



Meaning of **predetermine** in English



predetermine

verb [T] • formal

UK /,priː.dɪˈtɜː.mɪn/ US /,priː.dɪˈtɜː.mən/

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to decide or arrange something at an earlier time:

- *It's impossible to say how much a person's behaviour is predetermined by their genes.*

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Planning, expecting and arranging

accidentally

accidentally on purpose *idiom*

advertent

advisedly

aim at something *phrasal verb*

bargain

conscious

cue

game something out *phrasal verb*

game-fixing

half expect someone/something to do something

hatch

have something in mind *idiom*

have something up your sleeve *idiom*

Present



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from [English Grammar Today](#).

Present time refers to the time around the moment of writing or speaking (time around now) and to general and permanent time. The two most common ways to refer to present time are the present simple for general facts and regular events, and the present continuous for an event happening now:

*Water **turns** to ice at below 0°.* (present simple for a general fact)

***Does it rain** a lot in Wales?* (present simple asking about a general fact)

*I usually **take** the bus to work.* (present simple for a regular event)

*Take an umbrella with you. **It's raining**.* (present continuous for something happening now)

Present continuous (*I am working*)

Present perfect continuous (*I have been working*)

Present perfect simple (*I have worked*)

Present perfect simple or present perfect continuous?

Present perfect: typical errors

Present simple (*I work*)

Present simple or present continuous?

Present: typical errors

Present verb forms referring to the past



Past



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There are a number of ways of talking about the past:

We **talked** for hours on the phone. (past simple)

She **was running** to catch the bus. (past continuous)

I've **cleaned** the kitchen. (present perfect simple)

I've **been painting**. (present perfect continuous)

I'd **paid** by credit card. (past perfect simple)

I'd **been reading** about the accident in the paper. (past perfect continuous)

The kids **would play** in the garden in the summer evenings and we **would sit** and talk for hours. (modal verb would)

He **used to play** lots of sport when he was younger. He *doesn't seem to do any exercise now*. (semi-modal verb used to)

Past simple (*I worked*)

Past continuous (*I was working*)

Past continuous or past simple?

Past simple or present perfect?

Used to

Past perfect simple (*I had worked*)

Past perfect continuous (*I had been working*)

Past perfect simple or past perfect continuous?

Past perfect simple or past simple?

Past verb forms referring to the present

Past: typical errors

How good is your English? Choose the right word to fill the gap and complete the sentence.

A mystery singer will ? this year's jazz festival. *

☐ stage

☐ headline

Meaning of **pre-** in English

pre-

prefixUK  /pri:-/ US  /pri:-/[Add to word list](#) **before (a time or an event):**

- a *pre-flight* check
- a *pre-lunch* drink
- *pre-industrial* societies

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pre-

prefix

US /,pri/

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before (a time or an event):

- *precooked food*
- *a preexisting condition*

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prefix

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before or earlier than:

- *The bank's U.S. operation reported first-half **pre-tax** income of \$217.5 million.*
- *Financial controls became lax during the pre-crash boom.*

Compare

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What is the pronunciation of **pre-**?



Translations of **pre-**

in Chinese (Traditional)

Meaning of **define** in English

define

verb [T]UK  /dɪˈfaɪn/ US  /dɪˈfaɪn/

define *verb* [T] (EXPLAIN)

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B2

to say what the meaning of something, especially a word, is:

- **be defined as** *In the dictionary, "reality" is defined as "the state of things as they are, rather than as they are imagined to be".*
- **define your terms** *Before I answer your question, could you define your terms a little more (= explain what you mean by the words you have used)?*

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B2

to explain and describe the meaning and exact limits of something:

- *Your rights and responsibilities are defined in the citizens' charter.*
- *Your role in the project will be strictly defined (= limited to particular areas).*
- **be defined by** *I'd hate to feel that I was defined by (= that my life got its meaning and importance only from) my job.*

— Thesaurus: synonyms, antonyms, and examples**to explain something**[explain](#) *Can you explain that again?*[clarify](#) *Let me just clarify what I mean here.*[define](#) *Your responsibilities are clearly defined in the contract.*[set out](#) *Your contract will set out the terms of your employment.*

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define *verb* [T] (CLEARLY SHOW)[+ ≡](#)**to show clearly the edge or shape of something:**

- **be defined against** *The outline of the castle on the hill was clearly defined against the evening sky.*
- *I use a lip pencil to define my lips before applying lipstick.*
- *A low wall defines the site.*

