

Need another word that means the same as “late”? Find 50 synonyms and 30 related words for “late” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Late” are: later, belated, tardy, former, previous, recent, behind time, behind schedule, behind, behindhand, dead, deceased, departed, lamented, passed away, passed on, lost, expired, gone, extinct, preceding, past, prior, earlier, sometime, one-time, ex-, erstwhile, old, defunct, precedent, foregoing, no longer extant, lately, latterly, of late, recently, deep, belatedly, tardily, after hours, after office hours, overtime, past the usual closing time, past the usual finishing time, past the usual stopping time, late at night**

## Late as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Late" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “late” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Of the immediate past or just previous to the present time.*
- *No longer having the specified status; former.*
- *After the expected or usual time; delayed.*
- *Doing something or taking place after the expected, proper, or usual time.*
- *Of the immediate past.*
- *(used especially of persons) of the immediate past.*
- *Belonging or taking place far on in a particular period.*

- *Flowering or ripening towards the end of the season.*
- *At or toward an end or late period or stage of development.*
- *(of a specified person) no longer alive.*
- *Having died recently.*
- *Being or occurring at an advanced period of time or after a usual or expected time.*
- *Denoting or belonging to the advanced stage of a historical period or cultural movement.*
- *Far on in the day or night.*
- *Of a later stage in the development of a language or literature; used especially of dead languages.*



## Synonyms of "Late" as an adjective (33 Words)

**behind** Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest.  
***Behind** by two points.*

**behind schedule** Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest.

<b>behind time</b>	Having the lower score or lagging position in a contest. Behind schedule.
<b>behindhand</b>	You are miserably <b>behindhand</b> Mr Cole gave me a hint of it six weeks ago.
<b>belated</b>	Coming or happening later than should have been the case. A <b>belated</b> birthday card.
<b>dead</b>	Lacking acoustic resonance. A <b>dead</b> telephone line.
<b>deceased</b>	Dead. The <b>deceased</b> man s family.
<b>defunct</b>	No longer existing or functioning. A <b>defunct</b> organization.
<b>departed</b>	Dead. A dear <b>departed</b> relative.
<b>earlier</b>	Very young. A fashion popular in <b>earlier</b> times.
<b>erstwhile</b>	Former. The <b>erstwhile</b> president of the company.
<b>ex-</b>	Out of fashion.
<b>expired</b>	Having come to an end or become void after passage of a period of time. An <b>expired</b> passport.
<b>extinct</b>	No longer in existence; lost or especially having died out leaving no living representatives. Threw his <b>extinct</b> cigarette into the stream.
<b>foregoing</b>	Especially of writing or speech; going before. The <b>foregoing</b> analysis of the economic class structure.
<b>former</b>	Of or occurring in the past. Her <b>former</b> boyfriend.
<b>gone</b>	Stupefied or excited by a chemical substance (especially alcohol). A bunch of real <b>gone</b> cats.
<b>lamented</b>	A conventional way of describing someone who has died or something that has ceased to exist. The late and much <b>lamented</b> Leonard Bernstein.
<b>later</b>	At or toward an end or late period or stage of development. <b>Later</b> medical science could have saved the child.

<b>lost</b>	Having lost your bearings confused as to time or place or personal identity. <i>A <b>lost</b> prize.</i>
<b>no longer extant</b>	Quantifier; used with either mass nouns or plural count nouns for indicating a complete or almost complete lack or zero quantity of.
<b>old</b>	Used informally especially for emphasis old adj of a very early stage in development. <i><b>Old</b> friendships.</i>
<b>one-time</b>	Belonging to some prior time.
<b>passed away</b>	Of advancing the ball by throwing it.
<b>passed on</b>	Of advancing the ball by throwing it.
<b>past</b>	Gone by in time and no longer existing. <i>The danger is now <b>past</b>.</i>
<b>precedent</b>	Preceding in time, order, or significance. <i>A <b>precedent</b> case.</i>
<b><u>preceding</u></b>	Of a person who has held and relinquished a position or office. <i>The <b>preceding</b> pages.</i>
<b>previous</b>	(used especially of persons) of the immediate past. <i>She looked tired after her exertions of the <b>previous</b> evening.</i>
<b><u>prior</u></b>	Earlier in time. <i>He has a <b>prior</b> engagement this evening.</i>
<b>recent</b>	New. <i>His <b>recent</b> trip to Africa.</i>
<b>sometime</b>	Belonging to some prior time. <i>The <b>sometime</b> editor of the paper.</i>
<b><u>tardy</u></b>	After the expected or usual time; delayed. <i><b>Tardy</b> children are sent to the principal.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Late" as an adjective

- *They won the game with a late goal.*
- *A late development.*
- *A late colleague of mine.*
- *She was half an hour late for her lunch appointment.*
- *A late movie.*
- *His late arrival.*
- *I'm late for the plane.*
- *It's too late for sherry.*
- *Had a late breakfast.*
- *The late 1960s.*
- *An elegantly dressed woman in her late fifties.*
- *Late evening.*
- *Took a late flight.*
- *A later symptom of the disease.*

- *The last late chrysanthemums.*
- *Our late President is still very active.*
- *Late Gothic style.*
- *Her late husband.*
- *The train is late.*
- *Their late quarrel.*
- *Later medical science could have saved the child.*
- *I'm sorry the call is so late.*
- *A belated birthday card.*
- *The late phase of feudalism.*
- *Her late husband's grave.*
- *The late Francis Bacon.*
- *Late 18th century.*



