

Dates

Dates are given using different formats:

Example

19 January 1961 can also be written as:

- 19/01/61
- 19th January 1961
- 19/01/1961
- 19-Jan-61
- 19.01.61
- 19 January 1961

Example

5 February 2003 can also be written as:

- 05/02/03
- 05th February 2003
- 05/02/2003
- 5-Feb-03
- 05.02.03
- 5 February 2003

Sat.	1	8	15	22
Sun.	2	9	16	23
Mon.	3	10	17	24
Tues.	4	11	18	25
Wed.	5	12	19	26
Thur.	6	13	20	27
Fri.	7	14	21	28

Remember

- There are other ways of writing the date, but these are the most common ones.
- You need to be able to recognise and use these different formats.
- Notice that the month may be written in full or in short form (Jan, Feb, Mar etc).
- The month will sometimes just be a number (Jan = 1, Feb = 2 and so on).
- Now we are in the 21st Century it's becoming more common to write the year as four digits (2003, rather than just 03 or '03).
- In some countries the month comes before the day when the date is written as a number, so 19/01/61 would be 01/19/61. This can lead to confusion, so when you're in the UK stick with the day/month/year format.

Feeling confident about using a calendar and recording dates in different formats? Why not try the **Reading and writing dates** worksheet?