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Hello everyone I have a 'mission' to complete for tomorrow class and I'd like to have the opinions of you for this issue. Today in class, we had a debate over the difference between in coming days vs in the next few days. Our English teacher refused to give the answer away to us and insisted that we should come up with the answers by ourselves. I personally think that when some events take place in coming days, they can take up to even 7 days, which means a week but using 'in the next few days' indicates that it would probably take 3-4 days only. I'd truly like to have the opinions of the fourm members please, before I write down the answer for my teacher... Thank you all! In coming days does not sound like modern English. But in the next few days is very common. You can say either in the coming days or in the days to come, both of which sound more formal. You can compare it with in the last days, which is unusual. Here we say in the last few days or in recent days. Hi mohammad aldraiseh, welcome to the forum! Are you asking a question? I would understand "in the coming days" and "in the next few days" to mean roughly the same thing, "within the next 3-7 days" perhaps. The statement is vague for a reason, as a specific number of days is unknown. Personally I don't see that "in the next few days" necessarily indicates fewer days than "in the coming days." This would not be correct, as "someday" implies a more distant, uncertain time which could be weeks, months or years in the future (or never). Well, here's another opinion. For me "in the next few days" is very specific, it means definitely before a week goes by, maybe 3-4 days. "In coming days" is rare, it is a more literary version of "in the coming days" which is also fairly literary and so, less commonly used. 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Practical language: The spacecraft will arrive at the moon in the next few days and go into orbit. Poetic language: In the coming days, man will make his first attempt to land on another world. In the coming days is good for use in describing developing historical events. It's not about a specific, practical amount of time, it's about defining an era. It has an air of the prophetic about it. Even when it's used more practically it's still not tightly defined. Imagine a big company changing something about its employee policies, including vacation time and other workplace issues. They have a big meeting to announce it to the employees, who are very concerned about it.. They might not give a lot of details right away. But they might say "In the coming days we will explain more about the changes and you will all receive an information packet with more details." There is no exact time implied. There will probably be multiple times they provide more information. They don't say when the packets will be sent either. But the language indicates it's a new era in the company with these big changes. Would "in the next few days" mean the same as "in the next days"? Thanks. We don't generally say "in the next days" in the US and I'm guessing other places don't either. I agree with Kentix. Nothing really "means the same as" in the next days because in the next days does not sound like idiomatic English. I expect to finish the report in the next few days. I expect to finish the report in the next days. Can you tell us, @heybach, where you heard this phrase? Can you tell us, @heybach, where you heard this phrase? It's not that I heard it. It's just that I apply the same rule as in: The next pictures. The next few pictures. Both are possible if I'm not mistaken. So that's why I don't understand why the "few" is needed for "days". "In the next few days" usually means "during the upcoming 2-6 days". It never means 20 days or 200 days. "In the next days" does not mean that. For me: The next pictures. The next few pictures. The next set/group of pictures. I am trying to mention something raised in the meeting I had with one of my colleagues. Which of the following phrases is correct and more natural? 1- In today's meeting, Mr Mooler talked about..... 2- In today meeting, Mr Mooler talked about..... 3- In the meeting we had today, Mr Mooler talked about..... Thanks, Amir 1 is by far the most natural way to say it. 2 is wrong. 3 is okay, but there's no obvious reason to spell it out like that. (1) and (3) are both fine. (2) is not. You can also simplify (3) by saying "in the meeting today...." Thank you so much. You always go above and beyond. What is the correct form to write the following: After assessing students, the teacher tells them the topic for today class / today's class: Greetings and Farewells. Is that true that with inanimate things we do not show belonging using the apostrophe so that one writes: today class instead of today's class? Thanks four your help!!! Oh, no, no, no. Definitely "today's class." It's strange, but nouns of time are the only inanimate objects that regularly take an apostrophe-s (or s-apostrophe). For example: Today's class, tomorrow's world, an hour's journey, in two days' time, five weeks' work, a year's supply of food... I've seen that English makes almost any noun as an adjective. With that in mind, why Today class is not correct? I understand that Today's is the way it's used, but if Tcoday class is not correct, I will have to go back to English 101 to relearn my English =(The reason may be that words like 'today' are actually pronouns: they don't take articles or adjectives (I had a happy yesterday), and they're indexical, that is, like 'you' and 'this' they can point to different things each time they're used (Monday one day, then Tuesday). They have genitive forms so they're not adverbs. And pronouns like 'you' and 'somebody' generally can't be used before another noun either. "Today class" would be a type of class that occurs today. Tomorrow's class will be the same type of class as today's class so it doesn't actually identify a different type of class. Further to our phone conversation this afternoon, I would like to confirm that 1, The remaing balance in XXX account amount as of today or to date. 2, I can use the money directly to reimburse for the travel expenses incurred in December 2011. thanks for your time and help! Further to our phone conversation this afternoon, I would like to confirm that 1, The remaining balance in XXX account amount as of today or to date. 2, I can use the money directly to reimburse for the travel expenses incurred in December 2011. thanks for your time and help! 1. The remaining (note spelling) balance in XXX account is (monetary figure) as of today. 2. Reimburse whom? You need to specify this. I would not use "as of today" and "to date" in the same way; there is a difference in emphasis. I would use "as of today" to describe a condition at a single moment in time: As of today, my savings account has \$57,642.00 in it. I would use "to date" to describe the cumulative effect of an ongoing process: To date, our charity has distributed 27,000 meals to the hungry. The main difference is that "to date" strongly suggests that whatever you are counting, or doing, or have, will change in some way in the near future. That suggestion, if it is found at all with "as of today", is not nearly so strong. The main difference is that "to date" strongly suggests that whatever you are counting, or doing, or have, will change in some way in the near future. That suggestion, if it is found at all with "as of today", is not nearly so strong. Nicely put, GreenWhiteBlue. One might even go further and say that "as of today" implies a kind of finality. I often think that, when someone says "as of today," they're going to be talking about something finishing that will allow for something else to start: e.g., "As of today, this company will stop selling bananas and start selling tangerines" or "As of today, I am going to stop eating so much fast food; It's healthy eating for me from now on." Also, the term "as of today" is a lot more common than the term "as of to date." Usually, "to date" is not used with "as of." Last edited: Jan 20, 2012 [Whoops didn't mean to post this] 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_