



UNIT 4

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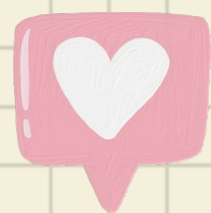
LESSON A: WHAT A DECADE!





Lesson Goals

Students will be able to discuss events from the past using was/were and vocabulary related to time phrases and dates



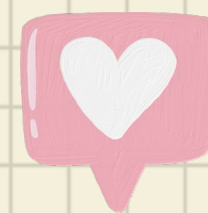
LISTENING

podcast about
the 2010's



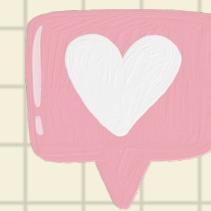
GRAMMAR

Past Simple of
be (was, were)



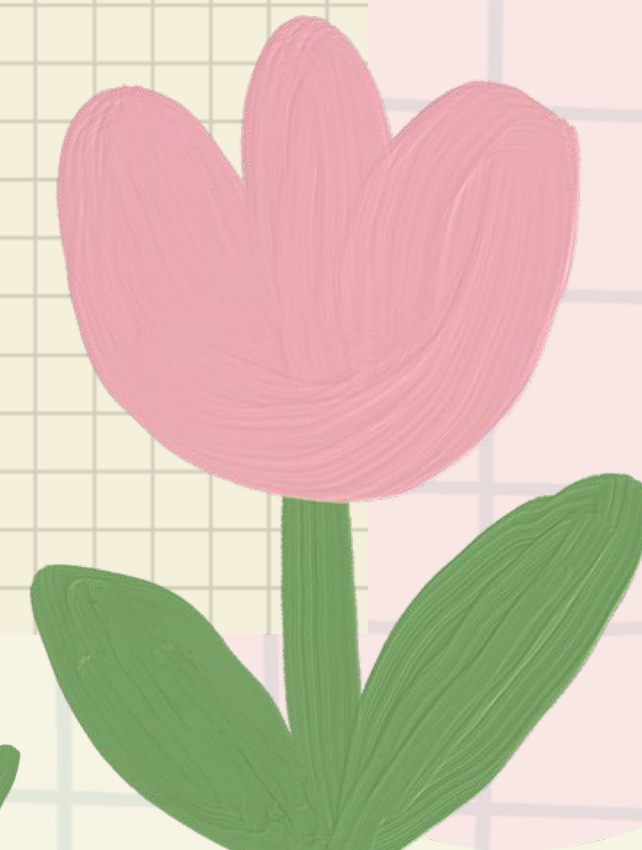
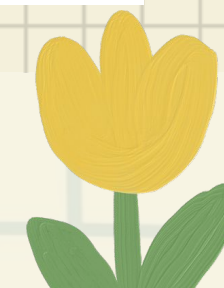
VOCABULARY

