

21 Talking about dates

There are two different ways of writing and saying dates. You use numbers along with the month to define the date you're talking about.

 **New language** Dates, "was born," "ago"

Aa Vocabulary Numbers, months, and years

 **New skill** Talking about dates

21.1 KEY LANGUAGE WRITING AND SAYING DATES

In the US, people often describe dates by writing cardinal numbers and saying ordinal numbers.



His meeting is on **May 10**.

May tenth

The number comes after the month.

My birthday is on **May 18**.

May eighteenth

The party is on **May 31**.

May thirty-first



21.2 ANOTHER WAY TO SAY IT WRITING AND SAYING DATES

In some other places, such as the UK, people use ordinal numbers to write and say dates.

His meeting is on **the 10th of May**.

the tenth of May

My birthday is on **May the 18th**.

May the eighteenth

The party is on **the 31st of May**.

the thirty-first of May



21.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE DATES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DISCUSSED

A November 17 ☐

B March 22 ☒

C September 13 ☐

D May 19 ☐

E August 31 ☐

F April 5 ☐

G June 5 ☐

21.4 KEY LANGUAGE USING "WAS BORN"

Use "was born" to talk about someone's date or year of birth.

Jim **was born in**

1975.
2015.

nineteen seventy-five

twenty fifteen

You can say "two thousand and fifteen" or "twenty fifteen."

You say most dates by grouping the date into pairs of numbers, such as "nineteen" and "seventy-five."



21.5 KEY LANGUAGE USING "AGO"

You use "ago" to say how many years before now something happened.

Plato **was born around 2,500 years ago**, in 424 BCE.

"Ago" means "before now."



21.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND NOTE THE YEAR OF EACH EVENT



1971

1



2



3



4



5



21.7 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 12 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD

My birthday
is on
December 5.



My
Nami's
I
He

birthday
meeting

was born

is on

20
41

December 5.
the 11th of March.

years ago.



21 CHECKLIST

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