

preface

1. ['prefɪs] *n*
 - 1) 1) предисловие
 - 2) вводная часть; вступление
 - 3) пролог
 2. (часто Preface) *церк.* проскомидия
2. ['prefɪs] *v*
 - 1) 1) делать вступление; снабжать предисловием; предпосылать
to preface a book by /with/ a life of the author - предпосылать книге биографию автора
he prefaced his remarks with a quotation - он начал свои замечания с цитаты
 - 2) служить вступлением (к чему-л.); предшествовать (чему-л.)
the events that prefaced the crisis - события, предшествовавшие кризису
 2. делать предварительные замечания
 3. находиться перед чем-л.

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

pref-ace [preface prefaces prefaced prefacing] **noun, verb** BrE ['prefəs] " AmE ['prefəs] "

noun

an introduction to a book, especially one that explains the author's aims

compare ↑foreword

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from medieval Latin **praefatia**, alteration of Latin **praefatio(n)** 'words spoken beforehand', from the verb **praefari**, from **prae** 'before' + **fari** 'speak'.

Example Bank:

- I read it in the preface to her new book.
- In his preface he claimed that he had created a new kind of music.

verb

1. ~ **sth (with sth)** to provide a book or other piece of writing with a ↑preface
 - He prefaced the diaries with a short account of how they were discovered.
 - Each chapter is prefaced by a quotation from Shakespeare.
2. ~ **sth by/with sth** | ~ **sth by doing sth** (formal) to say sth before you start making a speech, answering a question, etc
 - I must preface my remarks with an apology.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	preface
	BrE / 'prefəs/
	NAme / 'prefəs/
he / she /it	prefaces
	BrE / 'prefəsɪz/
	NAme / 'prefəsɪz/
past simple, past participle	prefaced
	BrE / 'prefɛst/
	NAme / 'prefɛst/
-ing form	prefacing
	BrE / 'prefəsɪŋ/
	NAme / 'prefəsɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: préface, from Latin praefatio, from praefari 'to say before']

an introduction at the beginning of a book or speech

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THESAURUS

- **introduction** a written or spoken statement at the beginning of a book, speech, or meeting, giving a general idea of what it is about: After a brief introduction by the chairman, the meeting began. | The author outlines his methods of research in the introduction.
- **preface** a short piece of writing at the beginning of a book that says what the book is about or the reason for writing it: In the preface, he explains his motives for returning to the subject of Middle Eastern politics.
- **foreword** a short introduction to a book or report, usually written by someone who is not the author: Greene wrote the foreword to Suzmann's book.
- **prologue** an introduction to a piece of writing, especially a play or a long poem: the prologue to Shakespeare's 'Henry V' | The poem begins with a brief prologue.

- **preamble** a statement at the beginning of something, especially an official document, which explains what it is about: the Preamble to the US Constitution

II. **preface**² *BrE* ^{*} *AmE* ^{*} *verb* [transitive]

formal to say or do something before the main part of what you are going to say:

" The book is prefaced by a quotation from Faulkner.

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