Time phrases
and dates

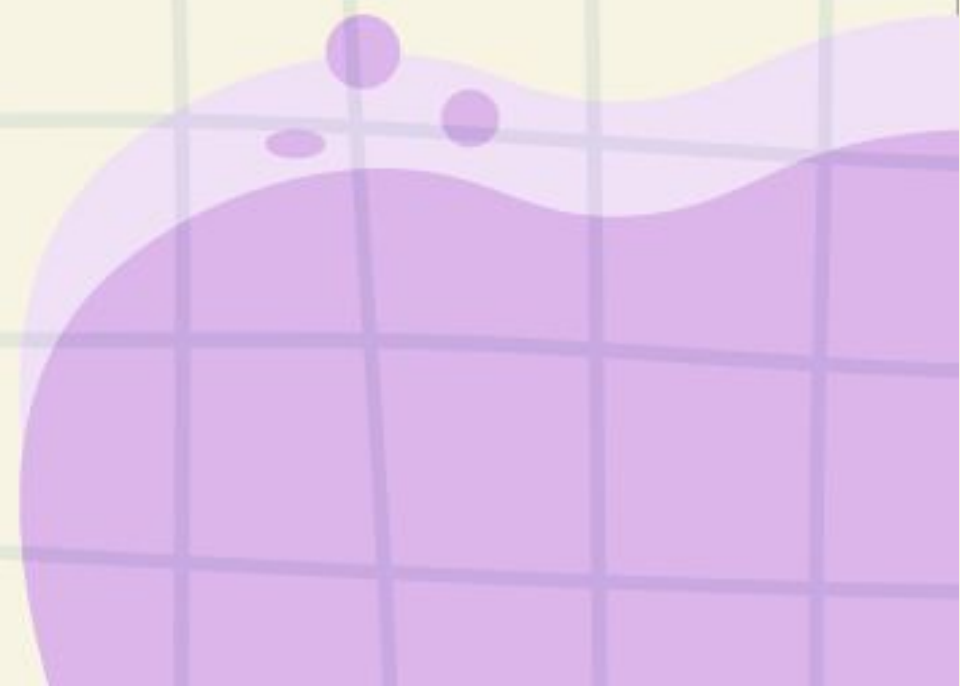


WRITING

write about a
special date; use
time expressions



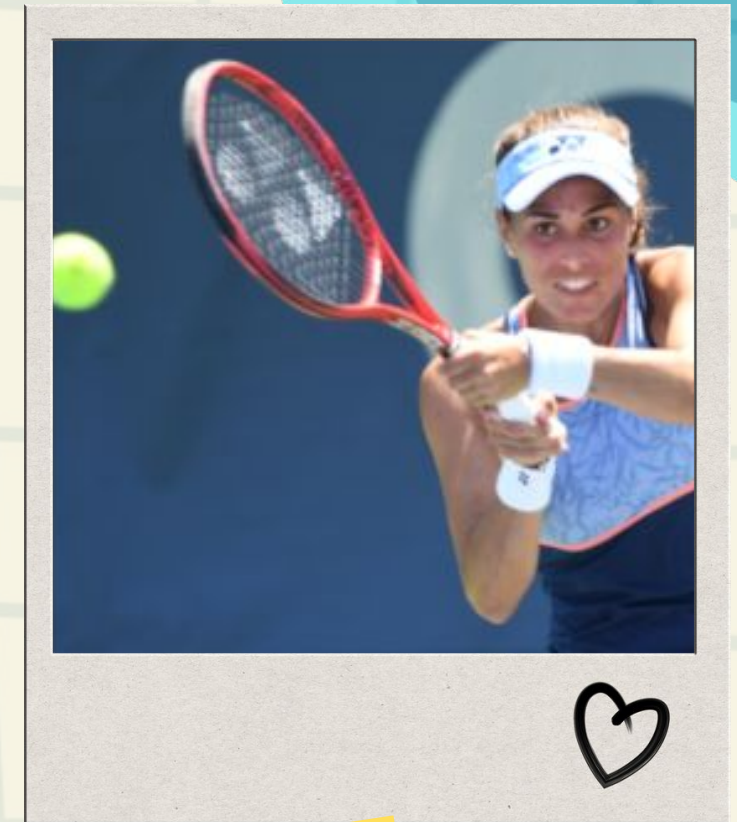
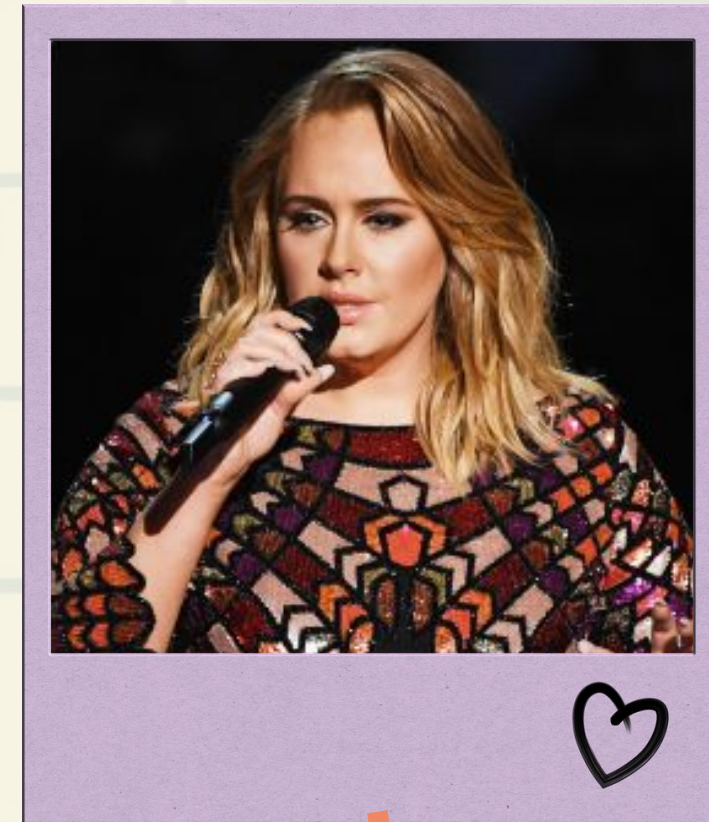
LISTENING