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define

verb [T]US  /dɪˈfaɪn/

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ENGLISH

to describe the meaning of something, esp. a word, or to explain something more clearly so that it can be understood:

- *How would you define “jaded”?*

define *verb* [T] (SHOW)[+ ≡](#)**to show clearly the edge or shape of something:**

- *The dark figures are sharply defined on the white background.*



DEFINABLE

adjective US /dɪˈfaɪ.nə.bəl/

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define

verb [T]

UK  /dɪˈfaɪn/ US 

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to say what the meaning of something, especially a word, is:

- *Economists normally define a recession as two successive quarters of negative growth.*

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to explain and state the meaning and exact limits of something:

- **a defined goal/objective**
- *If you want employees to be more productive, then you must define and measure productivity precisely.*

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EXAMPLES of **define**

define

We also develop a variation on the language model so that stack-based trace policies can be defined.

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A weak head reduction relation is defined for the expressions of the calculus.

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In section 2, we explain the basic idea of our data-parallel evaluation mechanism for recursively defined data.

From the [Cambridge English Corpus](#)



A data type declaration defines the structure of a recursive datum and the data constructor names.

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Average number of isolates per subtype ; subtype is defined as combined serotype and ribotype.

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Meaning of **partially** in English

partially

adverbUK  /'pɑː.ʃəl.i/ US  /'pɑːr.ʃəl.i/Add to word list 

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not completely:

- *The meat was only partially cooked.*

Synonymspartpartly**Opposites**completelyentirelytotallywholly**— Fewer examples**

- *He's been partially deaf since birth.*
- *The books with large print are meant for our partially sighted readers.*
- *Guide dogs are a great boon to the partially sighted.*
- *It's only partially decorated.*
- *My dish, when it came, was only partially cooked.*

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partially

adverb

UK /'pɑːʃli/ US

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not completely:

- *The scheme is partially funded by government grants.*
- *Lack of awareness about the tax credit partially explains the small number of people taking advantage of it.*

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What is the pronunciation of *partially*?

Translations of partially

in Chinese (Traditional)

不完全地...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

不完全地...

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in Spanish

parcialmente...

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in Portuguese

parcialmente...

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partial ownership

Synonyms and antonyms of **partially** in English

partially

adverb

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These are words and phrases related to **partially**. Click on any word or phrase to go to its thesaurus page. Or, [go to the definition of partially](#).

- *The work is only partially finished.*

Synonyms

partly	incompletely	somewhat
in part	fractionally	
partway	piecemeal	

Antonyms

all	entirely	totally
completely	wholly	

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- partial ownership
- partial payment
- partialities
- partiality
- partially**
- participant
- participant in a lawsuit
- participate





Meaning of **response** in English



response

noun

UK /rɪˈspons/ US /rɪˈspɑːns/

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B2 [C or U]

an answer or reaction:

- Responses **to** our advertisement have been disappointing.
- Her proposals met with an enthusiastic response.
- I looked in her face for some response, but she just stared at me blankly.
- Management have granted a ten percent pay rise **in** response **to** union pressure.

— Thesaurus: synonyms, antonyms, and examples

an answer

answer We're still waiting for an answer.

reply "How far?" asked Nigel. "Not far," was the mumbled reply.

answer 105 is the correct answer.

response Thank you for your swift response.

reaction What was her reaction when she was asked for her resignation?

retort Alan snapped back with a witty retort.

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response

noun [C/U]

US /rɪˈspɑns/

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something said or done as a reaction to something that has been said or done; an answer or reaction:

- [C] *She's applied for admission and is still waiting for a response from the school.*
- *The law was passed by the town council **in response to** (= as a result of) complaints from residents.*

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BIOLOGY

A response is also a reaction of an organism to a change in its environment.

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response

noun [C or U]

UK /rɪˈspɒns/ US

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an answer to a question, letter, email, etc.:

- **response to sth** *Consumers get no response to telephone inquiries for help.*
- *I am writing **in response to** your email.*





a reaction to something that has happened:

- He spoke **in response to** the news that the business had failed.
- **response from sb** The recent Shanghai sell-off prompted virtually no response from more established markets.
- a **mixed/positive response**

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What is the pronunciation of *response*?



Translations of **response**

in Chinese (Traditional)

回答, 回應 · 反應, (宗教禮拜儀式中會眾對牧師的) 唱和 · 應答...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

回答, 回应, 反应, (宗教礼拜仪式中会众对牧师的) 唱和, 应答...

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in Spanish

contestación, respuesta, responso...

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in Portuguese

resposta, resposta [feminine], reação [feminine]...

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