

day

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English

Alternative forms

- daie, daye (*obsolete*)

Etymology

From Middle English *day*, from Old English *dæg* (“day”), from Proto-Germanic **dagaz* (“day”), from Proto-Indo-European **dʰogʷh₂-o-s*, from **dʰegʷh₂* (“to burn”).

Cognate with Saterland Frisian *Dai* (“day”), West Frisian *dei* (“day”), Dutch *dag* (“day”), German Low German *Dag* (“day”), Alemannic German *Däi* (“day”), German *Tag* (“day”), Swedish, Norwegian and Danish *dag* (“day”), Icelandic *dagur* (“day”). Cognate also with Albanian *djeg* (“to burn”), Lithuanian *degti* (“to burn”), Tocharian A *tsäk-*, Russian *жечь* (*žecʹ*, “to burn”) from **degti*, *дѣготь* (*djógotʹ*, “tar, pitch”), Sanskrit *दाह* (*dāhá*, “heat”), *दहति* (*dáhati*, “to burn”), Latin *foveō* (“to warm, keep warm, incubate”).

Latin *diēs* is a false cognate; it derives from Proto-Indo-European **dyew-* (“to shine”).

Pronunciation

- enPR: *dā*, IPA^(key): */deɪ/*
- Audio (US) (*file*)
- Audio (UK female) (*file*)
- Audio (UK male) (*file*)
- Rhymes: **-eɪ**
- Homophone: *dey*

Noun

day (*plural days*)

1. Any period of 24 hours.

*I've been here for two **days** and a bit.*

2. A period from midnight to the following midnight.

*The **day** begins at midnight.*

3. (*astronomy*) Rotational period of a planet (especially Earth).

*A **day** on Mars is slightly over 24 hours.*

4. The part of a day period which one spends at one's job, school, etc.

*I worked two **days** last week.*

- **1913**, Joseph C. Lincoln, chapter 7, in *Mr. Pratt's Patients* (<http://openlibrary.org/works/OL5535161W>):

“[...] if you call my duds a ‘livery’ again there'll be trouble. It's bad enough to go around toggged out like a life saver on a drill **day**, but I can stand that 'cause I'm paid for it. What I won't stand is to have them togs called a livery. [...]”

5. Part of a day period between sunrise and sunset where one enjoys daylight; daytime.

day and night; I work at night and sleep during the day.

- **1898**, Winston Churchill, chapter 8, in *The Celebrity*:

The **day** was cool and snappy for August, and the Rise all green with a lavish nature. Now we plunged into a deep shade with the boughs lacing each other overhead, and crossed dainty, rustic bridges over the cold trout-streams, [...].

Antonym: night

6. A specified time or period; time, considered with reference to the existence or prominence of a person or thing; age; time.

Every dog has its day.

- **1910**, Emerson Hough, chapter I, in *The Purchase Price: Or The Cause of Compromise*, Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, OCLC 639762314 (<http://worldcat.org/oclc/639762314>), page 0108 (<https://archive.org/stream/purchasepriceorc00hougiala#page/0108/mode/1up>):

This new-comer was a man who in any company would have seemed striking. [...] Indeed, all his features were in large mold, like the man himself, as though he had come from a **day** when skin garments made the proper garb of men.

- **1945** August 17, George Orwell [pseudonym; Eric Arthur Blair], chapter 6, in *Animal Farm: A Fairy Story*, London: Secker & Warburg, OCLC 3655473 (<http://worldcat.org/oclc/3655473>):

If they had no more food than they had had in Jones's **day**, at least they did not have less.

- **2011**, Kat Martin, 'A Song for My Mother'^{[200} (<https://books.google.com/books?id=aDz9AgAAQBAJ&pg=PA200&dq=%22day%22>)]], Vanguard Press, → ISBN:

In his senior year, he had run across an old '66 Chevy Super Sport headed for the junkyard, bought it for a song, and overhauled it with his dad's help, turning it into the big red muscle car it was back in its **day**.

7. A period of contention of a day or less.

The day belonged to the Allies.

8. (meteorology) A 24-hour period beginning at 6am or sunrise.

Your 8am forecast: The high for the day will be 30 and the low, before dawn, will be 10.