## Late as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Late" as an adverb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "late" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *At an advanced age or stage.*
- *Far on in time; towards the end of a period.*
- *After the expected, proper, or usual time.*
- *Formerly but not now living or working in a specified place or institution.*
- *To an advanced time.*
- *At or until a time far on in the day or night.*
- *In the recent past.*
- *Later than usual or than expected.*



## Synonyms of "Late" as an adverb (17 Words)

<b>after hours</b>	Behind or in the rear.
<b>after office hours</b>	Happening at a time subsequent to a reference time.
<b>behind schedule</b>	In or to or toward the rear.
<b>behind time</b>	Of timepieces.
<b>behindhand</b>	In debt. <i>A company that has been run <b>behindhand</b> for years.</i>
<b>belatedly</b>	Later than should have been the case. <i>The High Command had <b>belatedly</b> altered its tactics.</i>
<b>deep</b>	Far down or in deeply. <i>He swung the ball in <b>deep</b>.</i>
<b>late at night</b>	In the recent past.
<b>lately</b>	In the recent past. <i><b>Lately</b> the rules have been enforced.</i>
<b>latterly</b>	In the recent past. <i><b>Latterly</b> his painting has shown a new freedom of expression.</i>
<b>of late</b>	Later than usual or than expected.
<b>overtime</b>	Beyond the regular time. <i>His brain was working <b>overtime</b>.</i>
<b>past the usual closing time</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>past the usual finishing time</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>past the usual stopping time</b>	So as to pass a given point.
<b>recently</b>	In the recent past. <i>Until <b>recently</b> we had a female doctor.</i>
<b>tardily</b>	Later than usual or than expected. <i>Notice came so <b>tardily</b> that we almost missed the deadline.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Late" as an adverb

- *Feeling better of late.*
- *Talked late into the evening.*
- *She arrived late.*
- *The children came late to school.*
- *As late as yesterday she was fine.*
- *The train arrived late.*
- *It happened late in 1994.*
- *Lately the rules have been enforced.*
- *Now I'm old enough to stay up late.*
- *I belatedly wished her a happy birthday.*
- *We awoke late.*
- *Mrs Halford, late of the County Records Office.*



## Associations of "Late" (30 Words)

- adulthood** The state (and responsibilities) of a person who has attained maturity.  
*The crucial years between adolescence and **adulthood**.*
- afternoon** In the afternoon every afternoon.  
*I ll be back at three in the **afternoon**.*
- april** The month following March and preceding May.
- back** The part of a garment that covers the back of your body.  
*He leaned **back** in his chair.*
- behind** A kick that sends the ball over a behind line or a touch that sends it between the inner posts scoring one point.  
*Ben led the way with Joe a short distance **behind**.*

<b>belated</b>	After the expected or usual time; delayed. <i>A <b>belated</b> apology.</i>
<b>deceased</b>	The recently dead person in question. <i>The <b>deceased</b> man s family.</i>
<b>dilatory</b>	Intended to cause delay. <i>They resorted to <b>dilatory</b> tactics forcing a postponement of peace talks.</i>
<b>doyen</b>	A man who is the senior member of a group. <i>He became the <b>doyen</b> of British physicists.</i>
<b>evening</b>	An evening characterized by a particular event or activity. <i>A couple in <b>evening</b> dress.</i>
<b>fifties</b>	The decade from 1950 to 1959.
<b>following</b>	Immediately following in time or order. <i>The <b>following</b> day.</i>
<b>forties</b>	The decade from 1940 to 1949.
<b>future</b>	Bulk commodities bought or sold at an agreed price for delivery at a specified future date. <i>We plan on getting married in the near <b>future</b>.</i>
<b>later</b>	At or toward an end or late period or stage of development. <i><b>Later</b> medical science could have saved the child.</i>
<b>lazy</b>	(of a river) slow-moving. <i>He was too <b>lazy</b> to cook.</i>
<b>loosen</b>	Make less strict. <i><b>Loosen</b> your collar and tie.</i>
<b>mature</b>	Fully developed or matured and ready to be eaten or used. <i>On <b>mature</b> reflection he decided they should not go.</i>
<b>newly</b>	Very recently. <i>They are <b>newly</b> married.</i>
<b>night</b>	A shortening of nightfall. <i>He watched television every <b>night</b>.</i>
<b>posterior</b>	Coming after in time or order; later. <i>A date <b>posterior</b> to the first Reform Bill.</i>
<b>posthumous</b>	(of a child) born after the death of its father. <i>A <b>posthumous</b> book.</i>
<b>rear</b>	Located in or toward the back or rear. <i>To his <b>rear</b> was a group of figures.</i>
<b>sluggish</b>	Not active or brisk. <i>A <b>sluggish</b> worker.</i>

- sometime** At some indefinite or unstated time.  
*You must come and have supper **sometime**.*
- subsequent** Coming after something in time; following.  
***Subsequent** developments.*
- tardy** Slow in action or response; sluggish.  
***Tardy** children are sent to the principal.*
- then** Subsequently or soon afterward (often used as sentence connectors).  
*Go left first **then** right.*
- timing** The regulation of occurrence, pace, or coordination to achieve a desired effect (as in music, theater, athletics, mechanics).  
*One of the secrets of cricket is good **timing**.*

