

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Months and Days Quiz

How many days are there in each month?

Irish children learn this rhyme to help them to remember. Can you fill in the missing months?

Thirty days has September,  
A \_ \_ \_ \_ , J \_ \_ \_ \_ and N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .  
All the rest have \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ -one  
Except for F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ alone,  
Which has twenty- \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ days of time  
And in leap years twenty-nine

How many days are there in a week? \_\_\_\_\_

What day is today? \_\_\_\_\_

What day was yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_

What day is tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_

What day is the day after tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_

What day was the day before yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_

On which day do Muslims go to the mosque? \_\_\_\_\_

On which day do Christians go to church? \_\_\_\_\_

On which day do Jewish people go to the synagogue? \_\_\_\_\_

On which day do Irish people go to the pub? \_\_\_\_\_

What's your favourite day of the week? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What is today's date? \_\_\_\_\_

What date was it three days ago? \_\_\_\_\_

What date will it be in three days time? \_\_\_\_\_

What date will it be on "this day week"? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the date "a week ago yesterday" ? \_\_\_\_\_

What date will it be on "tomorrow fortnight?" \_\_\_\_\_

What is your date of birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Who else's date of birth do you know from memory?

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What date is St Patrick's Day? \_\_\_\_\_

What date is New Year's Eve? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the longest day of the year? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the shortest day of the year? \_\_\_\_\_

How many public holidays are there in the Republic of Ireland and what dates do they fall on?

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Complete with suitable prepositions.

1. When we were kids we always went to Ballybunion in Co. Kerry \_\_\_\_\_ a fortnight \_\_\_\_\_ August. The routine was the same every year. We would leave home \_\_\_\_\_ the crack of dawn so that we would be in Limerick \_\_\_\_\_ 11 o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ the latest. We stopped there \_\_\_\_\_ a half an hour so we kids could go to the toilets. In the café our father , who was very interested in Irish history, always told us the same story about the Treaty of Limerick which was signed \_\_\_\_\_ 1691.
2. Éamon de Valera was born \_\_\_\_\_ 14 October, 1882
3. The meeting will start \_\_\_\_\_ 11AM sharp so make sure you are \_\_\_\_\_ time.
4. He fell asleep \_\_\_\_\_ the film and didn't wake up \_\_\_\_\_ the end.
5. This year the festival runs \_\_\_\_\_ 16 June \_\_\_\_\_ 8 July inclusive.

### Teacher's Notes

<b>Time: 30 minutes</b>	<b>Focus: Days, Dates, Time expressions.</b>
<b>For this activity you need...</b> 1 worksheet per learner	

#### In Class Procedure at a Glance

1. Give learners a few minutes to fill in the missing words in the rhyme. "Thirty days has September, April, June and November. All the rest have thirty-one except February alone, which has twenty-eight days of time and in leap years twenty-nine" Encourage learners to check in their dictionaries if they are unsure of the spelling of the months.
2. Get a volunteer to explain what a Leap Year is. See if the date has any special associations in the learners' cultures. If nobody volunteers the tradition of women being able to propose, you might like to tell them about it. Historically the tradition applied to the whole of the leap year and not just the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Scottish parliament of 1288 legislated that any woman could propose throughout Leap Year. Tradition also strong in France and Switzerland
3. Give learners a few minutes to answer the questions up to and including "What is your favourite day and why?"
4. Check the answers as a whole group. For the atheists amongst us Mosque-Friday, Church – Sunday, Synagogue - Saturday." What day do the Irish go to the pub" is supposed to be a joke – "Everyday!")
5. Give everybody a chance to say what their favourite day is and why. When everybody's had a go, check that people have been listening to each other by asking questions like " What is the most popular day of the week?" "How many people chose Monday?" etc. (This kind of short feedback exercise after doing a "round the class" speaking activity is very useful in that, if you do it regularly, it encourages learners to listen to each other rather than switching off when it's not their turn to speak)
6. Give learners a few minutes to answer the questions about dates individually
7. When they have done as much as they can working alone, get them into small groups and encourage them to pool their information. St Patrick's Day 17 March, New Year's Eve 31 December, Longest Day June 21, Shortest Day December 21 (Northern Hemisphere)
8. There are nine official public holidays – New Year's Day 1 January, St. Patrick's Day, 17 March, Easter Monday movable, May Day the first Monday in May, June Bank Holiday, first Monday in June, August Bank Holiday, the first Monday in August, October Bank Holiday (Halloween) last Monday in October, Christmas Day 25 December, St. Stephen's Day 26 December. In addition to these nine there is Good Friday which is a sort of public holiday by popular acclamation).