



# CBS Cancels 'After Midnight'; Taylor Tomlinson Returns to Stand-Up

## Description

CBS announced the surprising cancellation of its late-night comedy show "After Midnight" due to host Taylor Tomlinson's decision to focus on her stand-up comedy career full-time. The show, which aired at 12:30 a.m., was introduced in January 2024 as a replacement for "The Late Late Show."

Initially planned for a third season, CBS decided to end "After Midnight" prematurely following Tomlinson's departure. The final episode is set to air in June. Tomlinson, known for her relatable humor and Netflix specials, expressed her desire to return to her roots in stand-up comedy.

The cancellation underscores the challenges late-night TV faces in a changing landscape where streaming services are gaining popularity. CBS's move to end the 12:30 a.m. programming tradition that began in 1995 with "The Late Late Show" signifies a shift in network strategies.

Many late-night hosts, like Trevor Noah and James Corden, have transitioned to new opportunities, reflecting a trend of diversity and flexibility in the industry. With CBS moving away from the late-night format, the future of traditional late-night television remains uncertain.

As networks navigate these changes, the sustainability and direction of late-night TV are being reevaluated in response to evolving viewer preferences.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Cancellation** /ˌkæ.n.səlˈeɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The act of calling off or postponing an event.
2. **Prematurely** /ˌpriː.məˈtʃʊr.ə.li/ (adverb): Before the expected time; too early.
3. **Signify** /ˈsɪɡ.nɪ.faɪ/ (verb): To be a sign of something; to mean.
4. **Transition** /trænˈzɪʃ.ən/ (noun): The process or period of changing from one state or condition to another.
5. **Sustainability** /səˌsteɪ.nəˈbɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level.
6. **Evolving** /ɪˈvɒl.vɪŋ/ (adjective): Developing gradually especially from a simple to a more complex form.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. Who was the host of the late-night comedy show

- Option: Taylor Swift
- Option: Taylor Tomlinson
- Option: James Corden
- Option: Trevor Noah

2. When was the show

- Option: January 2020
- Option: January 2022
- Option: January 2024
- Option: January 2026

3. What time did

- Option: 10:00 p.m.
- Option: 11:30 p.m.
- Option: 12:00 a.m.
- Option: 12:30 a.m.

4. In what year did the 12:30 a.m. programming tradition start with

- Option: 1982
- Option: 1995
- Option: 2001
- Option: 2010

5. Which late-night TV hosts have transitioned to new opportunities according to the content?

- Option: Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Fallon
- Option: Conan O'Brien and Seth Meyers
- Option: Trevor Noah and James Corden
- Option: Ellen DeGeneres and Jimmy Kimmel

6. What was Taylor Tomlinson known for according to the content?

- Option: Drama acting
- Option: Stand-up comedy
- Option: Singing
- Option: Reality TV shows

**True-False**



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7. CBS decided to cancel
  8. The cancellation of
  9. The future of traditional late-night television is certain with the changes in network strategies.
  10. Taylor Tomlinson expressed her desire to focus on her acting career.
  11. The cancellation of
  12. The late-night format on CBS started at 11:00 p.m. with

### Gap-Fill

14. The late-night 12:30 a.m. programming tradition started in \_\_\_\_\_ with
15. Many late-night hosts have transitioned to new opportunities, reflecting a trend of diversity and \_\_\_\_\_ in the industry.
16. The sustainability and direction of late-night TV are being reevaluated in response to evolving viewer \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Taylor Tomlinson expressed her desire to return to her roots in \_\_\_\_\_ comedy.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Taylor Tomlinson 2. January 2024 3. 12:30 a.m. 4. 1995 5. Trevor Noah and James Corden  
6. Stand-up comedy  
**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False  
**Gap-Fill:** 14. 1995 15. flexibility 16. preferences 17. stand-up

### Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**



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1. Who was the lead actor in the movie "Inception"?
    - Option: Leonardo DiCaprio
    - Option: Brad Pitt
    - Option: Tom Cruise
    - Option: Will Smith
  2. Which factor is essential for building trust in relationships?
    - Option: Authenticity
    - Option: Perfection
    - Option: Conformity
    - Option: Proficiency
  3. Which term refers to the right or license granted to an individual or group to market a company's goods or services in a particular area?
    - Option: Franchise
    - Option: Merger
    - Option: Distribution
    - Option: Partnership
  4. What do market research and data analysis provide to businesses?
    - Option: Insights
    - Option: Forecast
    - Option: Revenue
    - Option: Earnings
  5. What can help individuals grow and improve in their work or personal life?
    - Option: Criticism
    - Option: Praise
    - Option: Ignorance
    - Option: Rejection
  6. What are opportunities in disguise that test one's abilities and skills?
    - Option: Challenges
    - Option: Comfort
    - Option: Obstacles
    - Option: Settlements
  7. How a product or service is perceived by the public is known as its?
    - Option: Reception
    - Option: Reaction
    - Option: Introduction
    - Option: Consideration



8. What is the ability to manage or influence events or people?

- Option: Control
- Option: Destroy
- Option: Surrender
- Option: Concede

9. Which term refers to guidance or a course along which something moves?

- Option: Direction
- Option: Stoppage
- Option: Reversal
- Option: Blockage

10. What force is exerted upon an object in contact with another object?

- Option: Pressure
- Option: Vacuum
- Option: Gravity
- Option: Attraction

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. A thumbs-up gesture can \_\_\_\_\_ approval or agreement in many cultures.

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ between childhood and adulthood is a period of significant change.

13. Technology is constantly \_\_\_\_\_ making it essential to stay updated.

14. Investing in education is crucial for the \_\_\_\_\_ of a skilled workforce.

15. Efforts to reduce carbon emissions are vital to \_\_\_\_\_ the planet.

16. Flight \_\_\_\_\_ can cause disruptions in travel plans.

17. Effective \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for the success of any organization.

18. The company announced the \_\_\_\_\_ of a smaller competitor to expand its market share.

19. The team \_\_\_\_\_ to secure a victory in the tournament.



20. The sudden announcement of the new project \_\_\_\_\_ everyone in the department.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Due to declining sales the company several products from its product line.
22. The data presented in the report is a positive trend in customer satisfaction.
23. The decision to end the project led to missed opportunities.
24. Investing in renewable energy sources is essential for environmental .
25. In a rapidly changing market businesses must adapt to the needs and preferences of consumers.
26. Market research provides valuable into consumer behavior.
27. Overcoming can lead to personal growth and development.
28. Persistent technical issues caused great among users of the software.
29. The brand's commitment to and quality has earned the trust of its customers.
30. Establishing a strong emotional with customers can result in brand loyalty.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Leonardo DiCaprio 2. Authenticity 3. Franchise 4. Insights 5. Criticism 6. Challenges  
7. Reception 8. Control 9. Direction 10. Pressure

**Gap-Fill:** 11. signify 12. transition 13. evolving 14. development 15. sustain 16. cancellations 17. leadership  
18. acquisition 19. struggled 20. surprised

**Matching sentence:** 1. Dropped 2. Showing 3. Prematurely 4. Sustainability 5. Evolving 6. Insights 7.  
Challenges 8. Frustration 9. Authenticity 10. Connection

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