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### Definitions

Former means first item, it is an adjective which is used to describe something the previous

The latter means the second item: it is an adjective which is used to describe the second two previous things.

### Refer To

Former refers to the first two items mentioned within a sequence in a sentence.

Latter refers to the last two items mentioned within a sequence in a sentence.

### Used To

Former is used in a situation where the word can be replaced with the phrase "the first one" it can also be used to indicate something that came before something else

Latter is used to describe the last items in a longer list. It is also used to refer to something that comes after, like latter-day

### Synonyms

Some synonyms of the former are:  
Old, ancient, bygone, above, erstwhile and departed

Some synonyms of the latter are:  
Final, closing, following, last, modern and second

### Examples

Emily debated whether to order pizza or a burger, and we agreed on the former to satisfy our pepperoni cravings.

There were different cars in red and blue; she chose the latter because this color reminded her of the sky.

**What's The Difference?**

