

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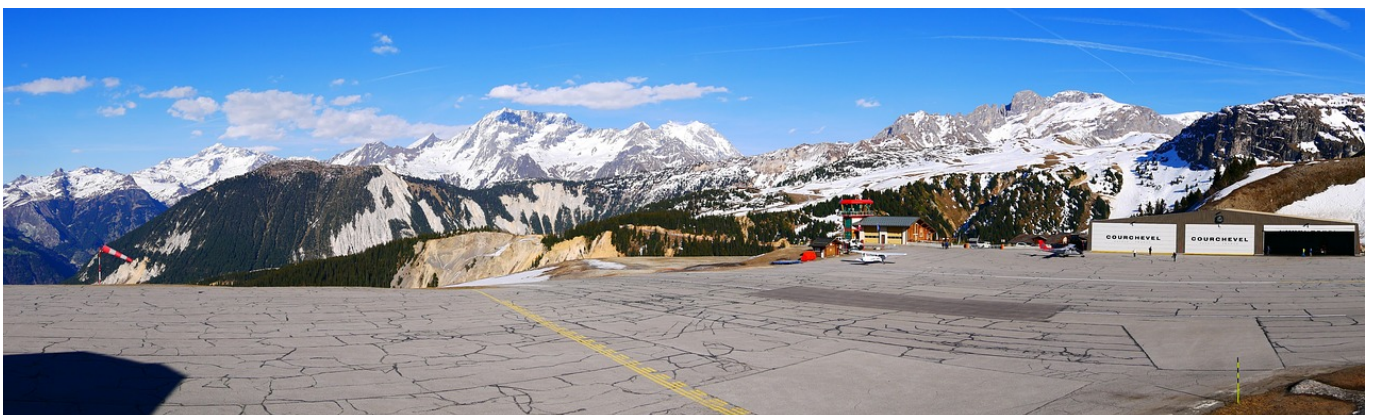
**The synonyms of “Prior” are: anterior, earlier, previous, preceding, foregoing, antecedent, advance, preparatory, preliminary, initial**

## 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)

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| <b>advance</b>            | Done, sent, or supplied beforehand.<br><i><b>Advance</b> warning.</i>   |
| <b><u>antecedent</u></b>  | Denoting or counting as an antecedent.<br><i><b>Antecedent</b> events.</i>  |
| <b>anterior</b>           | (of a part of a flower or leaf) situated further away from the main stem.<br><i>The veins <b>anterior</b> to the heart.</i>         |
| <b><u>earlier</u></b>     | Belonging to the distant past.<br><i>A fashion popular in <b>earlier</b> times.</i>   |
| <b><u>foregoing</u></b>   | Especially of writing or speech; going before.<br><i>The <b>foregoing</b> analysis of the economic class structure.</i>             |
| <b>initial</b>            | (of a letter) at the beginning of a word.<br><i>The witness was identified simply by an <b>initial</b> letter.</i>                  |
| <b><u>preceding</u></b>   | Coming before something in order, position, or time.<br><i>The <b>preceding</b> pages.</i>  |
| <b><u>preliminary</u></b> | Denoting an action or event preceding or in preparation for something more important.<br><i>A <b>preliminary</b> investigation.</i> |
| <b>preparatory</b>        | Serving as or carrying out preparation for a task or undertaking.<br><i><b>Preparatory</b> schooling.</i>                           |
| <b>previous</b>           | Just preceding something else in time or order.<br><i>The <b>previous</b> 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.  
*For instructions refer to the **above**.*
- ahead**            Leading or ahead in a competition.  
*Profits were slightly **ahead**.*
- antecedent**        Denoting or counting as an antecedent.  
***Antecedent** events.*
- antedate**            Indicate or discover that (a document, event, or word) should be assigned to an earlier date.  
*There are no references to him that would **antedate** his birth.*
- anterior**            A tooth situated at the front of the mouth.  
*The veins **anterior** to the heart.*
- before**             Earlier in time; previously.  
*With the cross of Jesus marching on **before**.*
- 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.  
*The **first** house on the right.*

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| <b><u>forego</u></b>      | Do without or cease to hold or adhere to.<br>(used especially of persons) of the immediate past.  |
| <b><u>former</u></b>      | <i>Former generations.</i>  |
| <b>formerly</b>           | At a previous time.<br><i>Mumbai <b>formerly</b> Bombay.</i>  |
| <b><u>forward</u></b>     | Forward in time or order or degree.<br><i>Forward motion.</i>   |
| <b><u>front</u></b>       | The part of a garment covering a person's front.<br><i>Get your eyes off my <b>front</b> meathed.</i>   |
| <b>harbinger</b>          | A forerunner of something.<br><i>Witch hazels are the <b>harbingers</b> of spring.</i>  |
| <b>outdistance</b>        | Leave (a competitor or pursuer) far behind.<br><i>He <b>outdistanced</b> the other runners.</i>   |
| <b>portent</b>            | A sign or warning that a momentous or calamitous event is likely to happen.<br><i>What <b>portent</b> can be greater than a pious notary.</i>                                 |
| <b><u>precede</u></b>     | Preface or introduce something with.<br><i>Stone tools <b>precede</b> bronze tools.</i>   |
| <b>precedent</b>          | A system of jurisprudence based on judicial precedents rather than statutory laws.<br><i>There are substantial <b>precedents</b> for using interactive media in training.</i> |
| <b><u>preceding</u></b>   | Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office.<br><i>A growth in sales above those of the <b>preceding</b> year.</i>   |
| <b><u>precursor</u></b>   | A substance from which another substance is formed (especially by a metabolic reaction).<br><i>A three stringed <b>precursor</b> of the violin.</i>                           |
| <b>precursory</b>         | Warning of future misfortune.<br><i><b>Precursory</b> seismic activity.</i>   |
| <b>predate</b>            | Come before.<br><i>Here parish boundaries seem clearly to <b>predate</b> Roman roads.</i>   |
| <b><u>predecessor</u></b> | A person who held a job or office before the current holder.<br><i>The new President's foreign policy is very similar to that of his <b>predecessor</b>.</i>                  |
| <b><u>preemptive</u></b>  | Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence.<br><i>A <b>preemptive</b> business offer.</i>  |
| <b>prefatory</b>          | Serving as an introduction or preface.<br><i>In his <b>prefatory</b> 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.*

