

[su:n] *adv*

1. скоро, вскоре

pretty soon - довольно скоро

come again soon - приходите поскорее опять

it is cold here in the morning but it soon warms up - по утрам здесь холодно, но потом быстро теплеет

how soon can you come back? - когда /как скоро/ вы вернётесь?

we had no sooner come than she burst into tears - не успели мы прийти, как она расплакалась

2. рано

you spoke about it too soon - вы слишком рано /преждевременно/ заговорили об этом

the sooner the better - чем раньше, тем лучше

sooner or later - рано или поздно, когда-нибудь, в конце концов

let us leave soon - давайте уйдём пораньше

I can get there in two days at the soonest - я смогу добраться туда не раньше чем за два дня

3. ОХОТНО, С ГОТОВНОСТЬЮ

I would just as soon stay at home - я бы охотно остался дома

which would you soonest do? - что бы вы предпочли сделать?

I'd sooner walk than drive - я лучше пойду пешком (а не поеду)

sooner than give in I would rather die - я умру, но не сдамся

4. в сочетаниях:

as soon as, so soon as - как только

I'll come as soon as I can - я приду как только смогу

he got married as soon as he graduated - он женился сразу после окончания вуза

as soon as possible - как можно скорее

◇ as soon as not - столь же вероятно; скорее да, чем нет

no sooner said than done - ≅ сказано - сделано

soon

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soon [soon sooner soonest] *BrE* [suːn] *NAmE* [suːn] *adverb* (soon-er,

soon-est)

1. in a short time from now; a short time after sth else has happened

• We'll be home soon./We'll soon be home.

• She sold the house **soon after** her husband died.

• I soon realized the mistake.

• It soon became clear that the programme was a failure.

• (informal) **See you soon!**

2. early; quickly

• **How soon** can you get here?• We'll deliver the goods **as soon as** we can.• Please send it **as soon as possible**.• Next Monday is **the soonest** we can deliver.

• They arrived home sooner than expected.

• **The sooner** we set off, **the sooner** we will arrive.

• The note said, 'Call Bill soonest' (= as soon as possible).

• **All too soon** the party was over.**see also** ↑asap**more at** anytime soon **at** ↑any time, I, etc. would just as soon do sth **at** ↑just *adv.*, least said soonest mended **at** ↑say *v.***Idioms:** ↑I would sooner do something ▪ ↑no sooner said than done ▪ ↑no sooner ... than ... ▪ ↑sooner or later ▪ ↑sooner rather than later ▪ ↑sooner the betterWord Origin:

Old English sōna 'immediately', of West Germanic origin.

Grammar Point:**hardly / scarcely / barely / no sooner**

Hardly, scarcely and barely can all be used to say that something is only just true or possible. They are used with words like **any** and **anyone**, with adjectives and verbs, and are often placed between **can**, **could**, **have**, **be**, etc. and the main part of the verb: ▪ They have sold scarcely any copies of the book. ◇ I barely recognized her. ◇ His words were barely audible. ◇ I can hardly believe it. ◇ I hardly can believe it.

Hardly, scarcely and barely are negative words and should not be used with **not** or other negatives: I can't hardly believe it.

You can also use hardly, scarcely and barely to say that one thing happens immediately after another: ▪ We had hardly/scarcely/barely sat down at the table, when the phone rang. In formal, written English, especially in a literary style, these words can be placed at the beginning of the sentence and then the subject and verb are turned around: ▪ Hardly/Scarcely had we sat down at the table, when the phone rang. Note that you usually use **when** in these sentences, not **than**. You can also use **before**: ▪ I scarcely had time to ring the bell before the door opened. No sooner can be used in the same way, but is always used with **than**: ▪ No sooner had we sat down at the table than the phone rang.

Hardly and scarcely can be used to mean 'almost never', but barely is not used in this way: ▪ She hardly (ever) sees her parents these days. ◇ She barely sees her parents these days.

soon **S1 W1** /suːn BrE ˈsʊn AmE ˈsʊn *adverb* (comparative **sooner**, superlative **soonest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: sona 'immediately']

1. in a short time from now, or a short time after something else happens:

- It will be dark soon.
- David arrived sooner than I expected.

soon after

- Paula became pregnant soon after they were married.
- 'Who?' 'You'll find out soon enough (=fairly soon).'

2. quickly:

- How soon can you finish the report?
- Try and get the car fixed as soon as possible.

3. **as soon as** immediately after something happens, without delay:

- As soon as she entered the room, she knew there was something wrong.
- I'll come over to your place as soon as I can.

4. **the sooner (...) the better** used to say that it is important that something should happen very soon:

- The sooner we get this job finished the better.
- Let's get out of here! The sooner the better!

5. **the sooner ... the sooner** used to say that you want something to happen soon, so that something else can then happen:

- The sooner I get this work done, the sooner I can go home.

6. **no sooner had/did ... than** used to say that something happened almost immediately after something else:

- No sooner had he sat down than the phone rang.

7. **sooner or later** used to say that something is certain to happen at some time in the future, though you cannot be sure exactly when:

- His wife's bound to find out sooner or later.

8. **too soon** too early

too soon to do something

- It's still too soon to say whether the operation was a success.
- The holidays were over all too soon (=much earlier than you would like).

9. **no sooner said than done** used to say that you will do something immediately

10. **not a moment too soon/none too soon** almost too late:

- 'The doctor's here!' 'And not a moment too soon!'

11. **somebody would sooner do something (than)** if you would sooner do something, you would much prefer to do it, especially instead of something that seems unpleasant:

- I'd sooner die than marry you!

12. **somebody would (just) as soon formal** used to say that someone would prefer to do something or would prefer something to happen:

- I'd just as soon you didn't drive the car while I'm gone.

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- **soon** in a short time from now, or a short time after something else happens: See you soon! | It seemed difficult at first, but I soon got used to it.
- **in the near future** in the next few weeks or months. **In the near future** is more formal than **soon**: The book will be on sale in the near future.
- **in no time (at all)** very soon – used to talk about something good happening: You'll be feeling better in no time at all. | In no time at all, her son was starting to speak Japanese.
- **in a minute spoken** used to say that you will do something or something will happen within a few minutes: I'll be ready in a minute. | The film's going to start in a minute.
- **any minute now spoken** used to say that something will or may happen very soon, but you do not know exactly when: They should be here any minute now.
- **any day now spoken** used to say that something will or may happen in the next few days, but you do not know exactly when: I'm hoping to hear from her any day now.
- **shortly formal** a short time from now: They will be with us shortly. | the new laws that will shortly be coming into effect
- **before long especially literary** soon – used especially when something happens which you expected to happen: They got married, and before long Anna was expecting a baby.
- **it will not be long** used when saying that something will happen soon: It won't be long before everything is back to normal. | I knew that it wouldn't be long before the same thing happened again.

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