LISTENING,

1A. Work in pairs. Look at the photos and match them to the people below.

What do you know about them?



Adele

Monica Puig

Neymar

Mark Zuckerberg



LISTENING,

1B. Work in pairs and do the quiz.



What do you know about ...

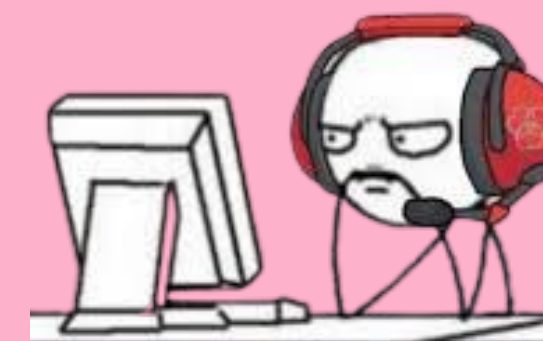
the 2010s?

- 1** Which was first: Tik Tok, Instagram or Snapchat?
- 2** He was TIME Magazine Person of the Year at the beginning of the decade. Who was he?
- 3** His transfer to Paris Saint-Germain cost 222 million euros. Who was he?
- 4** She was the first Olympic gold medal winner for Puerto Rico. Who was she?
- 5** Her album was the bestselling album of the decade. Who was she? What was the name of the album?
- 6** It got 53 million likes. What was it?

LISTENING,

1C. Listen to part of a podcast about the 2010s (twenty-tens). Check your answers.

What do you know about ... the 2010s?



- 1 Which was first: Tik Tok, Instagram or Snapchat? Instagram
- 2 He was TIME Magazine Person of the Year at the beginning of the decade. Who was he? Mark Zuckerberg 2010
- 3 His transfer to Paris Saint-Germain cost 222 million euros. Who was he? Neymar 2017
- 4 She was the first Olympic gold medal winner for Puerto Rico. Who was she? Monica Puig 2016
- 5 Her album was the bestselling album of the decade. Who was she? What was the name of the album? Adele, 21 2011
- 6 It got 53 million likes. What was it? a photo of an egg on Instagram 2019

1D. Listen again and write the correct year for the answers (1–6) in the quiz.

GRAMMAR



GRAMMAR

past simple of be: was/were

2A. Read the sentences. Are they about the present or **the past**?

1. The first Instagram photo was in 2010.
2. All three were new in the 2010s.

2B. Complete the sentences.

