

ROOT: "TO scheme" (verb)

"from **fore-** "before" + casten in the sense of "contrive, plan, prepare" (late 14c.; see cast (v.)). Meaning "**predict events**" first attested late 15c. **fore-** a **PREFIX** meaning "before" (in space, time, condition, etc.), "front," "superior," etc.: forehead; forecastle; forecast; foretell; foreman. **forecast (n.)** "forethought, prudence," probably from **forecast** (v.). Meaning "conjectured estimate of a future course" A Middle English word for weather forecasting (also divination by reading signs in the clouds or weather) was *aeromancy* (late 14c.).

Type of word:
verb

2 syllables:
FORE-CAST

ANTONYM:

- Conceal
- Refrain
- Recall
- Doubt
- Demonstrate
- Prove
- Dread
- Calculate
- Establish

SYNONYM:

- Foresee
- Predict
- Project
- Estimate
- Foretell
- Prophecy
- Prognosis
- Guess
- Speculate
- Forewarn

FORECAST

The newspaper announced its **forecast** for the election, based on the latest polls.

EXAMPLES:

The weather **forecast** said that it would rain this afternoon, but it didn't.

QUOTES:

"The goal of forecasting is not to predict the future but to tell you what you need to know to take meaningful action in the present".

Paul Saffo

*"Some people claim that they predicted a downturn, but they **forecast** a downturn every day, and finally, one day, they are right. Even a broken clock is right twice a day."*

Naved Abdali

HOW I REMEMBER THE WORD



WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO FORECAST:

- COLLECT INFORMATION
- EXAMINE THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE (EVIDENCE)
- ANALYSE THE INFORMATION
- **Accurate forecasting** requires using past results and evidence to inform future decisions. So, to **forecast** something means to predict based on detail analysis of what you know and experience.