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pre·cede  (prĭ-sĕd)

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v. **pre·ced·ed**, **pre·ced·ing**, **pre·cedes**

v.tr.

1. To come, exist, or occur before in time: *A lecture preceded the movie.*
2. To be in front of or prior to in order: *A precedes B in the alphabet.*
3. To go in advance of: *A marching band preceded the float.*
4. To preface; introduce: *preceded her lecture with a funny anecdote.*

v.intr.

To be before in time, order, or position.

[Middle English *preceden*, from Old French *preceder*, from Latin *praecēdere* : *prae-*, pre- + *cēdere*, to go; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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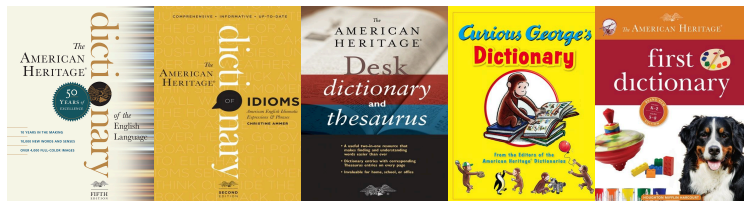
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