3. Well, 2016 was a good year for Puerto Rico.
4. There were 53 million 'likes' for an egg.
5. Was the singer British?
6. No, it wasn't Messi. It was Neymar

2C. Work in pairs and answer the questions about Ex 2B.

1. Which verbs are singular and which are plural?

singular: was; plural: were

2. How do we make a question?

Was + subject (e.g. the singer)

3. How do we make a negative?

add not: wasn't (was not)



GRAMMAR

past simple of be: was/were

We use was and were to talk about the past.

We use it with adjectives, places, times, prices, ages and jobs.

world_record_egg ...





 Liked by kadishmorris and 45,076,512 others

 world_record_egg Let's set a world record together and get the most liked post on Instagram. Beating





In 2019, there were 53 million "likes" for an egg.

In 2012, I was in highschool



WAS is used for I, HE, SHE, and IT.

WERE is used for YOU, WE and THEY.

We also use it with to be born.



In 2016, we were friends



I was born in 2005

past simple of be: was/were

POSITIVE

SUBJECT + BE + COMPLEMENT

I was very
happy.



He was a
writer.



They were
at home.



You were
there.



NEGATIVE

SUBJECT + (BE+NOT) + COMPLEMENT

She wasn't
born in 1998.



It wasn't born
in June last
year.



You weren't in class.



We weren't
there.



past simple of be: was/were

YES/NO QUESTIONS

BE + SUBJECT + COMPLEMENT + ?

ANSWER:

YES, (S) WAS/WERE

NO, (S) WASN'T/WEREN'T



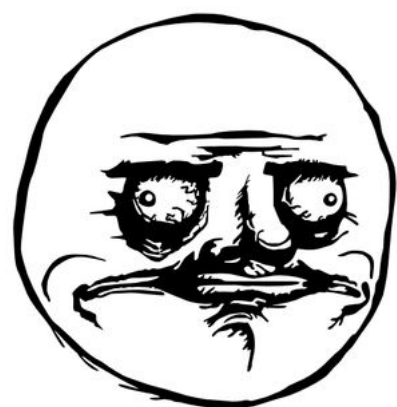
WH- QUESTIONS

WH- + BE + SUBJECT + COMPLEMENT + ?



past simple of be: was/were

2A. The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.



1. Tamara and John aren't at work yesterday.

☐ a. was☐ b. wasn't☒ c. weren't

2. Alice is at home last night.

☒ a. was☐ b. were☐ c. weren't

3 Was you on holiday last month?

☒ a. Were☐ b. Wasn't☐ c. Weren't

4. We weren't at our friend's house last weekend. It was great.

☐ a. was☒ b. were☐ c. wasn't

past simple of be: was/were

2B. Complete the sentences and questions with one word in each gap.



1. Where you yesterday?
2. James very happy as a child.
3. When the first World Cup?
4. Mark and Sylvie on holiday last week. It was really nice for them.
5. A: you in class yesterday?
B: No, I . I at work.
6. When Mark Zuckerberg born?
7. My parents born in Germany. They born in Poland.
8. Sandrine at home last night. She at the cinema.
9. Where the first Olympics?
10. The 2016 Olympics in London. They in Rio de Janeiro.

past simple of be: was/were

1. Correct the email. Add was, wasn't, were or weren't.

Hi Stefanie,

How are you? We're just back from our break in Istanbul. The apartment **was** amazing! It was near the city centre. There was a great little café about five minutes away and a supermarket ten minutes away. The apartment wasn't very big, there were only two rooms, a living room and a bedroom, but the rooms were very clean and the furniture new. It was quiet because there wasn't much traffic nearby, and there weren't very many tourists. We weren't in the apartment very much because we were outside all day. Let's go for a coffee soon and I can tell you all about it.

Bye for now.

Lynn

past simple of be: was/were

2. Complete the questions and answers in the past. Use two words for each item (1–10).

A contraction = two words.



