



◀ Americans celebrate **Labor** Day the first Monday of every September. On this national holiday, we recognize the contributions of America’s working men and women. Traditionally, Labor Day also marks the end of summer.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
<i>labor</i>	noun	physical or mental work	<i>labor</i> comes from the Latin <i>laborem</i> , which means “work, hardship, toil, exertion”	<i>laborer</i> (noun); <i>to labor</i> (verb); <i>laborious</i> (adjective)

Draw a picture or graphic of the word.	Name other words that mean about the same thing.
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Name other words that have the opposite meaning.	What kind of labor do you enjoy most? Write a sentence explaining your answer.

**Figurative Language**

A **labor of love** is work done for personal reasons rather than for financial gain. *John’s son has diabetes, so working on the charity project to help cure diabetes is a labor of love for him.*

