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Retro – in retrospect

"In retrospect, I would have done it differently." The prefix "retro" [RET tro] means "looking backwards" or "back" or "located behind". Nowadays when something is called "retro" it may refer to a style or an era that has passed.

Words that use the prefix include: retrograde, retroactive, retrofit, retrospective, retrospection, retrovirus and retroflex.

Sometimes the shorter RET is preferred by the Americans and REE is preferred by the British.

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