

2 LISTENING

- a  6.14 Listen to five conversations. Circle the ordinal number you hear.

1	15th	21st	26th	
2	3rd	13th	30th	
3	5th	6th	7th	
4	50th	51st	53rd	
5	6th	9th	16th	

- b Listen again. Match the ordinal numbers to these things. Write them in the chart in a.

a street a drink a birthday a floor a date

3 READING

- a Read the introduction on the forum. What's special about the third Friday in June and the third Monday in January?

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Good times, bad times

In the UK, the third Friday in June is the happiest day of the year, says psychologist Dr Cliff Arnall. It's easy to see why – it's summer, it's **warm** outside, the evenings are light, and it's the day before a weekend! And the third Monday in January is the most **depressing** day of the year. Why? Because it's winter, the weather is usually **grey** and cold, the days are **dark**, and Monday is the first day of the working week. People are also often short of money after Christmas, and some people feel bad after breaking their New Year's resolutions.

Do you agree? What's your favourite month, day, and time?
And what's your least favourite? 12 answers

- b Read the forum comments on p.49. Complete them with these months, days, and times.

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Monday Friday Saturday Sunday

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- c Look at all the **highlighted** adjectives. What do they mean?

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COMMENTS



¹ _____!
It's not too hot, but it's **light** until after 9.00 p.m. here in southern Canada. I like sitting outside on long summer evenings.

I love ² _____. I love celebrating Christmas and New Year's Eve! The atmosphere is **fun** and **festive**. I also love the winter, and all the snow is beautiful.



³ _____. It's often very windy, and I hate seeing the trees lose their leaves. It makes me feel **sad**.

I don't like ⁴ _____. It's the middle of winter, it's **cold**, and I hate Valentine's Day.

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Days of the week



My **favourite** day is probably ⁵ _____, because I don't like Sundays, and I like going back to work and seeing my friends!

It's ⁶ _____, of course! No work today, no work tomorrow.



⁷ _____ is my least favourite day of the week, especially the evening. I don't mind working – I like my job – but I don't like thinking about going back to work.

I really hate ⁸ _____. I'm always **tired** because it's the end of the week, and I want to go home and rest. But it's when my friends want to go out, so in the end I often go out with them, but I never enjoy it.

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Times of day



My favourite time is ⁹ _____, because my flatmates leave the house quite early and then I'm all alone. I can enjoy my breakfast coffee in silence, and then go to university.

I like ¹⁰ _____ on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It's when Champion's League games start in the UK, and it's when I start to relax and think of what to eat.



My least favourite time is ¹¹ _____. That's when I set my alarm in the morning so I can have a shower and a quick breakfast. I hate getting up early. I'm absolutely not a morning person.

Surprisingly, my least favourite time of the day is ¹² _____, when I finish work. I hate the journey home on the Tube. It's **dirty**, and often you can't sit anywhere. It's not so bad in the morning.