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Meanings Synonyms Sentences Of or occurring near the beginning of a given series, period of time, or course of events. In the early morning; scored two runs in the early innings. Of or belonging to a previous or remote period of time. The early inhabitants of the British Isles. Of or belonging to an initial stage of development. An early form of life; an early computer. Occurring, developing, or appearing before the expected or usual time. An early spring; an early retirement. Maturing or developing relatively soon. An early variety of tomato. More Adjective Definitions (1) Near the beginning of a given period of time or of a series, as of events; soon after the start. At or near the beginning of the morning. She never used to get up so early. At or during a remote or initial period. Decided very early to go into medicine. In the far distant past; in ancient or remote times. Before the expected or customary time. More Adverb Definitions (2) A shift (scheduled work period) that takes place early in the day. At an early stage or point: Early on in the movie, the main character loses his job. at an early stage; near the beginning Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to early: early pregnancy (rl)adj. earlier, earliest 1. Of or occurring near the beginning of a given series, period of time, or course of events: in the early morning; scored two runs in the early innings.2. a. Of or belonging to a previous or remote period of time: the early inhabitants of the British Isles.b. Of or belonging to an initial stage of development: an early form of life; an early computer.3. Occurring, developing, or appearing before the expected or usual time: an early spring; an early retirement.4. Maturing or developing relatively soon: an early variety of tomato.5. Occurring in the near future: hoped for an early end to the negotiations.adv. earlier, earliest 1. a. Near the beginning of a given series, period of time, or course of events: departed early in the day; scored important victories early in the campaign.b. At or near the beginning of the morning: She never used to get up so early.2. At or during a remote or initial period: decided very early to go into medicine.3. Before the expected or usual time: arrived at the meeting a few minutes early.4. Soon in relation to others of its kind: a rose that was cultivated to bloom early.Idiom: early on At an early stage or point: Early on in the movie, the main character loses his job.[Middle English erli, from Old English rlce : r, before; see ayer- in Indo-European roots + -lce, adv. suff.; see -ly2.]American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (l) adj, -lier or -liest1. before the expected or usual time2. occurring in or characteristic of the first part of a period or sequence3. occurring in or characteristic of a period far back in time4. occurring in the near future5. at the earliest not before the time or date mentioned6. early days too soon to tell how things will turn out7. early doors informal esp sport Brit at an early stage adv, -lier8. before the expected or usual time9. near the first part of a period or sequence: I was talking to him earlier. [Old English rlce, from r ere + -lce -ly2; related to Old Norse arliga]Collins English Dictionary Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (r li) adv. and adj. -lier, -liest. adv. 1. in or during the first part of a period of time, course of action, or series of events: early in the year. 2. in the early part of the morning: to get up early. 3. before the usual or appointed time; ahead of time. 4. far back in time: The Greeks early learned to navigate. adj. 5. occurring in the first part of a period of time, course of action, or series of events: an early hour of the day. 6. occurring before the usual or appointed time: an early dinner. 7. belonging to a period far back in time. 8. occurring in the near future: I look forward to an early reply. 9. Hort. appearing or maturing before most others of its type: early apples. Idioms: early on, not long after the beginning. [before 950; Middle English erlich (adj.), erliche (adv.), Old English rlc, rlce] Early (r li) n. Jubal Anderson, 181694, Confederate general in the U.S. Civil War. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. Adj.1.early - at or near the beginning of a period of time or course of events or before the usual or expected time; "early morning"; "an early warning"; "early diagnosis"; "an early death"; "took early retirement"; "an early spring"; "early varieties of peas and tomatoes mature before most standard varieties"first - preceding all others in time or space or degree; "the first house on the right"; "the first day of spring"; "his first political race"; "her first baby"; "the first time"; "the first meetings of the new party"; "the first phase of his training"late - being or occurring at an advanced period of time or after a usual or expected time; "late evening"; "late 18th century"; "a late movie"; "took a late flight"; "had a late breakfast"middle - between an earlier and a later period of time; "in the middle years"; "in his middle thirties"2.early - being or occurring at an early stage of development; "in an early stage"; "early