

DATES

Vocabulary

calendar – a table showing days, weeks, and months of a year

time – a particular moment during a day (measured on a clock)

date – the day of the month or year as specified by a number

day – a period of twenty-four hours as a unit of time OR the period of time between when it gets light in the morning and when it gets dark (the opposite of night)

birthday – the anniversary of the day on which a person was born

week – a period of seven days

at the weekend (BrE)/**on the weekend** (AmE) – happening within the period from Friday evening through Sunday evening

month – one of the 12 named periods of time that a year is divided into

season – one of the four periods into which the year is divided according to the weather

year – a period of about 365 days or 12 months, measured from any particular time

leap year – a year, which happens every fourth year, when February has 29 days instead of 28

decade – a period of 10 years

century – a period of 100 years, usually counted from a year ending in –00

millennium – a period of 1,000 years

schedule – a plan for carrying out a process or procedure

overtime – time in addition to what is normal, as time worked beyond one's scheduled working hours

milestone – an action or event marking a significant change or stage in development

occasion – a particular time or instance of an event

anniversary – the date on which an event took place in a previous year OR the date on which a couple was married in a previous year

orientation week – a period before the start of an academic year at a university

freshman – a first-year student at a university, college, or high school

panda – a large bearlike mammal with characteristic black and white markings, native to certain mountain forests in China

WWF (short for World Wide Fund for Nature) – is an international non-governmental organization working in the field of the wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment (it was formerly named the World Wildlife Fund, which remains its official name in Canada and the United States)

red panda – a raccoon-like mammal with thick reddish-brown fur and a bushy tail, native to high bamboo forests from the Himalayas to southern China

fluffy – light and soft

adorable – cute, sweet, or charming

Sequences: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

Verbs

- to depend on something** – to change according to the stated thing
- to doubt something** – to feel uncertain about something
- to sleep in** – to remain asleep or in bed later than usual in the morning
- to line up** – to arrange or organize something
- to celebrate something** – to recognize a significant or happy day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
- to date someone/to see someone** – to be romantically involved with someone
- to utter something** – to make a sound with one’s voice
- to come about** – to happen or take place
- to designate** – to appoint to a specified position

Phrases

- to have a day off** – not to work on a particular day
- Our schedules don’t line up.** – used to say that you have the opposite schedules with someone which prevents you from meeting or seeing each other
- Why, thank you!** – used to say that you are pleasantly surprised
- It goes way back.** – used to say when you have known each other for a long time

Grammar Corner

Date formats

(year, month, day), e.g. 1996-04-22 or 1996.04.22 or 1996/04/22 or 1996 April 22
 (day, month, year), e.g. 22.04.1996 or 22-04-1996 or 22 April 1996
 (month, day, year), e.g. 04/22/1996 or April 22, 1996

YMD	China, Korea, Iran, Japan, Hungary, Lithuania.
DMY	India, Latin America, Asia (Central, SE, West), most of Europe, North Africa, Australia
MDY	United States, Belize

YMD,DMY	Nepal, South Africa, Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Norway, Denmark
DMY,MDY	Philippines, Saudi Arabia
YMD,DMY,MD Y	Canada

In British English, we write the date + month (2nd June; we say “on the second of June”).

In American English, we write the month + date (June 2nd; we say “on June second”).

Real-Life Situations

(P1 – Person 1, P2 – Person 2)

Schedule

P1: What’s your schedule like? Do you have any plans for this weekend?

P2: This weekend? What are the dates?

P1: The 17th and 18th.

P2: August?

P1: Yes, August the 17th and 18th

P2: I’m afraid I’m busy. I’ve got tons of work to do.

P1: On the weekend?

P2: Yes, I’m working overtime.

P1: This sounds awful.

P2: It’s not as bad as it sounds. I’ll have a day off during the week.

P1: When exactly?

P2: Let me see. On Thursday.

P1: Is it the 30th?

P2: No, it’s the 29th. Are you free then?

P1: That depends on the time of the day. I have some time in the morning. Would that work for you?

P2: I doubt it. I'll probably be sleeping in.

P1: Well, let's meet up some other time next week then, OK?

P2: Yeah, sure. It seems like our schedules don't line up this week.

Milestones

P1: You look so pretty today, Karen!

P2: Why thank you!

P1: What's the occasion?

P2: Well, it's our anniversary today. Andrew and I have been together for 10 years.

P1: This is quite a milestone! So you got married in 2009?

P2: No, we got married in 2013. We're celebrating the time we started dating.

P1: So you go way back?

P2: Yeah, we met at college. I remember like it was yesterday – it was August 3rd, our orientation week. We were both shy freshmen, we could barely utter a word.

P1: How did you two become friends then?

P2: We had lots of classes together. You know how you constantly see the same face in class and then you just happen to talk to them? This is how it came about.

P1: It means that you started dating in October since you're celebrating it this month?

P2: Actually, we started seeing each other in September. It's just that we were so busy with work and kids last month, we've decided to celebrate this milestone in October.

P1: Ahh, I see. Well, I wish you a lovely evening, Karen!

P2: Thanks a lot! That's very sweet of you.

Who Knew!

P1: Today is Wednesday.

P2: I think so?

P1: Pandas.

P2: What?

P1: Pandas! Today is International Panda Day!

P2: I didn't even know this day existed.

P1: Yeah, we celebrate it on March 16.

P2: Doesn't seem so. Take a look – here it says that WWF designated October 27 as that day.

P1: Let me see.

P2: And there is a separate day for red pandas.

P1: Who knew!

P2: Yeah, International Red Panda Day is September 17.

P1: People do love pandas! They're so cute and fluffy. And unbelievably adorable!

P2: Well, if everyone were to spend up to 15 hours a day sleeping and eating, we would be all cute and sweet too!



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