

A Time

There are:

365 days in a year (a year which has 366 days is a leap year)

12 months /mʌnθs/ in a year

7 days in a week

2 weeks in a fortnight

24 hours in a day

60 minutes in an hour (we say an hour /'aʊə/)

60 seconds in a minute

100 years in a century

B Days of the week

Sunday /'saɪndeɪ/, Monday /'mʌndeɪ/, Tuesday, Wednesday /'wenzdeɪ/, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

The names of the days always begin with a capital letter in English.

Saturday + Sunday = the weekend



Monday (before 12 am) = Monday morning

Monday (between 12 am and 6 pm) = Monday afternoon

Monday (after 6 pm) = Monday evening

We say on + days of the week: on Monday, on Saturday, etc. I saw her on Friday / on Tuesday evening.

Error warning

We say at + the weekend: I went to the cinema at the weekend [NOT in the weekend].

C Months and seasons

Months: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

The names of the months always begin with a capital letter in English.

Some countries have four seasons: spring, summer, autumn /'ɔ:təm/ and winter.



The names of the seasons do not usually begin with a capital letter in English.

We say in + months / seasons: in July, in December, in (the) spring, in (the) summer, etc.

Birds sing in (the) spring.

Error warning

My birthday is in July [NOT on July].

Tip

Write the day and date in English every time you do an English exercise, e.g. Thursday 9th December 2010.

Exercises

50.1 Answer these questions.

- 1 24 hours = one day
- 2 100 years =
- 3 2 weeks =
- 4 60 minutes =
- 5 7 days =

50.2 Complete this British children's song about the number of days in each month.

Thirty days has September ,
A..... , J..... and N.....
All the rest have
Except for F..... ,
Which has twenty-eight days
And in each leap year.

50.3 These abbreviations are often used for the days of the week and the months. Write the names out in full.

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| 1 Mon <u>Monday</u> | 5 Wed | 9 Feb |
| 2 Aug | 6 Jan | 10 Sept |
| 3 Oct | 7 Apr | 11 Tues |
| 4 Sat | 8 Fri | 12 Nov |

50.4 What are the next letters in each of these? Why?

- 1 S S A W (the first letters of the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter)
- 2 S M T W
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- 3 J F M A M J J
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50.5 Correct the six mistakes in this paragraph.

I'm going to a party on ^Saturday for Jill's birthday. Her birthday is on thursday but she wanted to have the party in the weekend. She's having a barbecue. I think june is a good month to have a birthday because of the weather. I love going to barbecues on the summer. My birthday is in Winter and it's too cold to eat outside!

50.6 How quickly can you answer these quiz questions?

- 1 How many minutes are there in a quarter of an hour?
- 2 What is the third day of the week?
- 3 How many seconds are there in five minutes?
- 4 What is the seventh month?
- 5 How many months are there in ten years?
- 6 What month is your birthday in?
- 7 What day is it today?
- 8 What day will it be tomorrow?
- 9 What day will it be the day after tomorrow?
- 10 What day was it yesterday?
- 11 What day was it the day before yesterday?
- 12 What month is it?