1. Q: **Who was** Ada Lovelace?

2. A: She was a famous scientist.

3. Q: Was she American?

4. A: No, she wasn't. She was British.

5. Q: When was she born?

6. A: She was born in 1815.

7. Q: Who were her parents?

8. A: Her parents were Lord Byron and his wife Annabella.

9. Q: Why was she famous?

10. A: She was famous because of her work on the first computers. What a woman!

past simple of be: was/were

3. Complete the sentences with the present simple or past simple form of be. Use the positive (+) or negative (-) form.

1. Paula **was** (+) a student here in 2010 and now she (+) a teacher.

2. I (-) well at the weekend, but I (+) fine now.

3. Hannah and Billy (+) OK today, but they (-) OK yesterday.

4. Kiefer (-) at work today, but he (+) here yesterday.

5. We (+) at home on Friday, but we (-) at home today.

6. My driving lesson (-) easy today and it (+) difficult yesterday.

VOCABULARY



TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

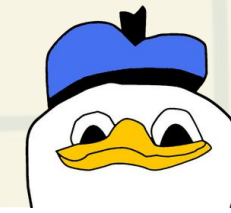


**DAYS OF
THE WEEK**

**MONTHS OF
THE YEAR**



TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES



1. Work in pairs. Underline the stressed syllable in each month.

Then listen and check.

JANUARY

APRIL

JULY

OCTOBER

FEBRUARY

MAY

AUGUST

NOVEMBER

MARCH

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

DECEMBER

2. Work in pairs and answer the questions.

1. What month is it now?

2. What month was it last month?

3. What month is it next month?

4. Which months don't have the letter r ?

May June July August

5. Which months have two syllables?

April July August

TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

ORDINAL NUMBERS Numbers defining the position of something in a series.
Used for: dates, centuries, order, and floors of a building.

1st

first

Numbers ending
in 1 change their
spelling from
“one” to “first”.

2nd

second

Numbers ending
in 2 change their
spelling from
“two” to “second”.

3rd

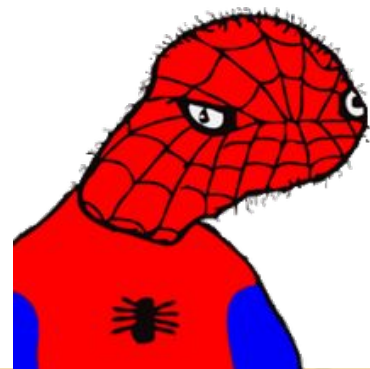
third

Numbers ending in
3 change their
spelling from
“three” to “third”.

4th

fourth

General rule: add a
“th” to the rest of
the numbers

**EXCEPTIONS****11 ELEVENTH****12 TWELFTH****13 THIRTEENTH****ELEVENFIRST****TWELVESECOND****THIRTEENTHIRD**

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TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

There are spelling exceptions in some numbers

fifth **fiveth**

fifteenth **fiveteenth**

twentieth **twentyth**

fortieth **fourtieth**

fifty **fivetieth**



ORDINAL NUMBERS

1st - first
2nd - second
3rd - third
4th - fourth
5th - fifth
6th - sixth
7th - seventh
8th - eighth
9th - ninth
10th - tenth

11th - eleventh
12th - twelfth
13th - thirteenthth
14th - fourteenth
15th - fifteenth
16th - sixteenth
17th - seventeenth
18th - eighteenth
19th - nineteenth
20th - twentiethth

21st - twenty-first
22nd - twenty-second
23rd - twenty-third
24th - twenty-fourth
25th - twenty-fifth
26th - twenty-sixth
27th - twenty-seventh
28th - twenty-eighth
29th - twenty-ninth
30th - thirtieth

