## **above**<sup>2</sup> w<sub>3</sub> adjective

) [only before noun]

used in a piece of writing to refer to something mentioned in an earlier part of the same piece of writing:

For the above reasons, the management has no choice but to close the factory.

)) the above (formal)

something mentioned before in the same piece of writing:

If none of the above applies to you, you may be able to reclaim tax.

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