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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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!