

**before****1. [bɪ'fɔː] adv****1. раньше, прежде**

come at five o'clock, not before - приходите в 5 часов, не раньше

I have never seen him before - я никогда раньше не видел его

silent as before - молчаливый, как и прежде

**2. 1) впереди**

there were trees before - впереди были деревья

this page and the one before - эта страница и предыдущая

**2) вперёд**

he has gone on before - он ушёл вперёд

**3. в сочетаниях:**

the year before - год назад

a moment before - минуту назад, только что

long before - задолго до, давно уже

the day before - накануне

it had been fine the day before - накануне была хорошая погода

**2. [bɪ'fɔː] prep****1. во временном значении указывает на предшествование до; раньше**

before Christ - до рождения Христова

come before five o'clock - приходите до пяти часов

they took a walk before dinner - они погуляли перед обедом

before answering the letter he reread it - прежде чем ответить на письмо, он его перечитал

the generations before us - предыдущие поколения

**2. в пространственном значении указывает на нахождение или движение перед кем, чем-л. перед**

a leaf before the wind - листок, гонимый ветром

she saw a road before her - она увидела перед собой дорогу

she sat (just) before me - она сидела (прямо) передо мной /напротив меня/

he stared before him - он смотрел прямо перед собой

**3. указывает на****1) протекание процесса в чьём-л. присутствии перед, в присутствии**

before one's (very) eyes - прямо на глазах у кого-л.

before smb.'s face - открыто, прямо

he spoke out before everyone - он заявил это публично /открыто/

**2) присутствие в какой-л. организации в суде и т. п. по вызову перед**

he appeared before the judge [the court, the committee] - он предстал перед судьёй [судом, комиссией]

**3) рассмотрение, обсуждение вопроса кем-л. на, в, перед; тж. передаётся твор. падежом**

the question is before the meeting [the committee, Parliament] - вопрос должен обсуждаться на собрании [в комитете, в парламенте]

the case before the court - дело, которое рассматривается судом

**4. указывает на что-л. предстоящее перед**

his whole life is before him - вся жизнь у него ещё впереди

he was a man with no future before him - это был человек без будущего

we have two problems before us - перед нами две задачи, нам предстоит решить две задачи

**5. указывает на превосходство в положении, ранге, способностях и т. п. перед, впереди**

to be before others in class [at school] - быть впереди других в классе [в школе]

a general comes before a colonel - генерал по званию /по чину/ старше полковника

**6. употребляется при выражении предпочтения или преимущества скорее чем**

death before dishonour - лучше смерть, чем позор /бесчестье/

he will die before betraying his country - он скорее умрёт, чем предаст родину

I love him before myself - я люблю его больше самого себя

**7. в сочетаниях:**

the day before yesterday - позавчера, третьего дня

before everything else - прежде всего

before long - скоро, вскоре

before then - до того времени

before now - раньше

it ought to have been done before now - это должно было быть сделано раньше

**3. [bɪ'fɔː] conj****1. прежде чем, раньше чем, до того как; пока не**

I must finish my work before I go home - я должен прежде кончить работу, а уж потом идти домой

come and see me before you leave - зайдите ко мне до отъезда

it will be long before we see him again - мы теперь увидим его очень нескоро

I hadn't waited long before he came - мне не пришлось его долго ждать

I'll do it now before I forget - я сделаю это сейчас, пока я не забыл

**2. скорее чем**

he will die before he yields - он скорее умрёт, чем сдастся

**before**

**be-fore** preposition, conjunction, adverb *BrE* [br'fɔː(ə)]<sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [br'fɔːr]<sup>m</sup>

## preposition

**1. earlier than sb/sth**

- before lunch
- the day before yesterday
- The year before last he won a gold medal, and the year before that he won a silver.
- She's lived there since before the war.
- He arrived before me.
- She became a lawyer as her father had before her.
- Leave your keys at reception before departure.
- Something ought to have been done before now.
- We'll know **before long** (= soon) .
- Turn left just before (= before you reach) the bank.

**2. (rather formal) used to say that sb/sth is in a position in front of sb/sth**

- They knelt before the throne.
- Before you is a list of the points we have to discuss .

**compare** ↑**behind****3. used to say that sb/sth is ahead of sb/sth in an order or arrangement**

- Your name is before mine on the list .
- He puts his work before everything (= regards it as more important than anything else) .

**4. used to say that sth is facing sb in the future**

- The task before us is a daunting one.
- The whole summer lay before me.

**5. in the presence of sb who is listening, watching, etc**

- He was brought before the judge.
- She said it before witnesses.
- They had the advantage of playing before their home crowd.

**6. (formal) used to say how sb reacts when they have to face sb/sth**

- They retreated before the enemy.

Word Origin:

Old English beforan (see ↑**by**, ↑**fore**), of Germanic origin; related to German **bevor**.

