date

1 Verb + date

Use the correct form of these verbs:

bring forward	*confirm*	*delay*
fix	*change*	*make*

1. We don't have a date for our next meeting. We need to ..... one before we all leave today.
2. Can we ..... the date of our AGM? We said May 16th. Is that still all right with everyone?
3. The date of the wedding had to be ..... six months when Di discovered she was pregnant.
4. A series of strikes by construction workers has ..... the opening date of the new airport by six weeks.
5. Sorry we had to ..... the date of the meeting. So many of us couldn't make the 14th that we really had no choice.
6. We both like opera so why don't we ..... a date to go and see *La Traviata* one day next week?

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

completion	*earliest possible*
expiry	*later*
particular	*sell-by*
closing	*firm*

1. I'm afraid I'm tied up all next week. The .... date I can make is the second of July.
2. It's important that you keep an eye on the ..... date of your credit cards.
3. Retain this receipt, since you may need it at a ..... date if you need to return the goods.
4. The building company will have to pay compensation if the work continues beyond the agreed ..... date.
5. You'd better hurry up! The ..... date for entries to the competition is the 4th of August.
6. Never eat food which has passed its ..... date.
7. We're still not able to give you a ..... date for the meeting. We've still got to contact half the committee.
8. I bought an open ticket because I didn't want to tie myself down to coming back on a ..... date.

Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Date + preposition + noun

Complete the sentences with these nouns:

applications	*birth*	*general election*
manufacture	*meeting*	*wedding*

1. Make sure you fill in your name, address and date of ..... .
2. In Britain, the party in power has the right to choose the date of the next ..... .
3. We're thinking of the end of June, but we haven't set a specific date for the ..... yet.
4. The closing date for ..... is May 31st.
5. The date of our next ..... has been changed, hasn't it?
6. What's the exact date of ..... of your car?



"Of course I know the exact date of manufacture! The real question is why do YOU want to know!"

Notes

1. In 1-1 *arrange, decide on* and *set* are also possible. In 2-3 *future* is also possible.
2. Note the expressions *up-to-date* and *out-of-date:*
   Our monthly newsletter will keep you up-to-date with all the latest developments.
   The information in the brochure is hopelessly out-of-date.
3. Note these common expressions:
   This is the best machine we have produced to date.
   What's today's date?
   There's been a mix-up over the dates of the conference.
4. *A 'date' can also mean a romantic meeting:*
   Can I speak to Marie, please?
   > I'm afraid she's out on a date with her new boyfriend.
5. If you go out on 'a blind date', it is with somebody you have not met before:
   I can't believe you went on a blind date!
   > Neither can I, but he turned out to be really nice!

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