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## Definition of *prep*

(Entry 1 of 3)

- 1 : [preparation](#)
- 2 : [preparatory school](#)
- 3 : a preliminary trial for a racehorse

prep

[verb](#)

prepped; prepping

Definition of *prep* (Entry 2 of 3)

[intransitive verb](#)

- 1 : to attend [preparatory](#) school

2 [short for *prepare*] : to get ready

[transitive verb](#)

: [prepare](#) especially : to [prepare](#) for an operation or examination nurses *prepped* the patient

PrEP

[abbreviation](#)

Definition of *PrEP* (Entry 3 of 3)

[pre-exposure prophylaxis](#) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that PrEP, when used consistently, can reduce the risk of H.I.V. infection by up to 92 percent.— Ginia Bellafante

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## Synonyms for *prep*



Synonyms: Verb

- [fit](#),
- [fix](#),
- [groom](#),
- [lay](#),
- [prepare](#),
- [ready](#).

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Noun Painting a room involves a lot of *prep*. Verb She spent all night *prepping* for the test.

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Noun

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Verb

1909, in the meaning defined at [intransitive sense 1](#)

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## English Language Learners Definition of *prep*

: to make yourself ready for something

: to make (someone or something) ready for something

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## Kids Definition of *prep*

preposition

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[noun](#)

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## Medical Definition of *prep*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: the act or an instance of [preparing](#) a patient for a surgical operation the nurse had three preps to do

prep

[transitive verb](#)

prepped; prepping

Medical Definition of *prep* (Entry 2 of 2)

: to [prepare](#) for a surgical operation or examination prep the patient for an appendectomy

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overblown**

**rousing and  
inspiring**

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**The Ruling on 'Amiable' vs. 'Amicable'**

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Heading straight toward its origins

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**'All Intensive Purposes' or 'All Intents and Purposes'?**

We're intent on clearing it up

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**'Nip it in the butt' or 'Nip it in the bud'?**

We're gonna stop you right there

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How to use a word that (literally) drives some pe...

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The awkward case of 'his or her'

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