

**former**

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['fɔ:mə] *n*

1. *см.* form1 II + -er
2. *полигр.* словолитчик
3. *ж.-д.* составитель (поездов)
4. *тех.*
  - 1) шаблон; модель; копир
  - 2) фасонный резец
5. *ав.* вспомогательная нервюра

II

['fɔ:mə] *a*

1. прежний, бывший; предшествующий; прошедший; давний  
in former times - в старину, в прошедшие времена  
on former occasions - прежде, раньше  
a former president - бывший президент  
her former students - её бывшие студенты  
the former part of the discourse - начало выступления  
to be more like one's former self - снова стать самим собой /таким, как был раньше/
2. (the former) первый (*из двух*)  
of these two evils the former is the less - из этих двух зол первое является меньшим  
did he walk or ride? - The former is more likely - он пришёл пешком или приехал? - Вероятнее всего первое

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**for-mer** [former formers] *BrE* ['fɔ:mə(r)]<sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['fɔ:rmə:r]<sup>m</sup> **adjective only****before noun**

1. that used to exist in earlier times
  - in former times
  - the countries of the former Soviet Union
  - This beautiful old building has been restored to **its former glory** .
2. that used to have a particular position or status in the past
  - the former world champion
  - my former boss/colleague/wife
3. **the former...** used to refer to the first of two things or people mentioned
  - The former option would be much more sensible.

**compare** ↑latter

4. **the former** **pronoun** the first of two things or people mentioned
  - He had to choose between giving up his job and giving up his principles. He chose the former.

**compare** ↑latter**Idiom:** ↑a ghost of your former selfWord Origin:

Middle English: from Old English forma 'first' + ↑-er.

Thesaurus:**former** *adj.*1. **only before noun**

- The palace has been restored to its former glory.

**past** • • **old** • • **previous** • |*formal* **prior** •**Opp:** present, **Opp:** future

**Former, past or old?** Use **former** or **past** to talk about times gone by; use **old** to talk about things from your own life: **my old school/colleagues/friends**. **Former** can also describe sth that has changed: **the former Yugoslav republic**. A **former friend** is sb who is no longer your friend; an **old friend** is sb you have known for a long time.

2. **only before noun**

- She's the former world champion.

**ex** - • • **old** • • **then** •**Opp:** current, **Opp:** futuresb's former/ex-/old/then **partner/boyfriend/girlfriend**sb's former/ex-/then **husband/wife**a/an former/ex-/old **lover/colleague/member**a/an former/old **friend/ally/enemy****Former or ex-?** **Former** has a wider range of collocates. **Ex-** is less formal and preferred in spoken English.Example Bank:

- It is one of the countries of the former Soviet Union.
- She's the former world champion.
- The historic quarter of the city has been restored to its former glory.
- This fine ruin was, in former times, a royal castle.

**former**<sup>1</sup> S2 W1 /ˈfɔːmə/\$ˈfɔːrmər BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> adjective [only before noun]

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: forme 'first' (12-16 centuries), from Old English forma]

1. happening or existing before, but not now ⇒ **present, previous**:

- the former Soviet Union
- Their farm has been reduced to half its former size.

2. having a particular position in the past **SYN ex-** ⇒ **present**:

- my former husband
- former President Clinton

3. **in former times/years** in the past4. **somebody/sth's former self** what someone or something was like before they were changed by age, illness, trouble etc:

- She seems more like her former self.

**be a shadow/ghost of your former self** (=be much less confident, healthy, energetic etc than you used to be)

- The team's a shadow of its former self.

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**THESAURUS**

- **previous** [only before noun] used when talking about a person, thing, time etc before the one that you are talking about now: The car's previous owner didn't take very good care of it. | Please ignore my previous instructions. | The temperature is higher than in previous years.
- **last** [only before noun] used when talking about the one that you had just before now, or the one that existed just before now: The last apartment we lived in was much smaller than this one. | Ben's last girlfriend was a teacher. | Beth broke up with her last boyfriend because he drank too much.
- **old** [only before noun] used when talking about people you knew or things you had in the past, or about things that existed in the past and have been replaced by newer things: I never liked my old boss. | I saw Phil with one of my old girlfriends. | The new stadium is much bigger than the old one. | He was my old maths teacher.
- **preceding** [only before noun] *formal* coming just before the time or thing you have just mentioned, or before the part of a book where you are now: There were fewer crimes compared to the preceding year. | The author dealt with this subject in the preceding chapters of the book. | In the preceding section of the poem, Whitman is talking about how important it is to live in the present.
- **former** [only before noun] *formal* used to describe someone or something that used to have a particular job or position but does not any more: her former husband | the former US President | Kyoto was the former capital of Japan.
- **ex-wife /boyfriend/soldier etc** someone who used to be someone's wife, used to be a soldier etc, but is not any more: Her dad's an ex-policeman. | Lydia is still friends with her ex-husband.
- **the one before** the person or thing that existed before the one you have just mentioned: I didn't enjoy Spielberg's last film but I thought the one before was all right. | Each year, the convention is a little larger than the one before.

**II. former**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> noun1. **the former** *formal* the first of two people or things that you have just mentioned **OPP the latter**:

- Of the two possibilities, the former seems more likely.

2. **first/second/sixth etc former** *British English* used in some schools to show which class a student is in, according to how many years they have been in school

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**THESAURUS**■ **the one before this one**

- **last** most recent or nearest to the present time: His last film was much better. | It rained all day last Saturday. | The last time I saw her was two years ago.
- **previous** before this one, or before the one that you are talking about: See the diagram in the previous chapter. | His previous records had all been jazz records. | How much were you earning in your previous job?
- **former** [only before noun] *formal* existing or having a particular position in the past, but not now: the former Soviet Union | the former US president | Interest rates are unlikely to return to their former level. | the former Chief Executive
- **old** [only before noun] used about a person or thing that existed in the past, but has been replaced by a newer one: an old boyfriend | The old model was much slower.

**former**

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