forms of life"; "early man"; "an early computer"later, late - at or toward an end or late period or stage of development; "the late phase of feudalism"; "a later symptom of the disease"; "later medical science could have saved the child"later, late - at or toward an end or late period or stage of development; "the late phase of feudalism"; "a later symptom of the disease"; "later medical science could have saved the child"3.early - belonging to the distant past; "the early inhabitants of Europe"; "former generations"; "in other times"past - earlier than the present time; no longer current; "time past"; "his youth is past"; "this past Thursday"; "the past year"4.early - very young; "at an early age"young, immature - (used of living things especially persons) in an early period of life or development or growth; "young people"5.early - of an early stage in the development of a language or literature; "the Early Hebrew alphabetical script is that used mainly from the 11th to the 6th centuries B.C."; "Early Modern English is represented in documents printed from 1476 to 1700"linguistics - the scientific study of languagelate - of a later stage in the development of a language or literature; used especially of dead languages; "Late Greek"middle - of a stage in the development of a language or literature between earlier and later stages; "Middle English is the English language from about 1100 to 1500"; "Middle Gaelic"6.early - expected in the near future; "look for an early end to the negotiations"future - yet to be or coming; "some future historian will evaluate him"Adv.1.early - during an early stage; "early on in her career"2.early - before the usual time or the time expected; "she graduated early"; "the house was completed ahead of time"belatedly, late, tardily - later than usual or than expected; "the train arrived late"; "we awoke late"; "the children came late to school"; "notice came so tardily that we almost missed the deadline"; "I belatedly wished her a happy birthday"3.early - in good time; "he awoke betimes that morning"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.adverbadjective3. primitive, first, earliest, young, original, undeveloped, primordial, primeval early man's cultural development primitive seasoned, developed, mature, ripeProverbs"The early bird catches the worm""Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise"Collins Thesaurus of the English Language Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002adjectiveadverbThe American Heritage Roget's Thesaurus. 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HarperCollins Publishers 2005 : early bird n (in morning) Frhaufsteher(in) m(f); (arriving etc) Frhankmmling m; its the early that catches the worm (Prov) Morgenstund hat Gold im Mund (Prov) early riser n Frhaufsteher(in) m(f) early warning (sign or signal) early warning system Collins German Dictionary Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (li) adverb1. near the beginning (of a period of time etc). early in my life; early in the afternoon. vroeg cedo brzy frh tidligt; i begyndelsen en los inicios, al principio; pronto; temprano varases, varasel alussa tt rano korn; vminek a kezdetn awal snemma presto anksti agri di awal vroegtidlig, frstwczenie cedo la nceput(ul) skoro zgodaj rano tidigt erken, banda, balarnda u 2. sooner than others; sooner than usual; sooner than expected or than the appointed time. He arrived early; She came an hour early. vroer - cedo asn; dv zu frh tidligt; for tidligt . temprano varakult, varem etuajassa de bonne heure, en avance , ranije korn; korbban lebih awal (of) snemma; undan rum presto pirma laiko, anksiau agri; pirms laika lebih awal te vroegtidligwczenie, za wczenie . cedo (mai) devreme ; skr (pre)zgodaj ranije tidigt erken, erkenden sm adjective1. belonging to, or happening, near the beginning of a period of time etc. early morning; in the early part of the century. vroe comeo asn, ran frh tidlig , temprano varajane aikainen tt, au dbut de ran kora(i) dini snemm-; fyrri; fyrsti; byrjun presto, all'inizio di ankstyvas agrs pada awal vroegtidligwczesny comeo devreme; de (la) nceput ; skor, ran zgodnji rani tidig ; ; ; ; ; ; banda, balarnda u; sm 2. belonging to the first stages of development. early musical instruments. vroe primitivo prvotn, nejstar frhzeitig tidlig; ldre antiguo; los primeros; primitivo varane varhainen ancien prvobitni kezdeti, rgi, korai kuno eldri/fyrsta/fyrri ger primitivo, antico pirmyktis, senasis agrns; sens pada mulanya ouideldre; i ung alder wczesny primitivo vechi prvotn starinski rani tidig ilk u 3. happening etc sooner than usual or than expected. the baby's early arrival; It's too early to get up yet. vroer, vinniger cedo pedasn zu frh tidlig , temprano varane, oodatust varasem aikainen prmatur, tt ran, uranio korai se-belum waktunya fyrir tmann; of snemma prematuro; presto prielaikinis, (per) ankstyvas prieklaicgs; agrs awal vroegtidligwczesny cedo prematur; (prea) devreme predasn, skor prezgodnji rano tidig ; erken, vakitsiz ; sm 4. prompt. I hope for an early reply to my letter. vinnige rpido brzk baldig hurtig , pronto kohene pikainen prompt skori kzeli segera skjtur pronto greitas drzs awal spoedigsnarligszybki rpido urgent , skor hiter brz snar ; ; acele nhanh