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Hello. What is the difference between "workday" and "work day"? Why do some people write "workday", others — "work day"? In general, if it's an adjective, it will be written as one word but if it is being used with "day" as a noun, it will be written as two words. The same is true for "every day" and "everyday" The workday world can be difficult. I missed three work days due to illness. The everyday habits of my friend are just like mine. I have classes every day, Monday through Friday. That's just a general pattern, and I can't guarantee that it will always be followed. Hello. What is the difference between "workday" and "work day"? Why do some people write "workday", others — "work day"? Hi, w3lifer, welcome to WRF and thanks for the question. Workday/work day and workaday are all words that have more than one meaning. It would be really useful to have your examples in a sentence, so we can see how you will use the word. Thank you, KHS. What about "weekday" and "week day"? P. S. PaulQ, at the moment I trying to understand how to correctly use their as the separate words. Last edited: Dec 27, 2014 To me (BE) there are 3 words: "Workaday" (adjective) = mundane; common; usual; standard (of quality); "The new cell phone is not remarkable at all, it has a workaday processor and last year's screen." (Often used in the phrase "[in the] workaday world of high finance/professional football/aviation/teaching, etc, etc." meaning 'normal and not exciting area of activity') Workday[1] (noun) = (i) days upon which most people work, e.g. "Next Monday is a public holiday, but Tuesday will be a normal workday. (ii) days upon which specific people work, e.g. "Saturday and Sunday are normal workdays for policemen." (i) adjective relating to days upon which most people work, e.g. "Today, she would not go anywhere special, so she put on her workday clothes." [1] more commonly "working day". w3lifer - PaulQ is right, and I am wrong. I assumed "workday/work day" followed the usual pattern, but it doesn't. work day is more common for me. A workday or work day is a day on which you work: Monday to Friday, normally. A working day could be the same as that, but is perhaps more often used for the hours of the day you're at work. If something happens during the working day, it happens between 9 and 5.30 or whenever. My working day was busy yesterday. I think work day is more common than workday. Strangely, in my organisation (wider ?) Monday for me (I only work four days a week) is classed as my 'non-working day' rather than non-work day/workday. So working day is similar to working hours? So working day is similar to working hours? Similar, although what I think the previous poster was getting an, was that 'the working day' can be used as an encompassing term to describe the time you're at work, not so much as a specific classification of 9-5 or whatever. If you know any French, it's somewhat similar to the distinction between 'jour' and 'journée' - one relating to a specific day, the other relating to that general period of time/duration. So, you might say 'As Wednesday was a work day, I couldn't stay up late on Tuesday'; or 'I always spend the working day dreaming of holidays'. Last edited: Aug 20, 2009 Hello, If these words are synonyms, which of them is the most used:workday or working day? Thanks I would just add to the other posts the comment that 'workday' can be adjectival, as in "He wore his workday clothes to church as his best suit was being dry cleaned". You could not say 'working day clothes'. Hi all, I have a question related to "work" and "working" and their different functions in a sentence. Do "work environment" and "working environment" have the same meaning? Because "working", as an adjective, means "that something works" but I found "working environment" as some kind of compound noun. So, I'm kind of lost here... does it depend on the word "working" is related to? I think one of the most common uses for "working day" in BE is this: The bill must be paid within 10 working days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays and bank holidays). In AmE, @velisarius' sentence would usually be 'must be paid within 10 business days.' But I agree with the dictionaries that say 'workday' is AmE: I have an eight-hour workday, there are only four workdays this week, etc. Hello, What's the difference between "working days" and "weekdays"? Is the second one used more frequently than the first? (In the examples like "the centre is open on working days/ weekdays") Last edited: Jan 24, 2013 Yes, weekdays are the days from Monday to Friday, as opposed to the weekend. This is the usual expression if you mean those five days. We'd talk about working days only if there was a possibility of them being different - so 'working days' excludes public holidays. A bank might guarantee to clear a cheque (put the money in your account) within three working days. So if you put it in on the Thursday the day before Easter, you might not get the money for almost a week, because the Easter holidays aren't counted in 'working days'. Thank you very much, your explanation was very helpful You must log in or register to reply here.