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Do you like cooking?

.....

Times we love

1. Vocabulary & Pronunciation

a. Days of the week; Check pronunciation 1.10



What day is it
today?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

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b. Months of the year; Check pronunciation 3.29



c. The weather; Check pronunciation 3.8



It's sunny.



It's hot.



It's cloudy.



It's raining.



It's windy.



It's foggy.



It's cold.



It's snowing.

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d. Seasons; Check pronunciation 3.9



spring



summer



autumn



winter

e. Ordinal numbers; Check pronunciation 3.30

We normally add a TH to the end of a cardinal number to make it an ordinal number. Be careful of the spelling exceptions below:

1 st first	11 th eleventh	21 st twenty-first
2 nd second	12 th twelfth	22 nd twenty-second
3 rd third	13 th thirteenth	23 rd twenty-third
4 th fourth	14 th fourteenth	24 th twenty-fourth
5 th fifth	15 th fifteenth	25 th twenty-fifth
6 th sixth	16 th sixteenth	26 th twenty-sixth
7 th seventh	17 th seventeenth	27 th twenty-seventh
8 th eighth	18 th eighteenth	28 th twenty-eighth
9 th ninth	19 th nineteenth	29 th twenty-ninth
10 th tenth	20 th twentieth	30 th thirtieth
		31 st thirty-first
		40 th fortieth
		41 st forty-first
		50 th fiftieth
		51 st fifty-first

USES OF ORDINAL NUMBERS

DATES: Her birthday is on the **29th**.

CENTURIES: Shakespeare was born in the **16th** century.

SEQUENCE/ORDER: My team came **second** in the league.

FLOORS OF A BUILDING: His office is on the **tenth** floor.

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f. Dates

March 8th = the eighth of March / March the eighth

2. Reading

- a. Read the article; [Favourite times](#)
- b. Complete Joe's and Rose's answers with phrases a-f;
 - A. *every week is different*
 - B. *I like imagining plans*
 - C. *I hate getting up early*
 - D. *I love cooking*
 - E. *the days are long*
 - F. *I like being awake*

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Favourite times

1



In the UK the third Monday in January is the most depressing day of the year, says psychologist Dr Cliff Arnall, who calls it Blue Monday. 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 resolutions. And the happiest day of the year? 'The third Friday in June,' says Dr Arnall. And it's easy to see why – it's summer, it's warm outside, the evenings are light, and the weekend starts now!

We asked our readers about the days and times during the year that make them feel good.

- 1 What's your favourite time of day? Why?
- 2 What's your favourite day of the week? Why?
- 3 What's your favourite month? Why?
- 4 What's your favourite season? Why?
- 5 What's your favourite public holiday? Why?



Joe, 24

2

- 1 Ten thirty at night. Because it's the time of day when I can really relax.
- 2 Saturday. Because (1) _____ during the week, and Saturday is the first day when I can **stay in bed** until 12 if I want!
- 3 August. Because my birthday is in August and I'm usually on holiday.
- 4 The summer. Because the weather's good, (2) _____, and people are **in a good mood**.
- 5 January 1st. Because it's the start of a new year, and (3) _____.

Rose, 35

- 1 Early morning. Because (4) _____ when other people are **asleep**, and the light is beautiful.
- 2 It depends. Because (5) _____ !
- 3 May. Because the world is pale green, and asparagus is in season!
- 4 Autumn. Because the **leaves** are red and yellow, and it's a time for lots of wonderful fruit and vegetables. (6) _____ !
- 5 Easter Sunday. Because I love chocolate, and I always have a lot of Easter eggs!

asparagus



Easter egg



New Year resolutions – promises we make on December 31st, e.g. to eat or drink less in the new year

Easter Sunday – an important Christian holiday in March or April

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3. Listening

Listen to Martin answering the questions in Favourite Times and complete. 3.33

1. Martin's favourite time of day during the week is the
2. His favourite day of the week is
3. His favourite month is
4. His favourite season is
5. His favourite holiday is New Year's Eve.

4. Grammar

- a. Complete the chart with a verb from the list.
- b. What form of the verb follows like, love, hate, don't like, don't mind?
- c. like + verb-ing

don't like hate don't mind like love

😊	😊		_____
😊	😊		_____
😊	😊		_____
😊	😊		_____
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😊😊😊 I love	shopping.
😊 I like	going to the cinema.
😐 I don't mind	getting up early.
😐 I don't like	doing housework.
😞😞😞 I hate	driving at night.

- We use verb + *-ing* after *like*, *love*, *don't mind*, and *hate*.

spelling rules for the *-ing* form

infinitive	verb + <i>-ing</i>	spelling
cook	cooking	add <i>-ing</i>
study	studying	
dance	dancing	e + <i>-ing</i>
shop	shopping	one vowel + one consonant = double consonant + <i>-ing</i>

Complete the sentences with these verbs in the correct form;

get go dance play have use read drive

1. He loves a company car.
2. He likes the newspaper.
3. He doesn't mind lunch at work.
4. He doesn't mind home late.
5. He hates to the cinema.
6. He doesn't like tennis.

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7. He likes a computer.

8. He hates

5. Speaking

- What day comes before Friday?
- What day comes after Monday?
- What day comes before Wednesday?
- What day comes after Sunday?
- What day of the week is your birthday on this year?
- What's the weather like today?
- What season is it where you are?
- What's the date today?
- What's the date tomorrow?
- What year is it?
- What dates are public holidays in your country?
- When is your birthday?
- What's your favourite time of day? Why?
- What's your favourite day of the week? Why?
- What's your favourite month? Why?
- What's your favourite season? Why?
- What's your favourite public holiday? Why?
- Do you like reading?
- Do you like cooking?
- Do you mind doing housework?
- What do you like doing at weekends?

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