chng earliness noun vroegtydigheid, vroegheid prontido asnost die Frhe det at vre tidlig , . . () prontitud; precocidad varasus aikaisuus heure peu avance; prcocit skorost idelttisg kecepatan snemma dags; a a koma of snemma l'essere all'inizio; precocit ankstumas, ankstyvumas agrums keawalan vroegtijdigheid det vre tidlig (przed)wczesno prontido or matinal; precocitate vasnos zgodnjost ranost tidighet early ncelik, erkenlik lc sm sa; s n sm early bird someone who gets up early or who acts before others do. staan vroeg op, kom vroeg madrugador rann pte der Frhaufsteher morgenmand , . madrugador varane tusja aamuvirkku personne matinale ranoranioc korn kel orang rajin morgunhani, rrisull maur mattiniero ankstyvas pauktis tds, kas agri ceas orang yang bangun awal vroege opstaander morgenfugl ranny ptaszek madrugador persoan matinal rann vtik, rann vta kdor zgodaj vstaja, prvi pokonci ranoranilac morgontidig person erkenci; erken kalkan/davranan/gelen kimse ngi dy sm; n sm Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. , brzy, asn, ran tidlig anfang, frh , , etapa temprana, primero, pronto, temprano aikainen, aikaisin, alussa au dbut de, prcoce, tt prijevremen, rani, rano in anticipo, presto, primi , , , , vroeg tidlig wczenie, wczeniejszy, wczesny cedo, incio, princpios , , tidig, tidigt , , banda, erken sm , Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009adv. temprano, pronto; as ___ as possible lo ms ___ posible; at the earliest lo ms ___; ___ cancer cncer incipiente; ___ childhood primera infancia; ___ death muerte prematura; ___ pregnancy principio del embarazo; ___ stage of la primera fase de, al principio de; ___ ambulation ambulacin precoz; ___ detection deteccin primaria. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary Farlex 2012Collins Multilingual Translator HarperCollins Publishers 2009 adj (comp earlier; super ear-liest) temprano, (development) precoz; puberty pubertad precoz; during early pregnancy..durante el principio del embarazo; adv tempranoEnglish-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: Maybe I understood because I saw her in that early hour of the morning when even the stony Memnon sings, in that mystical light of the young day when divine exiled things, condemned to rough bondage through the noon, are for a short magical hour their own celestial selves, their unearthly glory as yet unhidden by any earthly disguise.Many die too late, and some die too early. Yet strange soundeth the precept: "Die at the right time!She was in the habit of waking them early in the morning, at cockcrow.Salton had all his life been an early riser, and necessarily an early waker.I awoke early on the third morning after my return from Ashby Park--the sun was shining through the blind, and I thought how pleasant it would be to pass through the quiet town and take a solitary ramble on the sands while half the world was in bed.It was seen early in the morning, rushing over Winchester eastward, a line of flame high in the atmosphere.Lina saw this and said, 'Listen, old Sanna, why are you fetching so much water?' 'If you will never repeat it to anyone, I will tell you why.' So Lina said, no, she would never repeat it to anyone, and then the cook said: 'Early tomorrow morning, when the forester is out hunting, I will heat the water, and when it is boiling in the kettle, I will throw in Fundevogel, and will boil him in it.'On either view we may suppose that the bizcacha has retained, by inheritance, more of the character of its ancient progenitor than have other Rodents; and therefore it will not be specially related to any one existing Marsupial, but indirectly to all or nearly all Marsupials, from having partially retained the character of their common progenitor, or of an early member of the group.Another thing was that he had no visions nor memories of the past in which that early self had lived.And why should we question the wisdom of our venerable Father's purpose although this pair, in their early youth, have loved one another as the world's people love?They met daily in that strange and solemn interval, the twilight of the morning, in the violet or pink dawn; for it was necessary to rise early, so very early, here.When I arrived, a little late, because in my fear of being too early I had walked three times round the cathedral, I found the party already complete. 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Cognate with Old Norse rla (> Danish and Norwegian rle, Swedish arla)Samuel Johnson's Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesEARLYadjectiveSoon with respect to something else: as, in the morning, with respect to the sun; in time, with respect to creation; in the season, in comparison with other products.Etymology: r, Saxon, before.I am a tainted wether of the flock,Meetest for death: the weakest kind of fruitDrops earliest to the ground, and so let me.William Shakespeare.It is a curiosity to have several fruits upon one tree; and the more when some of them come early, and some come late, so that you may have upon the same tree ripe fruits all Summer.Francis Bacon, Natural History, . 