

midnight[ˈmɪdnaɪt] *n*

1. полночь

midnight hours - полуночные часы

midnight train - поезд, отходящий в полночь

2. непроглядная тьма

◇ midnight appointment - *амер.* назначения, проводимые правительством к концу пребывания у власти

to burn the midnight oil - поздно засиживаться за работой

his essay smells of the midnight oil - видно, что он за своим сочинением просидел всю ночь

Midnight Oil Operation - *воен. жарг.* заочный курс общеобразовательной подготовки**midnight**

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mid-night [ˈmɪdnaɪt ˈmɪdnaɪts] *BrE* [ˈmɪdnaɪt] *NAme* [ˈmɪdnaɪt] *noun*

uncountable

1. 12 o'clock at night

• They had to leave **at midnight** .• on the stroke of **midnight/shortly** after **midnight**

• She heard the clock strike midnight.

• Let's have a midnight feast tonight (= a secret meal that children like to have in the middle of the night).

• We have to catch the midnight train.

2. (especially *NAme*) = ↑midnight blue**see** burn the midnight oil **at** ↑burn *v.*, do a moonlight/midnight flit **at** ↑flit *n.*Word Origin:

Old English midniht (see ↑mid-, ↑night).

Example Bank:

- Downstairs in the hall, midnight struck.
- It was approaching midnight when I finally reached home.
- On the stroke of midnight, Prince Charming turned back into a rat.
- The church clock struck midnight.
- the land of the midnight sun
- The law comes into effect on the stroke of midnight tomorrow.
- The ship set sail shortly after midnight.
- They had to leave at midnight.

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mid-night **S3** /ˈmɪdnaɪt/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [uncountable][**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑night, ↑midnight, ↑nightie; *adverb:* ↑overnight, ↑nightly; *adjective:* ↑nightly, ↑overnight]12 o'clock at night ⇔ **midday****at midnight**

▪ The train is due in at midnight.

after/before midnight

▪ We stayed there until way after midnight.

▪ You can't phone her now – it's gone midnight (=after midnight)!▪ By the time he arrived, it was well past midnight (=after midnight).**at/on the stroke of midnight** (=at exactly midnight)

▪ The treaty will come into force on the stroke of midnight tonight.

▪ He's gone for a midnight swim.

▶ Do not say 'in the midnight'. If you mean 'at 12 o'clock at night' say **at midnight** and if you mean 'very late at night' say **in the middle of the night**.⇒ **burn the midnight oil** at ↑burn¹(20)**midnight**

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