

An 18-page ENGLISH study PDF



**Today - Tomorrow
The Day After
Tomorrow**



Learn how to use the words
TODAY, TOMORROW,
THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW,
YESTERDAY and **THE DAY BEFORE**
YESTERDAY
like a native speaker.



Also, increase your range of conversation topics with *time* by adding the preposition **IN** and the adverb **AGO**.

It is Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

Feb. 9th – **today**

Feb. 10th – **tomorrow**

Feb. 11th – **the day after tomorrow**

What if we go back?

Feb. 9th – **today**

Feb. 8th – **yesterday**

Feb. 7th – **the day before yesterday**

Please look at the following calendar:

FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Pretend that **today** is Wednesday, *February 9th*. We will use a calendar from 2011 to guide us as we practice this English grammar.

We will start with and an easy one.

What do we call Thursday, *February 10th*?

Tomorrow of course!

Now when we talk about Friday,
February 11th we will say **the day after
tomorrow**.

“I’m going to Hokkaido **the day after
tomorrow**.”

FEBRUARY

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In natural communication, it’s
probably more common to just say:

“I’m going to Hokkaido **on Friday**.”

AFTER the Day After Tomorrow

After Friday the 11th we count how many days forward and use the preposition **IN**. Remember that today is Wednesday, February 9th, so if we want to talk about Saturday, February 12th we would say “**IN 3 days.**”

“I’m going to Hokkaido **IN 3 days.**” = 3 days from today.

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What would we say for Sunday the 13th?

That's right! "IN 4 days."

Remember it is also natural to simply use the day or date to share your future plans. We use the preposition **ON** when we talk about a specific **DAY** or **DATE**.

*Day is talking about the days of the week - **Monday to Sunday**.*

*Date is talking about the day of the month - **1st, 14th, 22nd** etc.*

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I'm going to Hokkaido on the **13th**.

Chris has to work on **Saturday**.

Lucas will arrive on the **28th**.

The 28th means THIS MONTH.

*If a date follows the article **THE**, the speaker is talking about the current month.*

“I'm going to Hokkaido **IN** 3 days.”
= 3 days from today.

We can use the preposition **IN** with other periods of time too.

Jason will be here **IN**
about 10 minutes. =
*About 10 minutes
from now.*



We're leaving **IN** an hour. = *1 hour from now.*

I will go to Hokkaido **IN** 3 weeks. = *3 weeks from now.*

I will graduate **IN** 2 months. = *Two months from now.*



My Dad will retire **IN** 4 years. = *4 years from now.*

Yesterday and The day before yesterday

Now past times, what do we call Tuesday, February 8th?

Yesterday.

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Now, what do you think we call Monday, February 7th?

For Monday, February 7th we say
the day before yesterday.

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**“I went to Hokkaido the day
before yesterday.”**

*“I went to Hokkaido the **day before yesterday.**”*



In natural communication, it's also okay to say:

I went to Hokkaido on Monday.

“I went to Hokkaido the **day before yesterday.**”



“I went to Hokkaido **on Monday.**”

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BEFORE The day before yesterday
Before Monday, February 7th we count backward and use the word **AGO**.

Remember that today is Wednesday, February 9th, so if we want to talk about Sunday, February 6th we would say “3 days **AGO**.”

“I went to Hokkaido 3 days **AGO**.” = 3 days before today. (earlier)

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What would we say for Saturday, February 5th? You got it! “4 days **AGO**.”

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We can also use the adverb **AGO** with other periods of time.

Jason left work about 20 minutes **AGO**.
= *About 20 minutes earlier.*

The pizza came an hour **AGO**. = *1 hour before now.*



I went to Hokkaido 3 weeks **AGO**. = *3 weeks before today.*

I graduated 2 months **AGO**. = *Two months before earlier.*

My Dad retired 4 years **AGO**. = *4 years before earlier.*

*"Where is my new computer!!! I ordered it 6 days **AGO!!!**"*



"I'm sorry sir, your computer should arrive **the day after tomorrow** "

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