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1. [lɑ:st] *n*

1. 1) последний, последнее

the last of the Stuart Kings - последний король из династии Стюартов

the /this/ last - последний из упомянутых

as we said in our last - как мы указывали в нашем последнем письме

her last - её младший (*ребёнок*)

2) остаток

the last of the wine - остатки вина

these are the last of our apples - вот всё что осталось от наших яблок

2. 1) конец

the last of - конец (*года, месяца, недели и т. п.*)

to see the last of smb. smth. - видеть кого-л., что-л. в последний раз

we have seen the last of him - мы его больше не увидим

2) конец, смерть; последний час

to be faithful to the last - быть верным до последнего часа /до гроба/

he remained impenitent to the last - он не раскаялся до самого конца /до последнего вдоха/

3. шутка, выдумка, каламбур, оставленные под конец

◇ at last - наконец

at (the) long last - в конце концов

to the last, till the last - до конца

to hold on to the last - держаться до конца

to fight to the last - сражаться до конца

we shall never hear the last of it - ≅ этому никогда не будет конца

to breathe one's last - испустить последний вздох, умереть

2. [lɑ:st] *a*1. 1) *superl om late I*

2) последний

the last page in /of/ a book - последняя страница книги

the last carriage of a train - последний вагон поезда

3) последний (*по времени*)

last but one - предпоследний

last but two - третий с конца

the last day of the year - последний день года

to see smb. for the last time - видеть кого-л. в последний раз

in the last 2 years - в (за) последние два года

4) единственный, последний

last crust /resource/ - единственный оставшийся источник существования

to give one's last shilling - отдать последний шиллинг

5) последний, предсмертный

last rites /sacrament/ - *церк.* соборование

2. прошлый

last year [month, week] - прошлый год [месяц, -ая неделя]; в прошлом году [месяце, на -ой неделе]

the week before last - позапрошлая неделя

last night - а) прошлая ночь; прошлой ночью; last night I slept badly - прошлой ночью я плохо спал; б) вчера вечером

last night we got home late - вчера вечером мы поздно вернулись

last March - а) март этого года (*если это говорится в апреле - декабре*); б) март прошлого года (*если это говорится в январе - феврале*) [*соответственно о всех других месяцах*]

in the last chapter - в предыдущей главе

3. самый новый, самый последний, самый свежий

the last news we received - самое последнее полученное нами сообщение

the last thing in motor-cars - самая последняя /новейшая/ модель автомобиля

4. самый неподходящий, самый нежелательный или неожиданный

the last person to be accused - человек, которого никак нельзя обвинить

the last man we wanted to see - человек, которого мы меньше всего хотели бы видеть

he is the last man to consult in such matters - он самый неподходящий человек для совета по такому делу

that's the last thing I would have expected - этого я никак не ожидал

she is the last person to help - от неё меньше всего можно ожидать помощи

5. крайний, чрезвычайный

of the last importance - чрезвычайно важный

◇ last but not least - а) последний, но тем не менее важный; б) последний, но не самый худший

the last day - светопреставление, конец света

the last great change - смерть [*букв.* последняя великая перемена]

on one's last legs - при последнем издыхании, в полном изнеможении

to be on its last legs - быть шатким /ветхим/; еле-еле держаться

this firm is on its last legs - эта фирма находится на краю банкротства

3. [lɑ:st] *adv*

1. после всех

who came last? - кто пришёл последним?

he spoke last - он говорил последним

2. в последний раз

when did you see him last? - когда вы видели его в последний раз?

when did you last get a letter from him? - когда вы получили последнее письмо от него?

3. на последнем месте, в конце (при перечислении и т. п.)

II

1. [lɑːst] n

выдержка; выносливость

2. [lɑːst] v

1. 1) продолжаться, длиться

war lasted four years - война продолжалась четыре года

as long as my life lasts - пока я жив

the frost has lasted a month - морозы стояли /держались/ целый месяц

will their marriage last? - прочен ли /не развалится ли/ их брак?

