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- daily, for the current day, for today (according to military rations, a daily ration of bread was one loaf)
- necessary for existence
- for the following day, for tomorrow
- future, is coming, next
- which pertains to, which belongs to
- supernatural

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