

**ancestor**['ænsəstə, 'ænsɛstə] *n*

- предок, прародитель  
remote [illustrious] ancestors - отдалённые [знаменитые] предки  
ancestor worship - культ предков
- предшественник; прототип; прообраз; предтеча  
the ancestor of the modern bicycle - предшественник современного велосипеда
- образец, пример, эталон  
he is my spiritual ancestor - он мой духовный наставник / ориенти́р
- юр.* предшествующий владелец
- физ.*
  - исходное явление
  - исходная частица

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an·ces·tor [ancestor ancestors] *BrE* ['ænsɛstə(r)] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['ænsɛstər] <sup>u</sup> *noun*

- a person in your family who lived a long time ago  
**Syn:** †forebear  
• His ancestors had come to America from Ireland.
- an animal that lived in the past which a modern animal has developed from  
• a reptile that was the common ancestor of lizards and turtles
- an early form of a machine which later became more developed  
**Syn:** †forerunner  
• The ancestor of the modern bicycle was called a penny-farthing.

**compare** †descendantDerived Word †ancestralWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French **ancestre**, from Latin **antecessor**, from **antecedere**, from **ante** 'before' + **cedere** 'go'.Example Bank:

- He can trace his ancestors back to the reign of Elizabeth I.
- He claims as his literary ancestors such giants as Henry James and William Faulkner.
- Our earliest ancestors lived in a world fraught with danger.
- The Romans built these monuments to glorify their illustrious ancestors.
- The builder of the house was a direct ancestor of the present owner.
- The two species share a common ancestor.
- They honour/honor their ancestors and believe in the spirits of nature.
- a distant ancestor of mine

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an·ces·tor /'ænsəstə, -ses- \$ -sɛstər/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *noun* [countable][**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** **ancestre**, from Latin **antecessor** 'one who goes before', from **antecedere**; ⇒ †antecedent]

- a member of your family who lived a long time ago ⇒ **descendant**:  
• My ancestors were French.
- an animal that lived in the past, that modern animals have developed from:  
• Lions and house cats evolved from a common ancestor (=the same ancestor).
- the form in which a modern machine, vehicle etc first existed **SYN forerunner**  
**ancestor of**  
• Babbage's invention was the ancestor of the modern computer.

—**ancestral** /æn'sɛstrəl/ *adjective*:• the family's ancestral home  
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- **relative** a member of your family, especially one who does not live with you: Most of her relatives were able to come to the wedding. | We have some distant relatives in Australia.
- **relation** a member of your family. **Relation** means the same as **relative**. It is often used when talking about whether someone is in the same family as another person: Big cities can be lonely places if you have no friends or relations there. | 'What relation is she to you?' 'She's my half sister.' | He's no relation to the singer.
- **descendant** someone who is a family member of a person who lived and died a long time ago, for example the great-grandchild of that person: The people are the descendants of slaves who were brought over from Africa.
- **ancestor** a member of your family who lived a long time ago, especially hundreds of years ago: My ancestors originally came from Ireland.
- **forefathers** *especially written* people in your family who lived a long time ago - often used in historical descriptions: His forefathers came to America over a century ago.
- **extended family** a family group that consists not only of parents and children, but also includes grandparents, aunts etc: Extended families rarely live together in Britain, but they are still important.

- **folks** *especially American English informal* your family, especially your parents: Are you going to see your folks at Christmas?
- **next of kin** the person or people who are most closely related to you, for example your husband or mother, and who need to be told if something serious happens to you: The next of kin must be notified of his death before his name is released to the press.

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