2) выдерживать, оставаться в живых

he can't last till morning - он не доживёт до утра

certain flowers [insects] last but a day - некоторые цветы [насекомые] живут только один день

2. 1) сохраняться (в хорошем состоянии); носиться (о ткани и т. п.)

good woollen cloth lasts long - хорошая шерстяная ткань носится долго

this suit has lasted well - этому костюму сносу нет

2) выдерживать (о здоровье, силах)

his strength lasted to the end of the journey - силы не изменяли ему до конца путешествия

3. быть достаточным, хватать (мж. last out)

how many days will our food last? - на сколько дней нам хватит продуктов?

to have enough tobacco to last for a month - иметь запас табака на месяц

you must make your money last till you get home - вы должны постараться растянуть деньги до приезда домой

our supply of coal will hardly last (out) the winter - нашего запаса угля с трудом хватит на зиму

II

1. [lɑːst] n

колодка (сапожная)

◇ to stick to one's last - заниматься своим делом, не вмешиваться в то, чего не понимаешь; ≅ всяк сверчок знай свой шесток

2. [lɑːst] v

натягивать на колодку

IV

[lɑːst] n

1. ласт (мера различная для разного товара: 80 бушелей зерна, 12 мешков шерсти, 24 бочонка пороха и т. п.)

2. мор. уст. единица грузоподъёмности (≈ 2 т)

last

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• **last** 1 [last lasts lasted lasting] determiner, adverb, noun, verb BrE [lɑːst]

NAmE [læst]

see also ↑last 2

determiner

1. happening or coming after all other similar things or people

• We caught the last bus home.

• It's the last house on the left.

• She was last to arrive

2. only before noun most recent

• last night/Tuesday/month/summer/year

• her last book

• This last point is crucial.

• The last time I saw him was in May.

3. only before noun only remaining

Syn: ↑final

• This is our last bottle of water.

• He knew this was his last hope of winning.

• I wouldn't marry you if you were the last person on earth!

4. used to emphasize that sb/sth is the least likely or suitable

• The last thing she needed was more work.

• He's the last person I'd trust with a secret.

more at in the final/last analysis at ↑analysis, his/her last/dying breath at ↑breath, famous last words at ↑famous, at long last at

↑long adj., to the last man at ↑man n., the last/final straw at ↑straw, first/last thing at ↑thing, a week yesterday, last Monday, etc. at

↑week, the last/final word at ↑word n.

Word Origin:

det. and adv. n. Old English latost 'after all others in a series' Germanic Dutch laatst lest German letzt ↑late v. Old English

Thesaurus:

last det., adj.

1.

- The last bus leaves at midnight.

final • **closing** • **later** • **latter** • **ultimate** •

Opp: first

last/final/closing/after/latter/ultimate **stage/phase**

sb's/sth's last/final/closing/after/latter **years**

the last/final/closing **remark/chapter/minutes**

2.

- We went to Greece last year.

past • **previous** • |formal **preceding** •

Opp: first, **Opp:** next

the last/past/previous/preceding **few days/week/month/year/century**

the last/previous **page/chapter/time/visit/meeting/war**

Last or past? You can only use **past** about a period of time that has just gone by; it must be used with **the** or a determiner such as **this**:

- The past week has been very busy.

- Last week was very busy.

Past is not used about particular dates, or about things:

- The critics hated her last book.

✗ The critics hated her past book.

Example Bank:

- Last summer we went to Greece for a month.
- Shirley had a talk with her last Friday.
- The critics all hated her last book.
- This last point, that Hamish has mentioned, is crucial.
- Her last words were for her children.
- I wouldn't marry you if you were the last person on earth!
- It took my last reserves of strength and will to swim to the lifeboat.
- It's the last house on the left.
- She was hanging on to the last remaining shreds of her reputation.
- The museum is one of the last remnants of the 17th-century palace.
- The teacher gave her one last chance to prove she could behave.
- This is our last bottle of wine.
- This is the last call for passengers on Lufthansa flight 420 to Frankfurt.

Idioms: †at last ▪ day/week/month before last ▪ †every last ... ▪ †have the last laugh ▪ †in the last resort ▪ †last I heard ▪ †last but not least ▪ †last in, first out ▪ †last minute ▪ last resort ▪ †last word ▪ †next to last ▪ †on its last legs ▪ †see the last of somebody ▪ the last ▪ †your last gasp

adverb

1. after anyone or anything else; at the end

- He came last in the race.
- They arrived last of all.