40th - fortiethth
50th - fiftieth

60th - sixtieth
70th - seventieth

80th - eightieth
90th - ninetieth
100th - hundredth

TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

3. Complete the ordinal numbers.

1st – first

9th – ninth

2nd – second

10th –

3rd – third

11th –

4th – fourth

12th – twelfth

5th – fifth

13th – thirteenth

6th – sixth

14th –

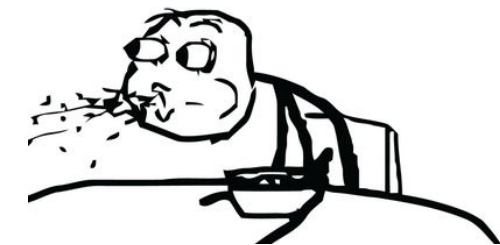
7th – seventh

17th –

8th – eighth

20th – twentieth

21st – twenty-first

22nd – 23rd – 25th – 28th – 29th –

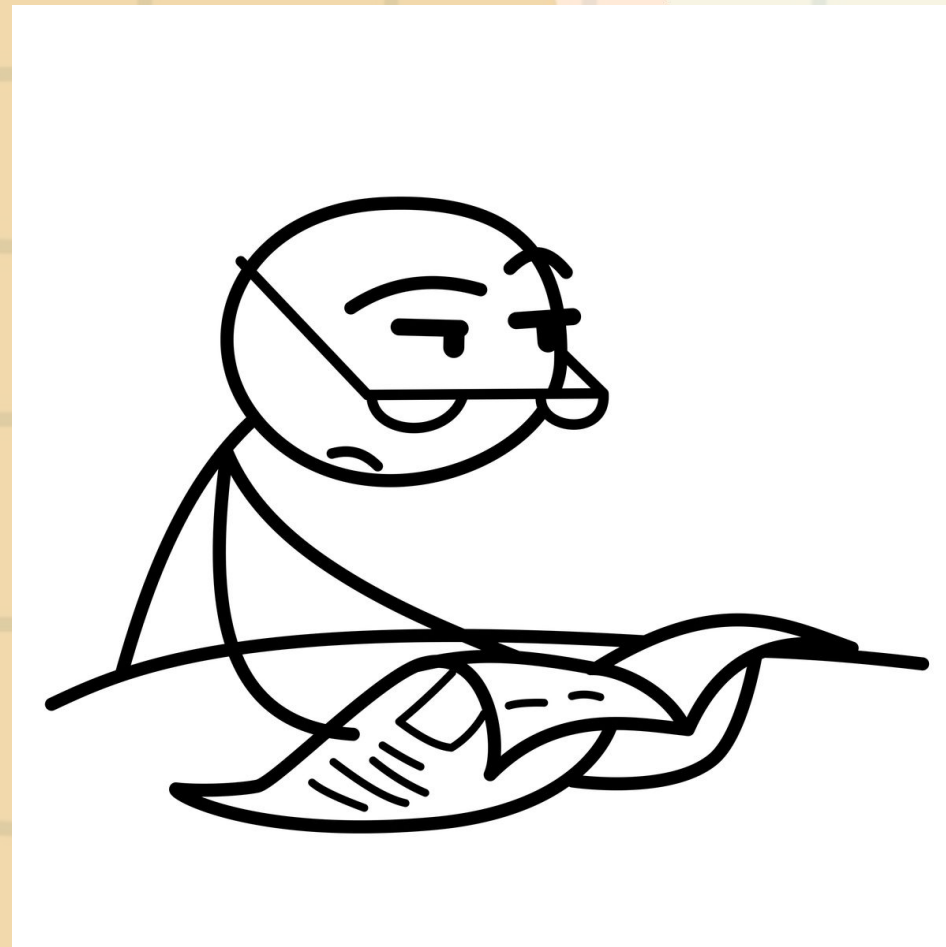
30th – thirtieth

31st –

VOCABULARY

TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

1C. Put the letters in brackets in the correct order to make time phrases and dates.



Do you need any help with your presentation on Monday?

Monday? I thought it was on the (1) second (deosnc) of (2) August (sugAut)?

