

forwards

[ˈfɔːwərdz] = forward III

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forwards**for-ward** [forward forwards forwarded forwarding] **adverb, adjective, verb, noun**

BrE [ˈfɔːwərd] NAmE [ˈfɔːrwərd]

adverb**1.** (also **for-wards** especially in BrE) towards a place or position that is in front

- She **leaned forward** and kissed him on the cheek.
- He took two steps forward.
- They ran forward to welcome her.

Opp: ↑back, **Opp:** ↑backward**2.** towards a good result

- We consider this agreement to be an important **step forward**.
- Cutting our costs is the only **way forward**.
- We are not getting any **further forward** with the discussion.
- The project will **go forward** (= continue) as planned.

Opp: ↑backward**3.** towards the future; ahead in time

- **Looking forward**, we hope to expand our operations in several of our overseas branches.
- The next scene takes the story forward five years.
- (old use) from this day forward

4. earlier; sooner

- I **was** decided to bring the meeting forward two weeks.

5. (technical) in or towards the front part of a ship or plane

- The main cabin is situated forward of (= in front of) the mast.

see also look forward, put forward**Rem:** or**more at** backward(s) and forward(s) **at** ↑backward, put the clocks forward/back **at** ↑clock_n, put your best foot forward **at** ↑foot_n.Word Origin:

Old English foreward (in the sense 'towards the future', as in from this day forward), variant of forthweard (see ↑forth, ↑-ward).

Idiom ↑going forward**adjective****1.** only before noun directed or moving towards the front

- The door opened, blocking his **forward movement**.
- a **forward pass** (= in a sports game)

2. only before noun (technical) located in front, especially on a ship, plane or other vehicle

- the forward cabins
- A bolt may have fallen off the plane's forward door.

3. relating to the future

- the forward movement of history
- A little **forward planning** at the outset can save you a lot of expense.
- The plans are still **no further forward** than they were last month.

4. behaving towards sb in a manner which is too confident or too informal

- I hope you don't think I'm **being too forward**.

compare ↑backwardWord Origin:

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verb**1.** (formal) to send or pass goods or information to sb

- ~ **sth to sb** We will be forwarding our new catalogue to you next week.
- ~ **sb sth** We will be forwarding you our new catalogue next week.
- ~ **sth** to forward a request/complaint/proposal

2. to send a letter, etc. received at the address a person used to live at to their new address**Syn:** send on

- ~ **sth (to sb)** Could you forward any mail to us in New York?
- ~ **(sth)** I put 'please forward' on the envelope

3. ~ **sth** (formal) to help to improve or develop sth**Syn:** ↑further

- He saw the assignment as a way to forward his career.
- She uses various devices to forward the plot.
- They have done a great deal to forward the cause of world peace.

see also ↑fast-forward

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	forward
	BrE / 'fɔ:wəd/
	NAme / 'fɔ:rwəd/
he / she / it	forwards
	BrE / 'fɔ:wədz/
	NAme / 'fɔ:rwədz/
past simple, past participle	forwarded
	BrE / 'fɔ:wədɪd/
	NAme / 'fɔ:rwədɪd/
-ing form	forwarding
	BrE / 'fɔ:wədɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- I 'rforwarding you this email that I had from Jeff

noun

an attacking player whose position is near the front of a team in some sports

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I. **forward** ¹ **S1 W1** /'fɔ:wəd\$ 'fɔ:rwəd/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u (also **forwards** /-wədz \$ -wərdz/)

adverb

- towards a place or position that is in front of you **OPP backwards**:
 - He leaned forward, his elbows resting on the table.
 - The crowd surged forwards.
 - She took another small step forward.
- towards greater progress, improvement, or development:
 - We agreed that the sensible way forward was for a new company to be formed.
 - After the Labour Party conference, he stated that we could now go forward as a united party.
 - Britain is now ready to move forward.
- towards the future in a way that is hopeful **OPP backwards**:
 - I felt that at last I could begin to look forward.
- from that/this day/time/moment etc forward** beginning on that day or at that time:
 - They never met again from that day forward.
- go forward to/into** to successfully complete one stage of a competition so that you are able to compete in the next stage:
 - South Korea went forward into the next round of the World Cup.
- if you put a clock or a watch forward, you change it so that it shows a later time, for example when the time changes to ↑British Summer Time **OPP back**:
 - We put our watches forward by 2 hours.
 - The clocks go forward this weekend.
- in or towards the front part of a ship
 - ⇒ ↑fast-forward ⇒ **look forward to something** at ↑look¹, ⇒ **backwards and forwards** at ↑backwards(5)

II. **forwards** /'fɔ:wədz\$ 'fɔ:rwərdz/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **adverb**

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