

Lesson Plan:

Days, months, and dates

LEVEL	TIME	SKILLS	FOCUS
Beginner (A1)	45-60 minutes	Grammar, vocabulary, speaking	Days of the week, months of the year, saying and writing dates

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Name and spell all days of the week and months of the year
- Say and write dates correctly (ordinal numbers + month)
- Ask and answer questions about dates
- Understand common date formats (American and British)

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Days of the week

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
- Abbreviations: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun

Months of the year

- January, February, March, April, May, June
- July, August, September, October, November, December

Saying dates

- American: October 5th / October 5 / 10/5/2024
- British: the 5th of October / 5 October / 5/10/2024
- Spoken: 'the fifth of October' or 'October fifth'

Useful questions

- What day is it today?
- What's the date today?

- When is your birthday?
- What day is the 15th?

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Teacher asks the date and day. Students respond. Establish daily routine.

- Extend: 'What was yesterday?' 'What will tomorrow be?'

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Drill days and months with choral repetition and flashcards.

- Point out spelling traps: Wednesday, February, Thursday.
- Show both American and British date formats.

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Students write out 5 important dates in their lives in full.

- Example: 'My birthday is on the fourteenth of March.'
- Peer check for spelling and format.

4. Speaking practice (15 min)

Task: Survey: students find classmates with birthdays in each month.

- Class creates a birthday calendar together.
- Stretch: 'What day of the week is your birthday this year?'

5. Writing task (10 min)

Task: Students write a short paragraph about 3 important dates.

- Must include day, date, and month written out in full.

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write the dates of 5 national holidays in your country in full sentences.
2. Create a mini monthly calendar for next month, then write 4 sentences about events on it.
3. Ask 3 family members their birthdays and write the dates in two formats (American and British).