2. most recently

- When did you see him last?
- I saw him last/I last saw him in New York two years ago.
- They last won the cup in 2006.

more at first and last **at** †first_{adv.}, he who laughs last laughs longest **at** †laugh_{v.}

Word Origin:

det. and **adv. n.** Old English latost 'after all others in a series' Germanic Dutch laatst lest German letzt †late **v.** Old English læŋstan Germanic German leisten 'afford, yield' †last 2

noun the last (pl. **the last**)

1. the person or thing that comes or happens after all other similar people or things

- Sorry I'm late— am I the last?
- They were the last to arrive

2. ~ of sth the only remaining part or items of sth

- These are the last of our apples.

more at breathe your last **at** †breathe, from first to last **at** †first_{n.}

Word Origin:

det. and **adv. n.** Old English latost 'after all others in a series' Germanic Dutch laatst lest German letzt †late **v.** Old English læŋstan Germanic German leisten 'afford, yield' †last 2

Which Word?:

lastly / at last

Lastly is used to introduce the last in a list of things or the final point you are making: ▫ Lastly, I would like to thank my parents for all their support.

At last is used when something happens after a long time, especially when there has been some difficulty or delay: ▫ At last, after twenty hours on the boat, they arrived at their destination. You can also use finally, eventually or in the end with this meaning, but not lastly.

Example Bank:

- We finished the last of the milk at breakfast.

verb

- 1. intransitive** (not used in the progressive tenses) to continue for a particular period of time
 - The meeting only lasted (for) a few minutes.
 - Each game lasts about an hour.
 - How long does the play last?
- 2. intransitive, transitive** to continue to exist or to function well
 - This weather won't last.
 - He's making a big effort now, and I hope it lasts.
 - ~ **sb** These shoes should last you till next year.
- 3. intransitive, transitive** to survive sth or manage to stay in the same situation, despite difficulties
 - She won't last long in that job.
 - ~ **(out)** Can you last (out) until I can get help?
 - ~ **(out) sth** Doctors say that she probably won't last out the night (= she will probably die before the morning).
 - He was injured early on and didn't last the match.
- 4. intransitive, transitive** to be enough for sb to use, especially for a particular period of time
 - ~ **(out)** Will the coffee last out till next week?
 - ~ **sb (out)** We've got enough food to last us (for) three days.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	last
	BrE /kɑːst/
	NA.mE /læst/
he / she / it	lasts
	BrE /kɑːsts/
	NA.mE /læsts/
past simple, past participle	lasted
	BrE /kɑːstɪd/
	NA.mE /læstɪd/
-ing form	lasting
	BrE /kɑːstɪŋ/
	NA.mE /læstɪŋ/

Thesaurus:

last verb I (not used in the progressive tenses)

- Each game lasts about an hour.

take • |especially written **continue** • |especially spoken **go on** • • **keep on** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **carry on** • |disapproving **drag on** •

last/continue/go on/keep on/carry on/drag on **for** hours/a week/two years, etc.

last/continue/go on/keep on/carry on/drag on **until** morning/next year, etc.

last/take **a few minutes/an hour/all day/years, etc.**

Which Word?:

last / take

Last and take are both used to talk about the length of time that something continues.

Last is used to talk about the length of time that an event continues: ▫ How long do you think this storm will last? ◇ ▫ The movie lasted over two hours. Last does not always need an expression of time: ▫ His annoyance won't last. Last is also used to say that you have enough of something: ▫ We don't have enough money to last until next month.

Take is used to talk about the amount of time you need in order to go somewhere or do something. It must be used with an expression of time: ▫ It takes (me) at least an hour to get home from work. ◇ ▫ How long will the flight take? ◇ ▫ The water took ages to boil.

Example Bank:

- Even when cut, the flowers last very well.
- Happiness never lasts.
- I always thought his popularity was unlikely to last.
- Interest rates are at their lowest level for a decade. I suggest you enjoy it while it lasts.
- Make the most of this feeling while it lasts.
- Nothing lasts forever.
- She hoped they had enough firewood to last through the night.

