

**forebear**[ˈfɔːbeə] *n* (обыкн. *pl*)

1. предок
2. предшественник

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**fore·bear** [forebear forebears] (also **for·bear**) *BrE* [ˈfɔːbeə] *NAmE* [ˈfɔːrbeɪr]*noun* usually plural (formal or literary)

a person in your family who lived a long time ago

**Syn:** †ancestor**See also:** †forebearWord Origin:

late 15th cent.: from †fore + bear, variant of obsolete beer 'someone who exists' (from †be + †-er).

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[Date: 1400-1500; Origin: fore- + bear 'someone who is', from be]

someone who was a member of your family a long time in the past **SYN** ancestor**forebear**

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