

# FRENCH ADJECTIVES PROCHAIN DERNIER



## French Adjectives Prochain / Dernier

The placement of the French adjectives *prochain* and *dernier* can change the meaning and emphasis of the sentence. These adjectives can be placed either before or after the noun they modify, but their placement alters the meaning.

## French Adjectives Prochain & Dernier Before and After Nouns

### La prochaine année vs l'année prochaine:

La prochaine année: "the following year" or "the next year," referring to the year that comes after the current one.

L'année prochaine: "next year," indicating the specific year that follows the present year.

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## **La dernière année vs L'année dernière:**

La dernière année: "the final year" or "the last year," indicating the most recent or concluding year of a specific period.

L'année dernière: "last year," referring to the year that immediately precedes the present year.

## **Le prochain jour vs Le jour prochain:**

Le prochain jour: "the following day" or "the next day," referring to the day that comes after the current one.

Le jour prochain: "the upcoming day" or "the soon-to-come day," emphasizing the proximity or expectation of the specific day.

## **Le dernier jour vs Le jour dernier:**

Le dernier jour: "the final day" or "the last day," indicating the most recent or concluding day of a particular period.

Le jour dernier: "yesterday" or "the day before today," referring to the day that immediately precedes the present day.

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## **Le prochain mois vs Le mois prochain:**

Le prochain mois: "the following month" or "the next month," referring to the month that comes after the current one.

Le mois prochain: "next month," indicating the specific month that follows the present month.

## **Le dernier mois vs Le mois dernier:**

Le dernier mois: "the final month" or "the last month," indicating the most recent or concluding month of a specific period.

Le mois dernier: "last month," referring to the month that immediately precedes the present month.

## **Le prochain matin vs Le matin prochain:**

Le prochain matin: "the following morning" or "the next morning," referring to the morning that comes after the current one.

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Le matin prochain: "tomorrow morning," indicating the specific morning of the following day.

### **Le dernier matin vs Le matin dernier:**

Le dernier matin: "the final morning" or "the last morning," indicating the most recent or concluding morning of a particular period.

Le matin dernier: "yesterday morning" or "the morning before today," referring to the morning that immediately precedes the present morning.

By placing the French adjectives *dernier* and *prochain* before the nouns, we generally indicate a more general and abstract sense of time. When placed after the nouns, *dernier* and *prochain* typically provide a more specific and concrete reference to time.

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