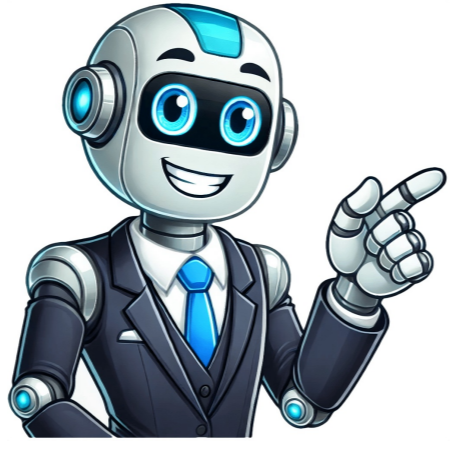


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A matter of especial importance The lecture will be of especial interest to history students Ok, let's wait for the experts... I grew up thinking that the word especial was used by second-language learners who really hadn't learned how to say special yet. Especially was fine, but especial is, as was said in an earlier post, rare, and means generally the same as special. I had a special birthday party. I had an especial birthday party. I had an especially good birthday party. I agree with mjscott. "especial" is very rare, except for second-language learners. This seems very true for Spanish (Español) speakers, who have no words that start with "sp" in their language so they almost automatically add the "e" before "special" and any other "sp" words. there's also an expression in especial which means in particular you can say that you have an especial friend which would mean you have an intimate/ a close/great friend but as the previous users said use of "especial" is very rare cheers Thomas Well I've learnt something about my own language then today! I knew the difference between specially and especially. It never occurred to me that especial existed as well as special. I think even those allowed usages of "especial" must be rare, because I've never realised the difference, and I've written a lot of essays in my time and never been corrected. Actually, I think it might be because I say "particular" where you would say "especial". "the dinosaurs are of particular interest to geologists". 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I refuse to devote especial attention to the topic, since the more common alternative avoids confusion, grandiloquence, and pedantry. Especial is correct English but rather old-fashioned, pedantic and uncommon. I wouldn't be surprised to see it in a book from the 1700s or 1800s. There many words which have similar meanings. I really don't know the difference between 'special' and 'especial.' > Last edited by a moderator: Nov 17, 2011 I'm not sure especial is an English word unless perhaps it might be meaning an electronic special. Maybe some sort of special sale on the Internet but I have personally never heard of it. > well, since I couldn't find an answer to my question here, just opinions, I did a search elsewhere. The origin of the word makes the difference for if we think it comes from the old French to English then it is 'especial'. But if we think it came straight from the Latin then 'special' would be the answer. I usually use special not especial, however my spell checker prefers 'especial'. this matter is finished as far as I am concerned, no more dialogue from me about it. Period. Punto Final. I think that they are quite the same. But "especial" is more common than "special" and usually means "in particular". "Special" usually means "for a particular purpose" and is often followed by a past participle. As was mentioned in the older thread that this has been merged with, thinking that "special" and "especial" are the same is a common mistake among Spanish speakers since the Spanish word for "special" does start with an "e" (as do the Spanish words for "Spanish", "Spain", "spinach", "spouse", etc). "Tu es très clair! Merci!" Les deux propositions (favoritisme et traitement préférentiel) semblent correspondre parfaitement. Merci beaucoup! Juste pour information, je suis surpris qu'il s'agisse d'argot car j'ai trouvé cette expression dans un questionnaire pour une recherche scientifique en psychologie... Amusant, non? It's truly Shocking! a+ Y.FOS PS : pour frenchfanatic=> "Tu es très clair! Merci!" This is slang or colloquial, no doubt. Best wishes. 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_

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