- The celebrations lasted well into the next week.
- The effort began in November and lasted through February.
- The flight seemed to last forever
- The good weather couldn't last.
- The kids are all very enthusiastic, but it won't last— it never does.
- The storm could last quite a long time.
- The trial is expected to last until the end of the week.
- The war lasted for three years.
- This house was built to last.
- This type of happiness rarely lasts.
- With care, the vines will last indefinitely.
- Your car will last longer if you look after it.
- a bruise that was sure to last for days
- Each game lasts (for) about an hour.
- He's making a big effort now, and I hope it lasts.
- The meeting only lasted a few minutes.
- This weather won't last.

See also: ↑last but one

- **last 2** [last lasts lasted lasting] *BrE* [lɑːst] *NAmE* [læst] **noun**
a block of wood or metal shaped like a foot, used in making and repairing shoes
see also ↑last ¹

Word Origin:

Old English læste Germanic 'follow' Dutch leest German Leisten

last

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I. **last**¹ **S1 W1** /lɑːst/ *BrE* *AmE* *determiner, adjective*

1. most recent or nearest to the present time ⇒ **next(12)**:

▪ I hadn't seen him since the last meeting.

last night/week/year etc

▪ Did you see the game on TV last night?

▪ The law was passed last August.

▪ Interest in golf has grown rapidly in the last ten years.

▪ Things have changed since the last time (=the most recent occasion) you were here.

2. happening or existing at the end, with no others after **OPP first**

▪ I didn't read the last chapter of the book.

▪ The next meeting will be held in the last week in June.

the last person/thing etc to do something

▪ Anna was the last person to see him alive.

last but one/two etc (=last except for one other, two others etc)

▪ on the last but one day of his trial

second/next to last (=last except for one other)

▪ the second to last paragraph

3. remaining after all others have gone, been used etc:

▪ Can I have the last piece of cake?

every last (=used to emphasize that you mean all of something)

▪ All the money was gone; every last penny of it.

4. **the last minute/moment** the latest possible time before something happens:

▪ Travelers will find it hard to get a hotel room at the last minute.

▪ He never makes a decision until almost the last moment.

5. **the last person/thing** used to make a strong negative statement about someone or something:

▪ She's the last person I'd expect to meet in a disco (=I would not expect to meet her in a disco at all).

▪ Money was the last thing I cared about right now.

the last thing somebody needs/wants

▪ The last thing she needed was for me to start crying too.

6. **be the last straw** to be the final thing in a series of annoying things that makes someone very angry:

▪ He'd broken his promise again, and it was the last straw.

7. **last thing (at night)** at the very end of the day:

▪ Take a couple of these pills last thing at night to help you sleep.

8. **on your last legs** *informal*

a) very tired:

▪ Sarah looks as if she's on her last legs.

b) very ill and likely to die soon

9. **on its last legs** *informal* old or in bad condition, and likely to stop working soon:

▪ The car's on its last legs.

10. **be the last word in something** to be the best, most modern, or most comfortable example of something:

▪ It's the last word in luxury holidays.

⇒ **last resort** at ↑*resort*¹⁽²⁾, ⇒ **with your last/dying breath** at ↑*breath*⁽⁹⁾, ⇒ ↑**last hurrah**, ⇒ **have the last laugh** at ↑*laugh*²⁽⁶⁾, ⇒ **the last/final word** at ↑*word*¹⁽¹⁴⁾

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■ the one before this one

- **last** most recent or nearest to the present time: His last film was much better. | It rained all day last Saturday. | The last time I saw her was two years ago.
- **previous** before this one, or before the one that you are talking about: See the diagram in the previous chapter. | His previous records had all been jazz records. | How much were you earning in your previous job?
- **former** [only before noun] *formal* existing or having a particular position in the past, but not now: the former Soviet Union | the former US president | Interest rates are unlikely to return to their former level. | the former Chief Executive
- **old** [only before noun] used about a person or thing that existed in the past, but has been replaced by a newer one: an old boyfriend | The old model was much slower.

■ the one that comes at the end

- **last** [only before noun] happening or existing at the end, with no others after: What time does the last train leave? | Our house is the last one on the right.
- **final** [only before noun] last in a series of actions, events, parts of a story etc: It's the final game of the championship tomorrow. | the final scene of the film
- **closing** [only before noun] used about the last part of a long period of time, or of an event, book etc that has been exciting or interesting: the closing years of the twentieth century | Barnes scored the winning goal in the closing minutes of the game.
- **concluding** [only before noun] used about the last part of a piece of writing, a speech, or an organized event, that ends it in a definite way: the concluding section of the report | the judge's concluding remarks
- **penultimate** /pe'nʌltɪmət, pe'nʌltɪmət, pə-/ [only before noun] the one before the last one: the penultimate chapter

II. last² S1 W1 BrE AmE adverb

1. most recently before now ⇒ **next**:

▪ When I last saw her, she was working in New York.