No, it's 31 (3) July (luJy). That's Monday. But I can help you with it tonight.

Thanks – it's my (4) first (strif) presentation.

Have you got the information you need?

No, I've only got the information for (5) January (raJuany) to (6) April (liprA).

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TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

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4. Listen and write the correct date with the months.

1. **4th January**

2. 3rd February

3. 19th March

4. 17th April

5. 27th May

6. 9th June

7. 2nd July

8. 7th August

9. 1st September

10. 13th October

11. 22nd November

12. 18th December



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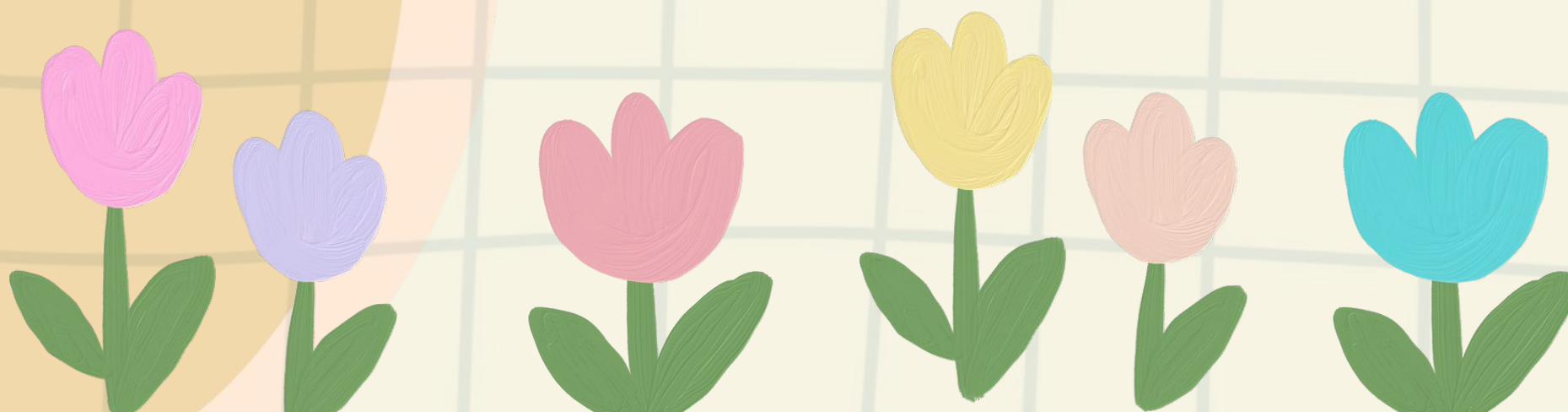
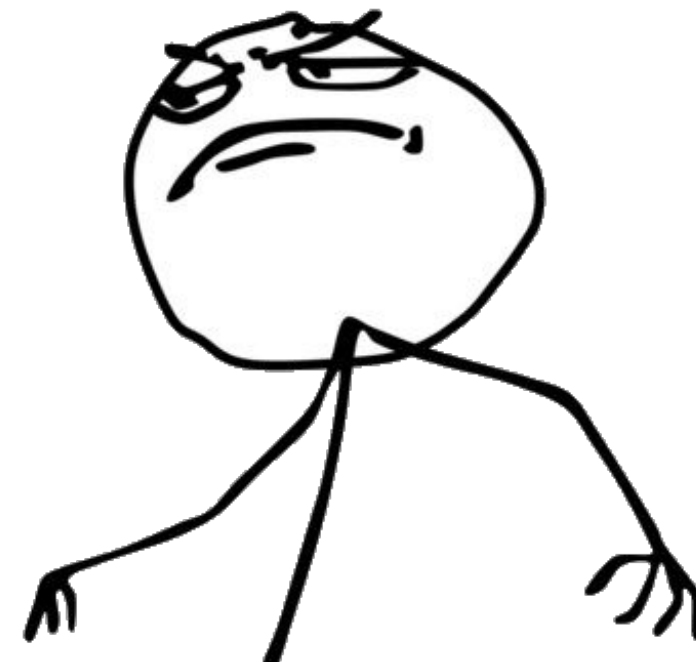
TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

4A. Read the sentences from the podcast and underline the time phrases.

