

- prior**
1. [ˈpraɪə] *n*
1. приор, настоятель (в католических монастырях)
 2. *редк.* глава фирмы
 3. *ист.* глава купеческой или ремесленной гильдии

2. [ˈpraɪə] *a*
1. прежний; предшествующий
prior obligation - прежнее обязательство
 2. более важный; первоочередной
prior claim - преимущественное требование, преимущественная претензия
 3. предварительный, априорный
prior restraint - *амер. юр.* предварительный запрет (судебное постановление о запрещении публикации какого-л. материала)
without prior warning - без предупреждения

prior Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.
prior **AW** [prior priors] **adjective, noun** *BrE* [ˈpraɪə(r)] ^ˌ *NAmE* [ˈpraɪə] ^ˌ
adjective only before noun (formal)

1. happening or existing before sth else or before a particular time
 - Although not essential, some **prior knowledge** of statistics is desirable.
 - This information must not be disclosed without **prior written consent**.
 - Visits are by **prior arrangement**.
 - Please give us **prior notice** if you need an evening meal.
 - She will be unable to attend because of a **prior engagement**.
2. already existing and therefore more important
 - They have a **prior claim** to the property.
3. **'prior to** before sth
 - during the week prior to the meeting

Word Origin:

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n. late Old English medieval Latin Latin **prior** 'elder, former' **prae** 'before'

Example Bank:

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noun (feminine **pri-or-ess** *BrE* [ˈpraɪəres] ^ˌ ; [ˌpraɪə'res] ^ˌ ; *NAmE* [ˈpraɪəres] ^ˌ)

1. a person who is in charge of a group of ↑monks or ↑nuns living in a ↑priory
2. (in an ↑abbey) a person next in rank below an ↑abbot or ↑abbess

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I. **pri**or¹ **W3 AC** /ˈpraɪə \$ praɪr/ *BrE* ^ˌ *AmE* ^ˌ **adjective**
 [Date: 1700-1800; Language: Latin; Origin: 'earlier, older, higher in rank', from Latin pri 'before']

1. existing or arranged before something else or before the present situation **SYN previous**:
 - You do not need any prior knowledge of the subject.
 - Changes may not be made without the prior approval of the council.
 - Vegetarian meals are provided by prior agreement.
 - Some prior experience with the software is needed.
2. **prior warning/notice** a warning or announcement made before something happens:
 - The society must give customers prior notice before changing the cost.
 - The bomb exploded without any prior warning.
3. **prior to something** *formal* before:
 - All the arrangements should be completed prior to your departure.
4. **prior claim** a person's right to something which is considered more important than another person's right to the same thing:
 - His own children have a prior claim to the business.
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COLLOCATIONS

■ **nouns**

- **prior knowledge** He denied that he had prior knowledge of the robbery.
- **prior approval/consent/permission** A sale of the factory will need the prior approval of shareholders.
- **prior agreement** We will not disclose this information without your prior agreement.
- **prior experience** He had no prior experience of teaching.

- a **prior engagement** *formal* (=an event that you have already promised to attend) The Prime Minister was unable to attend owing to a prior engagement.

■ **phrases**

- **by prior arrangement** Visitors can tour the burial tombs by prior arrangement.

II. **prior**² *BrE* [#] *AmE* [#] *noun* [countable]

[Sense 1-2: Date: 1900-2000; Origin: ⇒ ↑**prior**¹]

[Sense 3: Date: 1000-1100; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: Latin (adjective); ⇒ ↑**prior**¹]

1. the man in charge of a ↑**priory**
2. the priest next in rank to the person in charge of an ↑**abbey**
3. *informal* a previous occasion when someone was found guilty of a crime:
[#] two priors for homicide

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