Hypernyms

(Hypernyms of day):

- month
- time
- week
- year

Hyponyms

- bad hair day
- Bastille Day
- birthday
- Boxing Day
- bridal day
- calendar day
- Canada Day
- Christmas Day
- civil day
- Day of Atonement
- Day of Judgment
- day of reckoning
- day of rest
- Days of Awe
- days of grace
- D-Day
- dollar day
- doomsday
- duvet day
- feast day
- field day

- flag day
- Flag Day
- foreday
- Friday
- heyday
- holiday
- holy day
- judgment day
- lifeday
- loveday
- May Day
- midday
- Monday
- name day
- New Year's Day
- noonday
- one day
- payday
- polling day
- rainy day
- rest day
- saint's day
- Saturday
- sick day
- solar day
- someday
- St. Andrew's Day
- St. David's Day
- St. George's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- St. Stephen's Day
- Sunday
- synodic day
- the other day
- Thursday
- Tuesday
- Twelfth Day
- Victoria day
- wedding day
- Wednesday
- weekday
- workday
- working day

Derived terms

- daily

Related terms

- a broken clock is right twice a day
- a cold day in hell
- all day, all-day
- all in a day's work
- any day now
- as the day is long
- at the end of the day
- call it a day
- catch of the day
- day after day
- daybeam
- day bed, daybed
- day blindness
- day boarder
- dayboat
- daybook
- dayboy
- daybreak
- day by day
- day care, day centre, daycentre
- day-clean
- day dot
- daydream
- dayfly
- daygirl
- Day-Glo
- day hospital
- day in, day out
- day job
- day laborer, day labourer
- daylight
- daylily
- daylong
- daymare
- daymark
- day name
- day-neutral
- day of days
- day off
- day-old
- day one
- day out
- daypack
- daypart
- day patient
- day release
- day room
- days
- daysack
- daysail
- daysailer
- day school
- day shift
- dayspring
- daystar
- daytime
- day to day
- day-to-day
- day trade, daytrade
- day trader, daytrader
- day trading
- day trip
- dayward
- daywear
- degree-day
- dish of the day
- eight-day clock
- end one's days
- everyday
- every dog has its day
- first-day cover
- Friday
- from day to day
- have had its day
- have had one's day
- have seen one's day
- holiday
- in this day and age
- it's early days
- late in the day
- latter-day
- make one's day
- Monday
- off day
- one-day
- one of these days
- present-day
- rule the day
- same-day
- Saturday
- save the day
- Sunday
- that'll be the day
- Thursday
- time of day
- today
- today is a good day to die
- tomorrow is another day
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- weekday
- win the day
- workaday
- yesterday

Descendants

- Sranan Tongo: dei

Translations

See day/translations § Noun

References

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Verb

day (*third-person singular simple present* **days**, *present participle* **daying**, *simple past and past participle* **dayed**)

1. (*rare, intransitive*) To spend a day (in a place).

- **2008**, Richard F. Burton, *Arabian Nights, in 16 volumes*, page 233:

When I nighted and **dayed** in Damascus town, [...]

See also

- (*days of the week*) **day of the week**; Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday (Category: en:Days of the week) [edit]
- Sabbath
- calendar

Anagrams

- d'ya, y'ad, yad
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Cebuano

Etymology

Initial clipping of *inday*.

Pronunciation

- (*General Cebuano*) IPA^(key): /'ɔ̃aɪ/
- Rhymes: -aɪ
- Hyphenation: day

Noun

day

1. (*colloquial*) A familiar address to a girl.
 2. A familiar address to a daughter.
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Kalasha

Verb

day

1. I am
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Middle English

Etymology 1

From Old English *dæg*, from Proto-Germanic **dagaz*.

Alternative forms

- dai, dæi, dey, daʒ, dæʒ, dei, daye, daʒʒ, daʒh, daiʒ, *dah

Pronunciation

- (Early ME) IPA^(key): /daj/, /dɛj/
- IPA^(key): /dɛj/

Noun

day (plural **dayes** or **days** or **dawes**)

1. day (composed of 24 hours)

- a. **1400**, Geoffrey Chaucer, "The Clerk's Tale", in *The Canterbury Tales*, line 783-784:
Toward Saluces shaping hir journey, / Fro **day** to **day** they ryden in hir wey [...]
Towards Saluzzo they point their journey, / From **day** to **day** they ride on their way [...]

2. day (as opposed to night)

- a. **1382**, John Wycliffe, "Genesis 1:5", in *Wycliffe's Bible*:
and he clepide the liʒt, **dai**, and the derkneffis, nyʒt. And the euentid and morwetid was maad,
o **daie**.

And he called light "**day**" and the darkness "night". And the evening and morning was made; one **day**.

3. daylight, sunlight
4. epoch, age, period
5. A certain day.

Antonyms

- nyght

Related terms

- Childermasse day
- Friday
- Paske day
- Thursday
- daily
- holiday
- Saturday
- Wednesday
- ende-day
- lawday
- Sunnenday
- weke-day
- endyng day
- Monday
- Tewesday
- yesterday

Descendants

- English: day
- Scots: day

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Etymology 2

Pronoun

day

1. *Alternative form of þei*

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Scots

Etymology

From Middle English *day*, from Old English *dæg*, from Proto-Germanic **dagaz*.

Noun

day (*plural days*)

1. day
2. (*in the definite singular*) today

*A'm sorry, A've no seen Angus **the day**.*

*I'm sorry, I haven't seen Angus **today**.*

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