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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
Thursday 19th May 2022



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Hes-TUR-nul

Of yesterday.

I will keep no further journal of that same **hesternal** torch-light; and, to prevent me from returning, like a dog, to the vomit of memory, I tear out the remaining leaves of this volume ...

Thomas Moore, *Life of Lord Byron*.

There as he smoked and puffed, and looked out upon the bright crocuses, and meditated over the dim recollections of the **hesternal** journal, did Mr. Briggs revolve in his mind the vast importance of the borough of Buyemall to the British empire, and the vast importance of John Briggs to the borough of Buyemall.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton, *Pelham*.

I passed up a side-street, one of those deserted ways that abound just off the big streets, resorts, apparently, for such people and things as are not quite strident or not quite energetic enough for the ordinary glare of life; dim places, fusty with **hesternal** excitements and the thrills of yesteryear.

Rupert Brooke, *Letters from America*.

Some languages have a different encoding of what happened today (hodiernal) or before today (prehodiernal), or they distinguish between past events that took place today, past events that took place yesterday (**hesternal**) and past events that took place before yesterday (prehesternal).

Bernard Comrie, *Tense*.

I'll say this: every day I learn something new, such sudden purity, all those **hesternal** woes severed, liberated from the grief of the body, its ridiculous needs.

Sharon McCartney, *Marie Antoinette's Last Thoughts* in Queen's Quarterly (Canada), vol. 113, no.3.