



CEFR A1 · VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

Months & My Birthday

Learn the twelve months, say dates with ordinal numbers, and answer the big question: "When is your birthday?"

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

1 Warm-up

GET READY

Think about these questions, or talk with a partner. You do not need to write.

1. When is your birthday? Do you know the month in English?
2. What is your favourite month of the year? Why?
3. How many months are there in one year?
4. What special days do you celebrate? (birthday, New Year, holidays...)

2 Months, Dates & Ordinals

LANGUAGE FOCUS

The Twelve Months. A year has 12 months. In English, every month begins with a CAPITAL letter.

01 January JAN	02 February FEB	03 March MAR	04 April APR	05 May MAY	06 June JUN
07 July JUL	08 August AUG	09 September SEP	10 October OCT	11 November NOV	12 December DEC

Ordinal Numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd...). For dates we use ordinal numbers. Most add -th, but some are special.

NUMBER	ORDINAL	HOW TO SAY IT
1 → 1st	first	"the first of May"
2 → 2nd	second	"the second of June"
3 → 3rd	third	"the third of July"
5 → 5th	fifth	"the fifth of April"
12 → 12th	twelfth	"the twelfth of August"
20 → 20th	twentieth	"the twentieth of October"
21 → 21st	twenty-first	"the twenty-first of June"
31 → 31st	thirty-first	"the thirty-first of December"

Talking About Your Birthday.

When + **is** + your birthday? → the question

My birthday is **in** May. → month only

My birthday is **on** the 5th of May. → full date

💡 in or on?

in + month → in July

on + date → on the 3rd of July

3 Key Vocabulary

WORDS TO LEARN

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
birthday <i>NOUN</i>	the day you were born, every year	<i>My birthday is in June.</i>
month <i>NOUN</i>	one of the twelve parts of a year	<i>May is my favourite month.</i>
date <i>NOUN</i>	the day and month (e.g. 5th May)	<i>What is the date today?</i>
year <i>NOUN</i>	twelve months together (365 days)	<i>There are twelve months in a year.</i>
party <i>NOUN</i>	a happy event with friends and food	<i>I have a big party every year.</i>
cake <i>NOUN</i>	a sweet food you eat on a birthday	<i>My mum makes a chocolate cake.</i>
present <i>NOUN</i>	a gift you give to someone	<i>I get many presents on my birthday.</i>
candle <i>NOUN</i>	a small wax stick with a flame on a cake	<i>There are twelve candles on the cake.</i>
celebrate <i>VERB</i>	to do something special for a happy day	<i>We celebrate my birthday at home.</i>
favourite <i>ADJ.</i>	the one you like best	<i>December is my favourite month.</i>

My Special Day **Lucas — Brazil**

Hello! My name is Lucas and I am thirteen. My **birthday** is in **February**, on the **fourteenth** of February. In Brazil, February is hot and sunny! Every year we have a big **party** in the garden. My grandmother makes a big chocolate **cake** with fourteen **candles**.

Amara — Nigeria

Hi, I am Amara and I am twelve. My birthday is in **August**, on the **twenty-first**. August is my **favourite** month. My family and friends **celebrate** together. We dance, we sing, and we eat a lot of food. My best **present** this year is a new bike!

Sora — Japan

My name is Sora. I am fourteen years old. My birthday is in **November**, on the **third** of November. In Japan, November is cool, and the leaves are red and orange. My mother makes a small cake with green tea. I do not have a big party — I have a quiet dinner with my family.

Mia — Australia

Hello! I am Mia and I am thirteen. My birthday is in **December**, on the **thirty-first**! December is summer in Australia, so we go to the beach. After my party, everyone celebrates New Year too! I get two cakes — one for my birthday and one for the new **year**.

5 Vocabulary Review

QUICK REVIEW

birthday NOUN

The day you were born; you celebrate it every year.

"My birthday is in June."

month NOUN

One of the twelve parts of a year, like May or July.

"There are twelve months in a year."

date NOUN

The day and the month together (the 5th of May).

"What is the date today?"

party NOUN

A happy event with friends, music, food and games.

"I have a party every year."

present NOUN

A gift; something nice you give to a person.

"I get many presents on my birthday."

celebrate VERB

To do something special and happy for a day.

"We celebrate my birthday at home."

6 Practice: Fill in the Blanks

YOUR TURN

Write a **month**, an **ordinal number** (first, second...), or **in / on** on each line.

- 1 There are twelve _____ in a year. *(parts of a year)*
- 2 My birthday is _____ December. *(small word before a month)*
- 3 Amara's party is _____ the 21st of August. *(small word before a date)*
- 4 1st = _____. *(ordinal for 1)*
- 5 3rd = _____. *(ordinal for 3)*
- 6 The month after April is _____. *(capital M)*
- 7 The first month of the year is _____. *(capital J)*
- 8 "When _____ your birthday?" *(verb 'to be')*

7 Speaking: Birthday Interview

LET'S TALK

1. When is your birthday?
2. What is your favourite month? Why?
3. Do you have a party on your birthday?
4. What present do you want this year?
5. Who do you celebrate your birthday with?

EXAMPLE DIALOGUE

A: When is your birthday?

B: My birthday is in October, on the second of October.

A: Do you have a party?

B: Yes! I have a small party with my family. We eat cake.

A: What present do you want?

B: I want a new phone. And you? When is your birthday?

8 Writing Task

WRITE IT DOWN

Write 30–50 words about your birthday. Use words from this lesson!

- I write the **month** of my birthday (with a capital letter).
 - I use **in** or **on** correctly (in May / on the 5th of May).
 - I use one **ordinal number** (first, second, third...).
 - I say what I do (party, cake, present, celebrate...).
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9 Comprehension Quiz

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Circle the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

1. How many months are there in one year?

- A ten
- B eleven
- C twelve
- D twenty

2. Which month comes after May?

- A April
- B June
- C July
- D March

3. Choose the correct sentence:

- A My birthday is in december.
- B my birthday is in December.
- C My birthday is in December.
- D My Birthday is in December.

4. What is the ordinal number for 3?

- A three
- B third
- C threed
- D thirth

5. My birthday is _____ July.

- A on
- B at
- C in
- D to

6. The party is _____ the 5th of May.

- A in
- B on
- C at
- D of

7. In the reading, when is Mia's birthday?

- A in February
- B in August
- C in November
- D in December

8. What is the correct question?

- A When your birthday? B When is your birthday?
 C When are your birthday? D When birthday you?

Answer Key

FOR SELF-CHECK

Part 6 — Fill in the Blanks

1. months · 2. in · 3. on · 4. first · 5. third · 6. May · 7. January · 8. is

Part 9 — Quiz

1. C (twelve) · 2. B (June) · 3. C (capital letters) · 4. B (third)
5. C (in + month) · 6. B (on + date) · 7. D (December) · 8. B (When is your birthday?)