501.God made all the world, that he might be worshipped in some parts of the world; and therefore, in the first and most early times of the church, what care did he manifest to have such places erected to his honour?Robert South, Sermons.And yet my numbers please the rural throng,Rough satyrs dance, and Pan approves the song;The nymphs, forsaking evry cave and spring,Their early fruit and milk-white turtles bring.Alexander Pope.Sickness is early old age: it teaches us a diffidence in our earthly state, and inspires us with the thoughts of a future.Alexander Pope.Oh soul of honour!Oh early heroe!Edmund Smith, Phdra and Hippolitus.EarlyadverbSoon; betimes.Etymology: from the adjective.Early before the morn with crimson rayThe windows of bright heavn opened had.Fairy Queen.None in more languages can showThose arts, which you so early know.Edmund Waller.The princess makes her issue like herself, by instilling early into their minds religion, virtue and honour.Joseph Addison, Freehol.ChatGPT0.0 / 0 votesearlyEarly refers to a point in time that occurs before a specified time, event, or expected occurrence. 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Expositions of Holy Scripture: the Acts Alexander Maclaren 1868 They soon discovered, that to rise early, they must _go to bed early_; and thus was this most important object secured, with regard to girls as well as boys. Advice to Young Men And (Incidentally) to Young Women in the Middle and Higher Ranks of Life. In a Series of Letters, Addressed to a Youth, a Bachelor, a Lover, a Husband, a Father, a Citizen, or a Subject. William Cobbett 1799 Twice in the past year, Mr. Papandreou has flirted with ending his term early because of public discontent with his austerity policies. Greek Premier Faces a Crucial Test Marcus Walker 2011 Twice in the past year, Mr. Papandreou has flirted with ending his term early because of public discontent with his austerity policies. Greek Premier Faces a Crucial Test Marcus Walker 2011 The term early menopause also refers to women who experience menopause naturally but earlier than usual generally before the age of forty. 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Living Justice Jessica Blank 2005 adverb (4)adjective (5)noun (1)in or during the first part of a period of time, a course of action, a series of events, etc..in the early part of the morning.before the usual or appointed time; ahead of time.They came early and found their hosts still dressing.far back in time.The Greeks early learned to sail and navigate.occurring in the first part of a period of time, a course of action, a series of events, etc..an early hour of the day.occurring before the usual or appointed time.Synonyms: premature, beforehandbelonging to a period far back in time.early French architecture.occurring in the near future.I look forward to an early reply.(of a fruit or vegetable) appearing or maturing before most others of its type.a fruit or vegetable that appears before most others of its type.before the expected or usual timeoccurring in or characteristic of the first part of a period or sequenceoccurring in or characteristic of a period far back in timeoccurring in the near futurenot before the time or date mentionedtoo soon to tell how things will turn outCollins English Dictionary Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition William Collins Sons & Co. 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Ltd. 1979, 1986 HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012earliness nounearliness nounOrigin of early1First recorded before 950; Middle English erlich (adjective), erliche (adverb), Old English rlc, rlce, variant of rlc, rlce, from r soon, early (ere) + lc(e) -lyOrigin of early1Old English rlce, from r ere + -lce -ly ; related to Old Norse arligaIdiomsearly on, with but little time elapsed; early in the course of a process, project, etc.; early in the game.In addition to the idioms beginning with early, also see bright and early.Examples have not been reviewed.Speaking to The Times earlier, when asked if this dire moment might call for Rages return, Morello was circumspect about the bands future.An early lead disappeared once LSU came to bat in the first inning.R&B singer Cassandra Cassie Ventura, who had a long relationship with Combs, was an early key witness in the prosecutions case.Ocasio-Cortez endorsed Lander earlier this month, telling the New York Times that she would rank him third in the June 24 Democratic primary for NYC mayor.The Spanish government has said that the national grid operator and private power generation companies were to blame for an energy blackout that caused widespread chaos in Spain and Portugal earlier this year.Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage Idioms Dictionary copyright 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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Early signs are encouraging. 2 before usualEARLY arriving or happening before the usual or expected time OPP latefive minutes/three hours etc early The bus was ten minutes early.early for I was a few minutes early for my appointment. David decided to take early retirement (=stop working before the normal age). She drank herself into an early grave (=died younger than is normal). 3 beginningEARLY used to emphasize that something has just begun, especially when you do not know how it will develop Its too early to say what will happen. Its early days yet. I dont want to make any predictions. 