

Dates and special occasions - Teacher's notes

Adapted from to Module 10, Cutting Edge Starter

1) **Write these dates as numbers.**

This exercise practises writing the months and the abbreviations for first second etc.

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| a) May the first. | <u>May 1st</u> |
| b) January the twenty-third, | 23 rd January |
| c) September the tenth. | 10 th September |
| d) April the nineteenth. | 19 th April |
| e) March the twelfth. | 12 th March |
| f) January the second. | 2 nd January |
| g) December the seventeenth. | 17 th December |
| h) July the thirty-first. | 21 st July |
| i) August the eleventh. | 11 th August |
| j) November the thirtieth. | 30 th November |

2) **Write the names of the months in the correct order. Write the stressed syllable in capital letters and underline it..**

This exercise practises the spellings of the months and focuses on the stressed syllable which is most important in spoken communication.)

- a) JANuary
- b) FEBruary
- c) MARCH
- d) APril
- e) MAY
- f) JUNE
- g) JuLY
- h) AUgust
- i) SepTEMber
- j) OcTOber
- k) NoVEMber
- l) DeCEMber

(remember that the first letter of a month is always a capital letter.)

3) **We sometimes write dates as six numbers. In Britain, we usually write dd/mm/yy like this 23/04/05 (twenty-third of April in 2005). Number these dates in the correct**



order.

Students will have different correct orders because of item e).

- a) 13/05/46 _____
- b) 5th November 1601 _____
- c) September 11th, 2002 _____
- d) 31/10/00 _____
- e) The day I was born. _____
- f) 09/11/99 _____

4) Complete the sequence of letters.

- a) J F M A M J J A S O N D
(Think of the months of the year.)
- b) S M T W T F S
(Think of the days of the week.)
- c) O T T F F S S E N T E T T F F S S E N T
(Think of the numbers from 1-20)
- d) F S T F F S S E N T E T T F F S S E N T
(Think of the dates from the first to the twentieth.)

5) Write the days of the week in the correct order.

- a) Friday _____ Sunday _____
- b) Monday _____ Monday _____
- c) Saturday _____ Tuesday _____
- d) Sunday _____ Wednesday _____
- e) Thursday _____ Thursday _____
- f) Tuesday _____ Friday _____
- g) Wednesday _____ Saturday _____

**6) Read the questions and write the dates, days or months.
open answers**

- a) When is your birthday? _____
- b) When is your national day? _____
- c) Which is the best month of the year for you? _____
- d) Which is the best day of the week for you? _____
- e) When is your teacher's birthday? _____

7) What's wrong with these dates? (These dates do not exist.)

- a) 30th February.



- b) 31st November.
- c) 32nd December.
- d) 31st June.

