

# Before Common Era *(be-fore-com-mon-e-ra)*

## Definition

In ref. A non-religious term used to denote years before the start of the Gregorian calendar's year 1, equivalent to BC (Before Christ).

## Example Sentence

Historians often refer to events in ancient history as occurring in the **Before Common Era**.

## More Example Sentences

The artifacts were dated to the third millennium **Before Common Era**.

## Synonyms

BCE; before Christ; pre-AD

## Antonyms

Common Era; CE; Anno Domini

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