2. after everything or everyone else **OPP first**

▪ Who is speaking last?

▪ Add the flour last.

last of all (=used when giving a final point or piece of information)

▪ Last of all, I'd like to thank everyone for coming.

3. **last but not least** used when mentioning the last person or thing in a list, to emphasize that they are still important:

▪ Last but not least, let me introduce Jane, our new secretary.

III. last³ S1 W1 BrE AmE noun, pronoun

1. **the last** the person or thing that comes after all the others **OPP first**

▪ I think this box is the last.

the last to do something

▪ He was the first to arrive and the last to leave.

2. **at (long) last** if something happens at last, it happens after you have been hoping, waiting, or working for it a long time:

▪ At last it was time to leave.

▪ We reached the summit at last.

3. **the day/week/year etc before last** the day, week etc before the one that has just finished:

▪ I sent the letter off the week before last.

4. **the last of something** the remaining parts of something:

▪ John ate the last of the bread at lunchtime.

5. **somebody hasn't heard the last of somebody/something** if you have not heard the last of someone or something, they may return and cause problems for you in the future:

▪ We haven't heard the last of football violence.

6. **somebody will never hear the last of something** if you will never hear the last of something, someone will be angry with you about it for a long time:

▪ If my mother sees me, I'll never hear the last of this.

7. **the last I heard** *spoken* used to tell someone the most recent news that you know about a person or situation:

▪ The last I heard, she was at college studying law.

8. **to the last** *formal* until the end of an event or the end of someone's life:

▪ He died in 1987, insisting to the last he was innocent.

IV. last⁴ S1 W2 BrE AmE verb

[Language: Old English; Origin: læstan 'to last, follow']

1. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition, transitive] to continue for a particular length of time

last for/until/through etc

▪ The hot weather lasted for the whole month of June.

last an hour/ten minutes etc

▪ Each lesson lasts an hour.

▪ The ceasefire didn't last long.

2. [intransitive and transitive] to continue to exist, be effective, or remain in good condition for a long time:

▪ This good weather won't last.

last (somebody) two days/three weeks etc

▪ A good coat will last you ten years.

▪ Cut flowers will last longer if you put flower food in the water.

3. [intransitive always + adverb/preposition] (also **last out (something)** *British English*) to manage to remain in the same situation,

even when this is difficult:

- " They won't be able to last much longer without fresh supplies.
- " If you go into the job with that attitude, you won't last long.
- " She feared she might not be able to last out the afternoon in court without fainting.

4. [intransitive, transitive always + adverb/preposition] to be enough for someone for a period of time **SYN do last (somebody) for/until/to etc**

- " The batteries should last for 20 hours playing time.
- " We only had \$50 to last us the rest of the month.

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■ to continue to happen

- **continue** to happen without stopping: The good weather seems likely to continue. | Unless there are serious negotiations, the fighting will continue. | Some people have lost work, and this will continue to happen until the computer system is fixed. | The review process is expected to continue for several weeks.
- **last to continue** – use this to say how long something continues for: I know my good luck won't last forever. | It's not certain how long the ceasefire will last. | The trial lasted for six days. | The meeting lasted until lunchtime. | The training period lasted from July 2 to August 25.
- **go on** to continue, especially for a long time: Disputes between neighbours can go on for years.
- **carry on** *British English* to continue, especially when there are problems: The game carried on despite the injury of two players.
- **drag on** to continue for much longer than necessary or for longer than you want: The meeting dragged on for another hour. | The talks dragged on, with no apparent hope of achieving a peaceful solution.
- **persist** *formal* if something bad persists, it continues to exist or happen: See your doctor if the symptoms persist. | If adverse weather conditions persist, the game will be cancelled.

V. **last**⁵ *BrE* ⁵ *AmE* ⁵ *noun* [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: læste, from last 'footmark']

a piece of wood or metal shaped like a human foot, used by someone who makes and repairs shoes

last

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