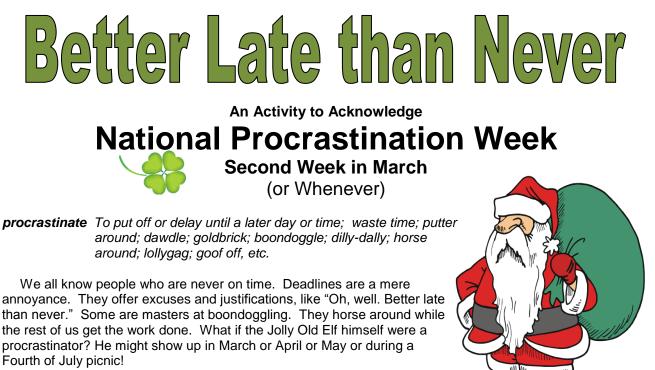


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Dilly-dalliers certainly don't have the *LATE* thing all to themselves. Quite a few English words are also late-that is, they have the letters L-A-T-E hidden within their spellings.



Use the definitions to fill in the missing letters and identify the following thirty-five late words. Some of them are a real challenge, so no lollygagging. And, yes, spelling counts!

\_\_\_\_late 1. A popular food made from ground and roasted cacao seeds, usually sweetened and flavored. late 2. A shallow, usually circular dish, from which food is eaten. \_\_ l a t e \_\_ \_\_ 3. A wide relatively level area of elevated land; to remain at a stable level for an extended time. b late 4. Delayed; arriving or celebrated after the appointed or scheduled time. i \_\_\_late 5. To protect against disease by vaccination. u \_\_ \_ la te 6. To move or cause to move in a wave-like motion; to have a wavy form or appearance. e late\_\_\_ 7. Descriptive of a geometric figure having all of its sides of equal length. \_late\_\_ 8. Very happy or proud; jubilant; in high spirits. 9. To swell or puff out; to cause to expand with air or gas. i late t \_ \_ late 10. Figure; arrange in a systematic form, such as tables; alphabetize; categorize. c late 11. To solve a problem by a mathematical procedure; to determine the sum or difference of a set of numbers; to determine before hand by judgment or reasoning. 12. To increase in extent, intensity, or magnitude; to make late worse; heighten.

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a l a t e	13.	To walk about or move from place to place.
t la t e	14.	Interpret; to transform written or spoken words and sentences from one language into another; to express or explain in an easily understood form.
c l a t e	15.	Security pledged for the repayment of a loan; situated or running side by side; additional.
s l a t e	16.	Guess; think about deeply and theorize; to assume risk without having all the facts or knowing the outcome.
late	17.	To release the air or gas from, such as a tire or a balloon; flatten; puncture.
v late	18.	To provide an area with fresh air; to move through so as to freshen or cool the air; to express an opinion, complaint, etc., especially in frustration or anger.
I la te	19.	To make, pass, enact, or enforce laws.
c la te	20.	To move in a circle; to be sold or distributed, especially over a wide area.
p l a t e	21.	To cause a liquid to pass through a porous body; descriptive of the brewing of coffee; to bubble.
b l a t e	22.	Having or involving two sides; affecting two parties, such as a mutual agreement or treaty between two countries.
im late	23.	Without flaw or impurity; spotlessly clean.
c a l a t e	24.	To give in; surrender unconditionally or according to specified terms.
i l a t e	25.	To detach or separate so as to be alone; to set apart.
p l a t e	26.	To fill with people or other inhabitants; to inhabit or live in.
I a t e	27.	Having kinship; associated; connected.
c o late	28.	To study, look at, or consider thoughtfully; to think fully or deeply about; to have in view as a future event.
l a t e l	29.	Of or related to the side or sides; descriptive or a branch, leaf, or bud that grows out from the side of a stem or trunk.
s l a t e	30.	To assume or have the appearance or characteristics of; to make a pretense of.
v la t e	31.	To break, disregard, or infringe upon, such as a law, an agreement, etc.; breach; transgress.
latet	32.	Present but not visible or apparent; inactive; hidden.
i la te	33.	To cover with a material that prevents or reduces the passage, transfer, or leakage of heat, electricity, or sound; protect; close off.
s o a m l a t e		34. To walk during sleep; sleepwalk
d i bob l a t e 35. Confused; upset; frustrated.		

## Better Late than Never Answer Keys

- 1. chocolate
- 2. plate
- 3. plateau
- 4. belated
- 5. inoculate
- 6. undulate
- 7. equilateral
- 8. elated
- 9. inflate
- 10. tabulate
- 11. calculate
- 12. escalate
- 13. ambulate
- 14. translate
- 15. collateral
- 16. speculate
- 17. deflate
- 18. ventilate
- 19. legislate
- 20. circulate
- 21. percolate
- 22. bilateral
- 23. immaculate
- 24. capitulate
- 25. isolate
- 26. populate
- 27. related
- 28. contemplate
- 29. lateral
- 30. simulate
- 31. violate
- 32. latent
- 33. insulate
- 34. somnambulate
- 35. discombobulated

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