4 new thing [only before noun]FIRST being one of the first people, events, machines etc Early motor cars had very poor brakes. fossil evidence of early man5 the early hours6 an early start7 at/from an early age8 an early night9 early bird/early riser10 the early bird catches the worm11 early potatoes/lettuces etc COLLOCATIONSnounsearly morning/afternoon/eveningThe lake looked beautiful in the pale early morning light.early spring/summer etcThese plants produce flowers from early spring to late summer.early August/January etcItaly is lovely in early June, before it gets too hot.the early days/months/years of something (=the period of time near the beginning of something)In the early years of our marriage, we lived with my wifes parents.in your early twenties/forties etc (=aged 2023,4043 etc)Both men are in their early twenties.the early 1920s/1970s etc (=192023,197073 etc)He lived in London in the early 1980s.somebodys early childhood/adolescence/life (=when someone is a young child, adolescent etc)Weve known each other since early childhood.an early stage (=near the beginning of a process)Patients can be treated with drugs, especially at the early stage of the disease.the early part of something (=near the beginning of an event or period of time)I was doing quite well in the early part of the race.somebodys earliest memory (=the first thing you can remember about something from your past)One of my earliest memories is of being at a busy railway station, trying to find my mum. THESAURUSearly arriving or happening before the usual or expected timeFor once, the train arrived early.Lets have an early lunch before we go.in good time especially British English early enough, so that you do not have to rush, or so that you have time to get readyEverything was ready for the party in good time.on time arriving somewhere or happening at the right timeThe bus was on time.The project was finished on time.ahead of time earlier than the time when you have arranged to do something or than when you need somethingThe building work was completed ahead of time.Some of the food can be prepared ahead of time.ahead of schedule earlier than the officially agreed timeThe prime minister called the elections early, five months ahead of schedule.with time to spare arriving somewhere or finishing something before the time when you have to arrive or finishWe got to the airport with plenty of time to spare.I finished the test with time to spare.first thing especially spoken immediately after you get up, or as soon as you start workIll telephone her first thing tomorrow. Examples from the Corpusearly By the early 1970s, partly preoccupied by family life, Tutin was seen far less in the theatre. By early 1995, the business was close to bankruptcy. The train was ten minutes early. early automobiles A financial panic ensued, as frantic as the earlier boom. At other times, there may be signs of early cancer. Early detection of cancer improves the chances of survival. Rush and others said early intervention to keep kids out of gangs is just as important as locking up youthful offenders. Hey, you're early! It's only five o'clock. The key similarity for Freud lies in the dominance of unconscious processes both for infants and for early man. We're planning to go to Barcelona in early September. If we want to get to Las Vegas by noon, we'll have to make an early start. Or has democracy itself been adapted to accommodate earlier suspicions and hostility? a man in his early twenties Accordingly, the psychiatry of the early twentieth century based its image of sanity on that model. Early signs There is some way to go in all this despite the promising early signs. The early signs are not promising. My sister, too, shows early signs of depression. It is free of charge and can help to detect early signs of health problems and prevent them developing. And the early signs of that being altered date back to the tough public spending rounds of the early 1980s. There are early signs some would-be migrants are hoping Fox can do that. There are already early signs that this media flexible approach to our markets is creating opportunities to grow new revenue streams:? But as long as you spot the early signs you should be okay - just keep the red bits covered for a few days. early grave I reckon that hat's in for an early grave. The only thing you get out of that is an early grave. Widows are suing the companies for death benefits, demanding compensation for the loss of husbands worked into an early grave. An early grave or the emigrant ship. Because if the indestructible Earnhardt can be put into an early grave, they all can. Its early days Anyway, it's early days. It's early days and the market for acrylics needs to find its own level. Sue: I appreciate it's early days, but what can you tell me about the Workstart Pilots? It's early days for us, you and me, if you like. It's early days yet and if it does happen I will up-date you with the information. It's early days yet, Paul. Look, it's early days yet. There was nothing on show to lift the roof - but in this remarkable renaissance, it's early days yet.earlyearly2 S1 W1 adverb (comparative earlier, superlative earliest) 1 EARLYbefore the usual, arranged, or expected time OPP late We arrived early. They must have come home early. 