

## Leap Year Practice Activities

**Instructions:** Read the paragraph about Leap Year and answer the questions

A leap year is a special year that has one extra day. It happens every four years. We have leap years because one year is not exactly 365 days. It takes 365 days and 6 hours for Earth to go around the Sun. So, every four years, we add an extra day, February 29. This keeps our calendar synced with the Earth moving around the Sun.

1. Why do we have leap years?
  - a. Because the Earth goes around the sun in 365 days.
  - b. To add an extra holiday to the calendar.
  - c. To keep the calendar synced with the Earth's orbit around the Sun.
2. How often do leap years occur?
  - a. Every two years
  - b. Every 10 years
  - c. Every 4 years
3. True or False: The extra day added in a leap year is March 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. True or False: It takes more than 365 days for the earth to go around the sun.

**Instructions:** Write the correct letters to make the word.

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ex\_\_\_  
F\_b\_ua\_y  
ca\_ \_nd\_r  
a\_r\_ou\_nd

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\_a\_t\_  
s\_n\_c\_d

**Instructions:** Drag the correct words to complete the sentences:

special

synced

February 29th

four

365

Earth

Sun

A leap year is a [ ] year that has one extra day. It happens every [ ] years. We have leap years because one year is not exactly [ ] days. It takes 365 days and 6 hours for [ ] to go around the [ ]. So, every four years, we add an extra day, [ ]. This keeps our calendar [ ] with the Earth moving around the Sun.

**Instructions:** Answer the questions

1. How often do we have a leap year?
2. Why do we have a leap year?
3. How many days does it take for the earth to go around the sun?
4. Today is a leap day. When is the next leap day?

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If you are born on Leap Day, you have a special birthday. People who are born on Leap Day are called "Leaplings" They use February 28<sup>th</sup> or March 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate every year because February 29<sup>th</sup> comes only every 4 years. There are 5 million people in the world with a leap day birthday.

**Instructions:** Answer the question.

1. True or False: If you are born on Leap Day, you have a special birthday.
2. True or False: There are 5 million people in the world with a leap day birthday.
3. What are people born on Leap Day called?
  - A. Leaplings
  - B. Leapfrogs
  - C. Leaptops
  - D. Leaphumans

**Instructions:** Write the correct letters to make the word.

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**Instructions:** Drag the correct words to complete the sentences:

Leap

birthday

"Leaplings"

March 1st

born

every 4

February 28th

5 million

If you are born on  Day, you have a special .

People who are born on Leap Day are called .

They use  or  to celebrate every year because

February 29<sup>th</sup> comes only every  . There are  people in the world with a leap day birthday.

Put the words in the correct order.

who/born/People/Day/Leap/called/are/on/Leaplings.

Leaplings/every/years. /celebrate/four/their/birthday

5 million/There/in/the/leap/birthday./day/are/people/world/with a

Leap year was started by Julius Caesar. He was the leader of the Roman empire. He wanted to make the calendar simpler, so he added an extra day every four years. This is called a leap year.

Countries that follow the Gregorian calendar have a leap year every four years.

Some countries are Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

Some countries like Syria and Saudi Arabia follow the Islamic calendar. They sometimes add a leap day, but not always every four years.

Who is Julius Caesar?

Why did he add an extra day every four years?

What countries use the Gregorian calendar?

What countries use the Islamic calendar?

Does the Islamic calendar have a leap day every four years?