

af·ter·noon¹ S1 W2

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noun [uncountable and countable]

- 1** the part of the day after the morning and before the evening
→ **morning, evening:**

*There's a meeting **on Thursday afternoon**.*

*It was very hot **in the afternoon**.*

*See you **tomorrow afternoon**.*

*Are you going into town **this afternoon**?*

*We met in the **early afternoon**.*

*By **late afternoon**, Micky had changed his mind.*

*He was having his **afternoon nap**.*

2 afternoons

during the afternoon every day:

*She **only works afternoons**.*

COLLOCATIONS Sense 1

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + afternoon

Monday/Friday/Saturday etc afternoon *Did you see the football on Saturday afternoon?*

this afternoon (= today in the afternoon) *I'll come round to your house this afternoon.*

early/late afternoon *I arrived in Boston in the early afternoon.*

all afternoon/the whole afternoon *You left the lights on all afternoon.*

adverbs

tomorrow afternoon *What are you doing tomorrow afternoon?*

yesterday afternoon *I went to see mum yesterday afternoon.*

afternoon + NOUN

an afternoon nap (= short sleep) *Dad was having his Sunday afternoon nap.*

the afternoon sun *It was too hot to go out in the afternoon sun.*

afternoon tea (= a light meal eaten in the afternoon with a cup of tea) *Some people still have afternoon tea at 4 o'clock.*

the middle of the afternoon *It was the middle of a long hot summer afternoon.*

verbs

spend the afternoon somewhere/ doing something *We decided to spend the afternoon in town.*

afternoon²

interjection

(BrE) (informal)

used to greet someone when you meet them in the afternoon

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