

The term “**preliminary**” refers to something that serves as an introduction, preparation, or initial step before the main action, event, or detailed analysis. It sets the stage or provides foundational information necessary to understand or proceed with a more comprehensive or definitive activity.

For example: - **In research or studies:** Preliminary findings are early results that suggest trends or potential conclusions but require further investigation or validation. - **In events or procedures:** A preliminary meeting might outline the agenda or objectives before the main discussion. - **In general use:** It often describes something provisional or preparatory, not yet finalized or conclusive.

Its purpose is typically to provide context, establish groundwork, or guide subsequent steps.

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