## conjunction

**1. earlier than the time when**

- Do it before you forget
- Did she leave a message before she went?
- Before I made a decision, I thought carefully about it.

**2. until**

- It may be many years before the situation improves.
- It was some time before I realized the truth.

**3. used to warn or threaten sb that sth bad could happen**

- Put that away before it gets broken.

**4. (formal) rather than**

- I'd die before I apologized!

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## adverb

at an earlier time; in the past; already

- You should have told me so before.
- It had been fine the week before (= the previous week) .
- That had happened long before (= a long time earlier) .
- I think we've met before.

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**before**

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I. **be-fore**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /br'fɔː-\$ -'fɔːr *BrE*<sup>m</sup> *AmE*<sup>m</sup> conjunction

**1. earlier than a particular event or action** **OPP after:**

- Say goodbye before you go.
- I saw her a few days before she died.

**2. so that something does not or cannot happen:**

- Put that money somewhere safe before it gets stolen.
- That dog ought to be destroyed before it attacks any more children.

Before I could say anything more, Holmes had rushed off towards the station.

3. used to say that something happens after a period of time:

- " It was several minutes before we realised what was happening.
- " It will be a while before we know the results.

4. used to say that something must happen in order for something else to be possible:

- " You have to pass a test before you can get a licence.

5. *spoken* used to warn someone that something bad will happen to them if they do not do something:

- " Get out before I call the police!

6. used to emphasize that someone does not want to do something:

- " She would die before she would admit she was wrong.

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## GRAMMAR

In a clause beginning with **before** that refers to the future, use the present tense or present perfect, not 'will':

- I want to get home before it rains (NOT before it will rain).

## II. before<sup>2</sup> S1 W1 BrE " AmE " preposition

[Language: Old English; Origin: beforan, from foran 'before', from fore; ⇨ †fore-]

1. earlier than something or someone **OPP after**:

- " The new road should be completed before the end of the year.
- " Let's meet at our house before the show.
- " Larry arrived home before me.

five minutes/two hours etc before something

- " Hugh arrived just five minutes before the ceremony.

before doing something

- " I usually take a shower before having my breakfast.
- " We only got back from Scotland the day before yesterday (=two days ago).
- " Other students joined in the protest, and before long (=soon) there was a crowd of 200 or so.

2. ahead of someone or something else in a list or order **OPP after**:

- " You were before me in the queue.
- " The files are in alphabetical order, so B1 comes before C1.

3. used to say that something happens where it can be watched by people **SYN in front of**:

- " Italy will face Brazil this afternoon before a crowd of 100,000 spectators.
- " an actor who had performed before the Queen

4. used to say that someone or something comes to be judged or considered by a person or group of people:

- " The proposal was put before the planning committee.

5. used to say that one thing or person is considered more important than another:

- " I put my wife and kids before anyone else.
- " In the air transport business, safety must always come before profit.

6. *formal* in front of something or someone:

- " The priest stood before the altar.
- " The sea stretched out before them.

7. if one place is before another place on a road or journey, the first place is nearer to you than the second, so you will reach it first

**OPP after**:

- " The pub is 100 m before the church on the right.
- " the last station before the Simplon Tunnel

8. *formal* if there is a job or situation before you, you will have to do the job or face the situation **SYN ahead of**:

- " The task of emptying the house lay before us.

9. *formal* if a period of time is before you, it is about to start and you can do what you want during it **SYN in front of**:

- " We had a glorious summer afternoon before us to do as we pleased.
- " You have your whole life before you.

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## THESAURUS

- **before** earlier than something or someone: She could read before she started school. | Do you want to have a shower before me?
- **prior to** *formal* before something happens: Please arrive at the airport two hours prior to departure.
- **by** no later than a particular time or date: The children are usually in bed by 9 o'clock. | We have to be out of our hotel room by 10 o'clock.
- **earlier** before now, or before the time you are talking about: I saw her earlier. | I had sent the letter earlier in the week.
- **previously** before now, or before a time in the past: He previously worked as an electrician. | The show starred a previously unknown actress called Jennifer Aniston.
- **in advance** before something happens – used especially when talking about the arrangements for something: Let me know in advance if you are going to be late. | The landlord wants three months' rent in advance.
- **beforehand** (also **ahead of time**) before something happens, especially so that you are ready: I wish we had known about all this beforehand. | It's always best to decide beforehand how much you want to pay.

## III. before<sup>3</sup> S1 W1 BrE " AmE " adverb

1. at an earlier time:

- " Haven't I met you before somewhere?
- " Never before had he seen so many people starving.
- " She looked just the same as before.

2. **the day/week/month etc before** the previous day, week, month etc **OPP after**:

She was in Paris last week and in Rome the week before.

3. *old use* ahead of someone or something else:

"The king's herald walked before."

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