1. The first Instagram photo was in 2010.

2. It was on 16 July.

3. It feels like a long time ago.



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TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

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4B. Complete the time phrases (1–6) with the words below.

after ago in last on yesterday

1. **in** 2012, July, the summer, the afternoon
2. the break, the lesson, lunch, this exercise
3. morning, afternoon, evening
4. night, Friday, weekend, month
5. Saturday, Sunday, 4 May, 10 June
6. a week, ten days, ten minutes



TIME PHRASES (1) AND DATES

5A. Work in pairs. Can you say these dates?

(A)



- the first of January
- January the first

(B)



- the twenty-seventh of May nineteen ninety-seven
- May the twenty-seventh, nineteen ninety-seven

(C)

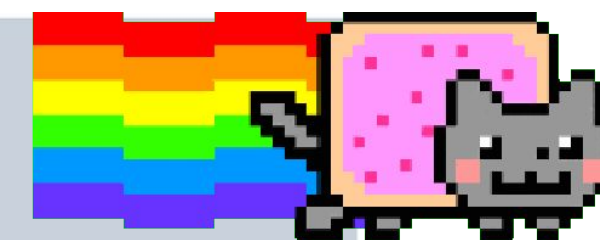


- the twelfth of December twenty twenty-two
- December the twelfth, twenty twenty-two

NOTICE

UK and US English have different ways of saying and writing the date.

10th June = the tenth of June (UK and US) June the tenth (UK) June tenth (US)



WRITING



WRITING

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write about a special date; use time expressions

8A. Read the introduction to an online discussion and the first part of Nadia's post. What time does she write about?

She writes about a week
seven years ago



What a decade!

Sara Walker: The 2010s was a great decade!

Where were you then? What do you remember about that time? Or: choose a special day, week, month or year for you. Write and tell us about it.



Nadia116

My special time was a holiday seven years ago, in the summer. I was 28. I was with my family in southern Turkey for a week.

write about a special date; use time expressions



Nadia116

What a week!

My special time was a holiday seven years ago, in the summer. I was 28. I was with my family in southern Turkey for a week. We were in a very small apartment next to the sea, with a balcony and a beautiful view. Our children were very young – Oliver was three and Charlotte was only one. We were on the beach every afternoon. It was a lot of fun! There weren't many people, so it was very quiet and relaxed. We were all very happy there. My favourite part was the food – there was fresh fish every day, straight from the sea! It was a great place with great weather and great food! What a week!

1A. Read the online post from Nadia116. Which of the things below does she NOT write about?

- ☐ weather
- ☐ food
- ☒ swimming
- ☐ people

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1B. Read the answers and write the questions.

1. Seven years ago, in the summer.

When was your special time?

2. In southern Turkey.

3. With my family.

4. Yes, we were. Very happy.

5. The food.

2. Where was your special time?

3. Who was your special time with?

4. Were you happy?

5. What was your favourite part?

write about a special date; use time expressions

1C. Find four phrases in the text that answer the question When?



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WRITING

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write about a special date; use time expressions

1D. What does What a day! mean?

- ☐ a. I can't remember the day.
- ☒ b. The day was very good.



write about a special date; use time expressions

2A. Choose a special time to write about.

Choose one of the topics from Ex 8A or use your own idea.

- Answer the questions in Ex 1B. Make notes.
- Choose three time phrases to use in your description.
- Write your ending: It was a great...

2B. Write your description. Use your notes from Ex 2A.



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ANY QUESTIONS?



Thank
you!

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