

Next / last

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a) Copy these notes in your notebook:

Next week → a time expression (= the coming week)
= the first week after today.

Example: Don't forget to bring your homework next Monday.

The next week (= the following week)
det. adj. noun → a noun phrase
= the first week after a certain date (in the past or in the future).

Example: The holidays will begin in two weeks, and the next week / the following week we are going to the beach.

In **the next few weeks** → a time expression
= after a period of time starting now.

Over / during / for **the next few weeks** → a time expression
= during a period of time starting now.

b) Fill in the gaps in these sentences with **next**, **the next**, or **the next few**:

1. My friend Ann is getting married _____ Saturday.
2. He felt a little unwell that night when he went to bed.
_____ morning, he had a high temperature.
3. OK, you win, this year we'll go to the beach, but _____
year I will choose where to spend our holidays.
4. _____ time I saw her she was much thinner.
5. The spaceship will take off in _____ minutes.

6. The summer holidays will begin _____ month, so we have to do a lot of exams in _____ weeks.
7. For _____ months everyone will have to take precautions against the virus.
8. That's all for today, class. Have a nice weekend, I'll see you _____ week.
9. We hope to develop a new satellite network over _____ years.
10. During _____ days we're going to practise the present perfect tense.

c) Copy these notes in your notebook:

Last night → a time expression
= the night before tonight.

Example: *We didn't sleep very well last night.*

The last Monday
det. adj. noun → a noun phrase
= one Monday in a period of time with no other Mondays after it.

Example: *Today is the last Monday of March.*

In / over / during / for **the last few days** → a time expression
= during a period of time finishing now.

Example: *The storms we have had for the last few days will disappear during the morning.*

d) Fill in the gaps in these sentences with **last**, **the last**, or **the last few**:

11. I remember _____ Christmas, when uncle William and aunt Rachel came over for New Year's Eve. That was _____ time I saw them together, because they got separated _____ February.
12. The birth of Christ used to be celebrated on _____ solstice of the year, but _____ calendar reform moved it to the 24th of December, one week before _____ day of the year.
13. The sea level has risen noticeable over _____ decades.
14. This is _____ time I tell you to tidy your room. _____ Sunday you promised to do it, and look at it! If you don't put away all your clothes and things in the next few minutes, I'm going to throw away everything I see lying on the floor or on your bed, do you hear?
15. This is my latest worksheet. I made it _____ Friday.
16. March is _____ month of the summer in Argentina.
17. Every student in that class passed English _____ year because they always paid attention in class and they did all their homework.
18. During _____ days a series of forest fires have destroyed several square miles of pine woods in north-western Spain.
19. _____ June there were several storms with lots of thunder and lightning.
20. We're going to have a farewell party on _____ day of June for our maths teacher, who is retiring in July, so this is _____ school year for her.