

an·tic·i·pate S3 AC

/æn'tɪsᵻpeɪt/

verb [transitive]

1 EXPECT to expect that something will happen and be ready for it:

Sales are better than anticipated.

anticipate changes/developments

The schedule isn't final, but we don't anticipate many changes.

anticipate problems/difficulties

We don't anticipate any problems.

A good speaker is able to anticipate an audience's needs and concerns.

anticipate (that)

This year, we anticipate that our expenses will be 15% greater.

It is anticipated that the research will have many different practical applications.

anticipate doing something

I didn't anticipate having to do the cooking myself!

2 THINK ABOUT to think about something that is going to happen, especially something pleasant

SYN look forward to

Daniel was eagerly anticipating her arrival.

3 BEFORE to do something before someone else:

Copernicus anticipated in part the discoveries of the 17th and 18th centuries.

— **anticipatory** /æŋˈtɪsɪˈpeɪt ri \$ ænˈtɪsəpəːtɔːri/ adjective
(formal) :

the anticipatory atmosphere of a big college football game

Word origin

Date: 1500–1600

Language: Latin

Origin: past participle of *anticipare*, from *ante-* (→ ANTE-) + *capere* ‘to take’

Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English

© Pearson Education Limited 2009, 2011, 2015