day

1 Determiner + day

Use these determiners in the sentences:

a	*all*	*any*
every	*some / one*	*one*
other	*these*	*very*

1. I passed by your house the ..... day, but I didn't have time to call in.
2. I've enjoyed your company. I hope we meet again ..... day soon.
3. Organic food is very popular ..... days.
4. Take the tablets three times ..... day, but don't take more than ten in any ..... day.
5. Carol's expecting her first child. The baby is due ..... day now.
6. Due to staff training this office will be closed ..... day Monday and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday.
7. The accident happened on the ..... day that we were leaving for Greece so we had to cancel the holiday.
8. I read a national newspaper ..... day – 365 days a year. I like to keep in touch with what is happening in the world.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

big	*dying*	*hard*	*lazy*
long	*lucky*	*8-hour*	*nice*

1. My dad came home exhausted after a ..... day at the office.
2. In Scotland the days are very ..... in summer. It's light until about 11 at night in the middle of June.
3. Tomorrow is my sister's ..... day. She's getting married.
4. It was the Americans who started saying, 'Have a ..... day!' Now we're all saying it!
5. I'll remember your generosity until my ..... day. I'll never forget it.
6. We spent a ..... day at the seaside. We just lay on the beach all day long.
7. Today is your ..... day! We have exactly one copy of the new Harry Potter left in the shop!
8. I work a full ..... day from 9 till 5.

Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Preposition + day

Complete the sentences below with *for* or *during*:

1. Because of the extreme heat, we travelled at night and rested ..... the day.
2. This Saturday we're going up into the hills ..... the day to have a picnic.
3. I'm afraid the restaurant is only open ..... the day. We close at six.

Complete the following with *by*, *to*, or *after*:

4. The job is pretty monotonous. You have to do the same boring things day ..... day.
5. My dad's recovering slowly. He's growing stronger day ..... day.
6. Your day-..... -day duties will include answering the mail and making appointments.

Notes

1. In 1-1 *the other day* means a few days ago.
   In 1-3 *these days* means now or nowadays.
   In 1-5 *any day now* means very soon.
   In 1-7 *the very day* means the same day.
2. Note how we express disbelief:
   Bill says he's going to stop smoking.
   >That'll be the day!
3. If something 'makes your day', it makes you very happy:
   Being told I was doing a great job by the boss really made my day.
4. Here are more common expressions with *day*:
   You're going to have an accident one of these days if you keep on driving like that.
   We've been really busy today!
   > Yes, it's been a long day.
   I'm going to bed. I've got a full day's work ahead of me tomorrow.
   There are only five shopping days left until Christmas. I'd better start looking for presents.
   Do you remember the good old days when you didn't need to lock your door at night?
   > Yes, those were the days!
5. Note this example:
   Peter isn't in the office today. He's having a day off.
6. In the following expression, 'days' means 'life':
   After a long and distinguished career, the professor ended his days in poverty.

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