

VOCABULARY & PRONUNCIATION

the date, /ð/ and /θ/

ORDINAL NUMBERS AND THE DATE

Complete the numbers and words.

1st	first /fɜːst/
2nd	second /ˈsekənd/
3rd	third /θɜːd/
4th	fourth /fɔːθ/
5th	fifth /fɪfθ/
6th	_____ /sɪksθ/
7th	_____ /ˈsevnθ/
_____	eighth /eɪtθ/
_____	ninth /naɪnθ/
10th	_____ /tenθ/
11th	_____ /ɪˈlevnθ/
_____	twelfth /twelfθ/
13th	_____ /θɜːˈtiːnθ/
14th	_____ /fɔːˈtiːnθ/
_____	twentieth /ˈtwentiəθ/
21st	_____ /ˌtwenti ˈfɜːst/
_____	twenty-second /ˌtwenti ˈsekənd/
23rd	_____ /ˌtwenti ˈθɜːd/
_____	twenty-fourth /ˌtwenti ˈfɔːθ/
30th	_____ /ˈθɜːtiəθ/
_____	thirty-first /θɜːti ˈfɜːst/

🔊 6.10 Listen and check.

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- c Look at how we write and say the date.



Writing and saying the date

We write

22nd March

12/1

We say

the twenty-second **of** March

the twelfth **of** January

! In the USA, they write the month first, e.g.

12/1 = *the first of December*.

Prepositions with months and dates

Use *in* + months, e.g. *My birthday's in February.*

Use *on* + dates, e.g. *The meeting is on Friday 5th September.*

Saying years

1807 *eighteen oh seven*

1936 *nineteen thirty-six*

2008 *two thousand and eight*

(for years 2000–2010)


2011 *two thousand and eleven* **OR** *twenty eleven*



ACTIVATION What's the date today?

What's the date tomorrow?

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- c  **6.11** Listen to the words and sounds. Then listen and repeat.

	moth er	this the that the y
	th umb	Thurs day th ird thir teenth thir tieth



Ordinal numbers *first, fourth, etc.*

Some ordinal numbers can be difficult to say because they end in two or more consonant sounds, e.g. **sixth** /sɪksθ/.

- d  **6.12** Listen and repeat the ordinal numbers. Then practise saying them.

fifth sixth eighth twelfth

- e  **6.13** How do you say these dates? Listen and check.

1/3 2/11 3/5 4/6 5/1 6/7 12/9
17/10 20/8 23/2 28/4 31/12