.</i>
anterior	A tooth situated at the front of the mouth. <i>The veins anterior to the heart.</i>
before	Earlier in time; previously. <i>With the cross of Jesus marching on before.</i>
first	The fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed at first of the bases in the infield counting counterclockwise from home plate. <i>The first house on the right.</i>

<u>forego</u>	Do without or cease to hold or adhere to. (used especially of persons) of the immediate past.
<u>former</u>	Former generations.
formerly	At a previous time. <i>Mumbai formerly Bombay.</i>
<u>forward</u>	Forward in time or order or degree. Forward motion.
<u>front</u>	The part of a garment covering a person's front. <i>Get your eyes off my front meathead.</i>
harbinger	A forerunner of something. <i>Witch hazels are the harbingers of spring.</i>
outdistance	Leave (a competitor or pursuer) far behind. <i>He outdistanced the other runners.</i>
portent	A sign or warning that a momentous or calamitous event is likely to happen. <i>What portent can be greater than a pious notary.</i>
<u>precede</u>	Preface or introduce something with. <i>Stone tools precede bronze tools.</i>
precedent	A system of jurisprudence based on judicial precedents rather than statutory laws. <i>There are substantial precedents for using interactive media in training.</i>
<u>preceding</u>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>A growth in sales above those of the preceding year.</i>
<u>precursor</u>	A substance from which another substance is formed (especially by a metabolic reaction). <i>A three stringed precursor of the violin.</i>
precursory	Warning of future misfortune. Precursory seismic activity.
predate	Come before. <i>Here parish boundaries seem clearly to predate Roman roads.</i>
<u>predecessor</u>	A person who held a job or office before the current holder. <i>The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his predecessor.</i>
<u>preemptive</u>	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 due time; ahead of time.
*His son died **prematurely**.*
- premeditated** (of an action, especially a crime) thought out or planned beforehand.
*A **premeditated** crime.*
- previous** Previous convictions a criminal record.
*Our condemnation of him was a bit **previous**.*
- previously** At a previous or earlier time; before.
*A **previously** unquestioned attitude.*
- priority** A thing that is regarded as more important than others.
*National independence takes **priority** over class struggle.*
- untimely** (of a death or end) happening too soon or sooner than normal.
*An **untimely** remark.*

