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Hi, everyone! Late is a very useful word. Find out why on this English In A Minute.

The most common meaning of late is 'after the correct time'. It can go before a noun as an adjective. I had a late breakfast so I took the late train. Or it can modify a verb as an adverb. I arrived late to class because the train came late.

And don’t forget, you can be late for something. I’m going to be late for my own wedding!

Late can also mean 'near the end of a period of time'. We didn’t go to bed until late at night. We often talk about periods in history this way. The internet was invented in the late 20th century.

You can also combine late with 'of' to mean 'recently'. I’ve been using the internet a lot of late.

Finally, late can be used to refer to a person who has died – usually recently.

Look at the time! I’ve got to go! I’m late!

Not dead!