

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 /'sʌndei/, Monday /'mʌndei/, Tuesday, Wednesday /'wenzdei/, 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.

1 Mon	Monday.....	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
- 3 J F M A M J J

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?