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 31st.
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.

s_e_i_l
ex_ _ _
F_b_ua_y
ca_ _nd_r
a_r_ou_nd

_xa_c_tl_
_a_t_
s_n_c_d

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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" The use February 28th or March 1st to celebrate every year because February 29th 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. Leapdogs
    D. Leaphumans

Instructions: Write the correct letters to make the word.

L_ _pl_i_ _

_ir_ _d_y

_ ele_ _a_ _

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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 29th 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

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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?

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