

# BCE (*B-C-E*)

## Definition

abbr. Before Common Era, used to denote years before the start of the Gregorian calendar, equivalent to BC (Before Christ).

## Example Sentence

The ancient city of Babylon was a thriving metropolis in the 6th century **BCE**.

## More Example Sentences

Historians often use **BCE** to avoid religious connotations when dating events.

## Synonyms

Before Common Era; BC; pre-AD

## Antonyms

CE; AD; Anno Domini

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