

Guess the Dates from the Hints

Circle a date on this year's calendar and/ or choose one of the date cards below. Give a hint about that day using a sentence like one of those below. If your partner is wrong, give them one hint about how much before or after the real date is, then give them another hint.

Responding to your partner's guess

- It's much/ quite a lot/ a little/ a tiny bit + earlier (than that)./ It's much/ quite a lot/ a little/ a tiny bit + before (that).
- It's much/ quite a lot/ a little/ a tiny bit + later (than that)./ It's much/ quite a lot/ a little/ a tiny bit + after (that).

Hints on dates

- It's my birthday./ It's... 's birthday.
- It's in spring/ summer/ autumn/ winter.
- It's raining/ sunny/ windy/ snowing/ cloudy/ foggy/ cold/ hot.
- I'm wearing a coat/ boots/ a sweater/ a jacket/ a swimsuit/ a T-shirt/ a long-sleeved T-shirt/ a (summer/ wooly) hat/ sandals/ flip flops/ shorts/ gloves/ a (winter) scarf/ sunglasses/ suntan lotion/ a tie.
- I can see cherry blossom/ red leaves on the trees/
- I can hear crickets/ cicadas/ birds/ fireworks/ mosquitoes/ lambs.
- I'm sunbathing/ surfing/ swimming/ skiing/ snorkelling/ picking flowers/ making a snowman/ throwing snowballs/ picking flowers/ camping/ ice skating/ snowboarding/ having a picnic/ opening a present/ praying/ walking.../ carrying.../ watching...
- I'm eating tangerines/ chestnuts/ turkey/ ice cream/ chocolates/ salad/ stew/ soup/ chocolate/ chocolate eggs/ Pocky.
- I'm drinking water/ hot tea/ champagne/ lemonade/ hot red wine.
- It's in January/ February/ March/ April/ May/ June/ July/ August/ September/ October/ November/ December
- It's in the... holiday.
- It's a holiday.
- It's... Day.
- It's before...
- It's after...
- It's between... and...
- It's Sunday/ Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday (this year).
- It's on a mountain/ in a park/ on the beach.

Dates presentation and practice

If you played the game with cut up cards, put them into order from the beginning to the end of the year.

Check your answers with an un-cut-up list of dates, then write all the dates as just numbers.

Look at the numbers that you wrote and say those dates.

Possible dates to guess

New Year's Day	January first
The first day of Japanese spring	February fifth
First day of the Winter Olympics	February seventh
Valentine's Day	February fourteenth
Last day of the Winter Olympics	February twenty third
Pi Day	March fourteenth
Japanese White Day	March fourteenth
The first day of English spring	March twenty first
The first day of Brazilian autumn	March twenty first
April Fool's Day	April first
World Book Day	April twenty third
May Day	May first
Cinco de Mayo in Mexico	May fifth
The first day of Japanese summer	May seventh
Red Cross Day	May eighth
Chinese Dragon Boat Festival	June second
The first day of Tokyo rainy season	June eighth
Blood Donor Day	June fourteenth
The first day of Brazilian winter	June twenty first
American Independence Day	July fourth
The last day of Tokyo rainy season	July twentieth
The first day of Japanese autumn	August ninth
Talk like a Pirate Day	September nineteenth
The first day of English autumn	September twenty first
World Teacher's Day	October fifth
English Fireworks Night	November fifth
The first day of Japanese winter	November eighth
English Poppy Day	November eleventh
Korean Peppero Day	November eleventh
The first day of English winter	December twenty first
Christmas Eve	December twenty fourth
Christmas Day	December twenty fifth
Boxing Day	December twenty sixth
New Year's Eve	December thirty first