FORMER vs. LATTER who comes first?

FORMER

 Refers to the first thing mentioned

Example: "I have two favorite colors: blue and green. In former, blue is my favorite. In latter, green is my favorite."

 Used to refer to something already mentioned

Example: "I have two dogs. The former is a poodle, and the latter is a golden retriever."

LATTER

 Refers to the second thing mentioned

Example: "I have two options for dessert: cake or ice cream. The former is a chocolate cake. The latter is vanilla ice cream."

 Used to refer to something to be mentioned

Example: "I have two meetings today. The former is with my boss, and the latter is with a client."

Remember, 'former' refers to the first thing mentioned, while 'latter' refers to the second thing mentioned.

Keep this infographic handy for a quick reference.



