

# HOW TO WRITE AND SAY DATES IN ENGLISH



## BRITISH ENGLISH

**DAY + MONTH + YEAR**



You write:  
14th September 1971



You say:  
The fourteenth of September  
nineteen seventy-one



## AMERICAN ENGLISH

**MONTH + DAY + YEAR**



You write:  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1971



You say:  
September the fourteenth  
nineteen seventy-one

**DAYS** are always  
said in **ORDINAL**

numbers:

1<sup>st</sup> (first)

2<sup>nd</sup> (second)

3<sup>rd</sup> (third)

4<sup>th</sup> (fourth)

5<sup>th</sup> (fifth)

6<sup>th</sup> (sixth)

7<sup>th</sup> (seventh)

20<sup>th</sup> (twentieth)

21<sup>st</sup> (twenty first)

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**MONTHS** always  
start with a  
**CAPITAL** letter:

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

**YEARS** are usually  
divided in two  
parts:

You write:

1984

You say:

Nineteen eighty-four

**From 2000 to 2010**

**we normally say:**

Two thousand and one

Two thousand and two

# 1. AMERICAN OR BRITISH?

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 .....  
 31/12/2011 .....  
 March 16th, 1991 .....  
 06/23/2013 .....  
 It's the eighteenth of May 2017 .....  
 My birthday is on October 23th .....  
 30-2-1999 .....  
 Independence Day is celebrated on July 4 .....

# 2. LISTEN AND WRITE THE DATES



06-12-2016  
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06-12-2016  
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# 3. HOW DO YOU SAY THESE DATES?

	01/11/1978	The first of November nineteen seventy-eight
	06/13/1983	.....
	03/12/2001	.....
	01/31/2007	.....
	28/02/2014	.....
	11/11/1998	.....
	05/08/1861	.....
	05/08/1861	.....