

A

Time

There are:

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

12 **months** /ˈmʌnθs/ 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**

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Days of the week

Sunday /'sʌndeɪ/, **Monday** /'mʌndeɪ/, **Tuesday** /'tʃuːzdeɪ/, **Wednesday** /'wenzdeɪ/, **Thursday** /'θɜːzdeɪ/, **Friday**, **Saturday**

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

Saturday + Sunday = **the weekend**



Monday (before 12 pm) = Monday **morning**

Monday (between 12 pm 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.

Common mistakes

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** /'ɔːtəm/ 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.

Common mistakes

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. Wednesday 2nd May 2017.

Exercises

51.1 Answer these questions.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 S S *AW* (the first letters of the four seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter)
- 2 S M T W
- 3 J F M A M J J

51.5 Correct the six mistakes in this paragraph.

I'm going to a party on ^S~~S~~aturday for Valentina'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!

51.6 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?