

4B | A day off

A International Women's Day



VOCABULARY: months

1 1.60 Listen to the pronunciation of these months.

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January	March	April	July	September

2 Write the following months in the correct column in exercise 1.

February May June August
October November December

- 3 1.61 Listen to the recording to check your answers. Repeat the months.
- 4 Work in pairs. What is your favourite month? Why? Tell your partner.



B Teacher's Day

LISTENING

- 1 1.62 Listen to people talking about special days that they like. Match the speakers 1-4 to the photos A-D.
- 2 1.62 Listen again. What months are these special days in?
- 3 Work in pairs. Do you have these days in your country? Do people work on these days? What do they do? Tell your partner.

C May Day



D New Year's Eve



FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: the date

We write the date:

1st May, 2012 or 1 May 2012 or 1/5/12 or 01/05/12

We say the date:

the first of May two thousand and twelve or May the first two thousand and twelve

We ask the date:

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

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1 Say the dates.

- 1 13/10/2012 3 14/09/2000 5 21/03/2008 7 22/03/2011
2 03/07/1999 4 11/09/1991 6 30/10/2012 8 31/07/1990

2 Write five important dates for you on a piece of paper. Work in pairs. Ask your partner about his or her important dates.

Why is 5th March important for you?

Because it's my birthday!

READING

1 Read the interview with Christina East. Match the questions A–D to the answers 1–4.

- A When is Nothing Day? C Why Nothing Day?
B What do people do on Nothing Day? D What is Nothing Day?

Christina East is a British mental health specialist. She thinks it's time for a new special holiday, called Nothing Day.

1 _____

The idea comes from Harold Coffin, an American journalist. It's a day for nothing. No parties, no gifts, no cards. It's a time to have a break, to sit and do nothing.

2 _____

It's on January 16th. The first Nothing Day was in 1973.

3 _____

Because there are special days for everything. In March, we have Mother's Day, and in June, we have Father's Day. In October, there's United Nations Day and Halloween, and in April, there's Earth Day.

4 _____

Ideally, people do nothing. But that's very difficult. Here are some suggestions:

In the morning, wake up when you like. Have a relaxing breakfast. Do nothing.

In the afternoon, go for a walk. Sit in a park. Do nothing.

At night, telephone an old friend and talk. Read a book or go to bed. Do nothing.

2 1.63 Listen to the interview to check your answers.

3 1.63 Read and listen again to decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false sentences.

- The idea for Nothing Day comes from the United States.
- Nothing Day is on 6th January.
- United Nations Day is in April.
- On Nothing Day, people do nothing.

GRAMMAR: prepositions of time *in, at, on*

Use the prepositions *in, on* and *at* to talk about time.

in + months, years, the morning/afternoon/evening

in March, *in* the morning

on + days, dates

on Monday, *on* 16th January

at + time of day, *night*

at four o'clock, *at* night

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1 Complete the sentences with a preposition and a time word so that they are true for you.

- I usually relax ...
- I watch television ...
- People in my country go on holiday ...
- My birthday is ...
- My English class is ...
- The next day off is ...

2 Work in pairs. Read your sentences to your partner. Ask *What about you?*

SPEAKING

- Work in groups. The government wants to create three new holidays. Decide on three reasons to celebrate and what dates they are on. What do people do on these days?
- Present your ideas for new holidays to the class. Which are the most interesting?

Our idea for a new holiday is Student's Day. It's on 3rd June. On this day, people ...