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di·ur·nal  (dī-ûr nəl)

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adj.

1. Relating to or occurring in a 24-hour period; daily.
2. Occurring or active during the daytime rather than at night: *diurnal animals*.
3. *Botany* Opening during daylight hours and closing at night.

n.

1. A book containing all the offices for the daily canonical hours of prayer except matins.
2. *Archaic*
 - a. A diary or journal.
 - b. A daily newspaper.

[Middle English, from Late Latin *diurnālis*, from Latin *diurnus*, from *diēs*, day; see **dyeu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

di·ur nal·ly *adv.*

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