2 BEGINNINGnear the beginning of a period of time, event, process etc OPP lateearly in She went out early in the morning. He was sent off early in the game.early this/next/last year etc The building should be finished early next year. The restaurant opened earlier this month. We want to start as early as possible. The disease is easy to treat if diagnosed early.3 early onCOLLOCATIONSverbsarrive early/be earlySome of the guests arrived early.leave earlyI had to leave early, so I missed the end of the party.be/get/come home earlyYour father said hed be home early.get up/wake up/be up earlySet the alarm for six I have to be up early tomorrow.go to bed earlyI think Ill go to bed early tonight.phrasesearly in the morning/afternoon/eveningWe set off early in the morning.early in May/June etcI usually go on holiday early in July.early in 1998/2004 etcWe moved to Manchester early in 2004.early in the year/century (=in the first part of the year or century)It was too early in the year for a lot of flowers.Examples from the Corpusearly Due to a shortage of whiskey that evening, the party broke up early. You should get there early if you want a good seat. Its first conferences were held at Blackfriars and Blackpool early in 1932. Colin Pennington's wife Joanne went into labour three weeks early in the bathroom of their home in Runcorn, Cheshire. early in the century Rangers scored early in the game but fell behind within ten minutes. The next Opposition party should agree more timetabling of Bills early in the new Parliament, and we should keep to it. The flowers were planted earlier in the spring. I t could occur early in your service - or much later. Yet very early, infants display an amazing interest in their world. A reconvened multi-party constitutional conference early next month is expected to leap these hurdles quickly. I'll be seeing him early next week. I left work early to go to the dentist. Whichever party is in opposition next time, let us try to decide early to timetable more Bills.as early as possible Clearly, whatever the problems it is important that they are dealt with as early as possible. I and my colleagues understand the anxiety caused by uncertainties like this and will clarify the position as early as possible. It is therefore essential for a new user of water to make a licence application as early as possible. Tomorrow she would go home as early as possible and she would never see him again. They said babies at risk should be tested as early as possible so that treatment can begin immediately. The purchaser should identify the need for an independent valuation as early as possible to avoid subsequent delay nearer completion. Try to shop as early as possible, too. Please confirm, as early as possible, whether you will be able to attend.Origin early1 Old English rlice, from r early, soon WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English 2025early/rli/USA pronunciation adv.andadj.,-lier, -liest.adv.in or during the beginning:early in the year. in the early part of the morning:to get up early. before the usual or appointed time; ahead of time:The train arrived early! adj. occurring in the beginning:[before a noun]an early hour of the day. occurring before the usual or appointed time:an early dinner. occurring in the near future:[before a noun]I look forward to an early reply. Idioms Idioms early on, not long after the beginning. earliness, n.[uncountable] WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English 2025early (rl),USA pronunciationadv.,-lier, -liest,adj.,-lier, -liest,n., pl.-lies.adv.in or during the first part of a period of time, a course of action, a series of events, etc.:early in the year. in the early part of the morning:to get up early. before the usual or appointed time; ahead of time:They came early and found their hosts still dressing. far back in time:The Greeks early learned to sail and navigate. Idioms early on, with but little time elapsed; early in the course of a process, project, etc.; early in the game. adj.occurring in the first part of a period of time, a course of action, a series of events, etc.:an early hour of the day. occurring before the usual or appointed time:an early dinner. belonging to a period far back in time:early French architecture. occurring in the near future:I look forward to an early reply. (of a fruit or vegetable) appearing or maturing before most others of its type:early apples. n.a fruit or vegetable that appears before most others of its type. Middle English erlich (adjective, adjectival), erliche (adverb, adverbial), Old English rlc, rlce, mutated variant of rlc, rlce, equivalent. to r- early (positive of r ere) + lc(e) -ly bef. 950 earliness, n. 6. initial. 7. beforehand, premature. Early (rl),USA pronunciationn. Jubal Anderson (joobl),USA pronunciation181694, Confederate general in the U.S. Civil War. Collins Concise English Dictionary HarperCollins Publishers::early /l/ adj (-lier, -liest) before the expected or usual time occurring in or characteristic of the first part of a period or sequence occurring in or characteristic of a period far back in time