

16 Time words (1): days, months and seasons

A Basic time words

There are:

365 days in a year

12 months in a year

52 weeks in a year

7 days in a week

2 weeks in a fortnight

24 hours in a day

60 minutes in an hour. (We say **an** hour.)

60 seconds in a minute

100 years in a century

B Days of the week

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

The names of the days always begin with a capital letter in English.

Saturday + Sunday = the weekend



Monday (before 12 a.m.) = Monday morning

Monday (between 12 a.m. and 6 p.m.) = Monday afternoon

Monday (after 6 p.m.) = Monday evening

We say **on** + days of the week: on Monday, on Saturday, etc. I saw her **on** Friday, on Tuesday evening.

We say **at** + the weekend: I went to the cinema **at** the weekend.

C Months and seasons

Months: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December.

The names of the months always begin with a capital letter in English.

Some countries have four seasons: spring, summer, autumn and winter



We say **in** + months/seasons: in July, in December, in (the) spring, in (the) summer, etc. My birthday is **in** July. [NOT ~~on~~ July] Birds sing **in** (the) spring.

Tip: Write the day and date in English when you do an English exercise.

Exercises

16.1 Complete the sentences with a word from A opposite.

- 1 There are 3,600 seconds in
- 2 There are 1,200 months in
- 3 There are 168 hours in
- 4 There are 8,760 hours in

16.2 Recite (a) the days of the week and (b) the months of the year.

16.3 Complete this British children's song about the number of days in each month.

Thirty days has S.....,
A....., J..... and N.....
All the rest have,
Except for F..... dear
Which has twenty eight days clear
And in each leap year (= every four years).

16.4 These abbreviations are often used for the days of the week and the months. Write the names out in full.

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| 1 Mon. | 5 Wed. | 9 Feb. |
| 2 Aug. | 6 Jan. | 10 Sept. |
| 3 Oct. | 7 Apr. | 11 Tues. |
| 4 Sat. | 8 Th. | 12 Nov. |

16.5 What are the next few letters in each case? Explain why.

- 1 S M T W ? ? ?
- 2 J F M A M J J ? ? ? ? ?
- 3 S S ? ?

16.6 There are six mistakes in this paragraph. Correct the mistakes.

I'm going to a party on saturday for Jill's birthday. Her birthday is on thursday but she wanted to have the party on a Weekend. She's having a barbecue. I think june is a good month to have a birthday because of the weather. I love going to barbecues on the summer. My birthday is in Winter and it's too cold to eat outside!

16.7 Quiz: How quickly can you answer these questions?

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| 1 How many seconds in quarter of an hour? | 7 What day is it today? |
| 2 What is the third day of the week? | 8 What day will it be tomorrow? |
| 3 What month is your birthday in? | 9 What is the seventh month? |
| 4 What day will it be the day after tomorrow? | 10 What day was it yesterday? |
| 5 What day was it the day before yesterday? | 11 What century is it? |
| 6 How many minutes are there in half an hour? | 12 What month is it? |