lately Apresyan (En-Ru) ['leitli] adv давно; в последнее время I've been working hard lately - последнее время я много работал I haven't seen him lately - в последнее время я его не видел I saw her as lately as last Sunday - я видел её совсем недавно, всего в прошлое воскресенье Oxf ord Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. lately NAmE ['leɪtli] \* late-ly BrE ['leɪtli] \* recently; in the recent past Have you seen her lately? It's only lately that she's been well enough to go out. • (BrE) I haven't been sleeping well just lately. · She had lately returned f rormdia. Word Origin: [lately] Old English lætlīce 'slowly, tardily' (see flate, f-ly). Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En) lately late ly /'leɪtli/ BrE AmE adverb recently: What have you been doing lately? Lately, I've had trouble sleeping.

**Lately** is usually used with perf edtenses, not with the simple past tense:

I've been very busy lately (NOT I was very busy lately).

## **THESAURUS**

- recently not long ago, especially a f ewalays, weeks, or months ago: The President has recently returned f roma tour of South America. | A new species of plant was recently discovered in Brazil.
- lately especially spoken during the recent past, especially during the weeks or days closest to now: I've been really busy lately so I haven't been out much. I There hasn't been much in the news lately.
- just especially spoken a very short time ago, especially only a f ewninutes, hours, days, or weeks ago: John's just gone out. | They've just had a new baby.
- a short/little while ago especially spoken not long ago of tensed when you are not sure exactly when: That house was sold a short while ago. I looked in on her a little while ago and she was f astisleep.
- the other day spoken recently, especially only a f ewalays ago: I met Lucy in town the other day. | You'll neverguess what happened to me the other day.
- freshly made, prepared, done etc not long ago used especially about f oodnd drink. Also used about things that have just been painted, washed, or dug: f reshlbaked bread | f reshlbauezed orange juice | The boat had been f reshlbainted.
- newly created, built, married etc not long ago: the newly created position of Chief Designer | a newly married couple | their newly elected president

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