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v. pre·dom·i·nat·ed, pre·dom·i·nat·ing, pre·dom·i·nates

v.intr.

1. To have or gain controlling power or influence; prevail: *Good predominates over evil in many literary works.*

2. To be of or have greater quantity or importance; preponderate: *French-speaking people predominate in Quebec.*

v.tr.

To dominate or prevail over.

adj. (ə-nət)

Predominant.

[Medieval Latin *praedominārī*, *praedomināt-*: Latin *prae-*, pre- + Latin *dominārī*, to rule (from *dominus*, master; see **dem-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

pre·dom i·nate·ly (-nĭt-lē) **adv.**

pre·dom'i·na tion **n.**

pre·dom i·na'tor **n.**

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