



What is your date of birth? 5th January 1968.
Where are you from? I'm from Spain. I'm Spanish.
How do you spell August? A-U-G-U-S-T

Dates

BRITISH STYLE

Day + month + year

9 August 1976 / 9th August 1976

The British write the day followed by the month and then the year. They use both the cardinal and the ordinal number for the day.

AMERICAN STYLE

Month + Day, + Year

August 9th, 1976

The Americans write the month first and then the day. They put a comma between the day (using the ordinal number) and the year.

This can be more confusing when filling forms because dates are written as series of numbers.

British style: 9.8.1976 9 /8/1976 9 Aug, 1976 (Day + Month + Year)

American style: 8.9.1976 8/9 /1976 Aug. 9th, 1976 (Month + Day, + Year)

PRONUNCIATION

Dates can be written in different ways, but they share the same pronunciation. We always say "the" before the day.

August the ninth / the ninth of August.

The day of the week is usually mentioned before the date itself.

What date is today? It's Friday the ninth of August / It's Friday August the ninth.

The year is usually mentioned after the day and month.

I was born on the ninth of August, nineteen seventy six.

ON

In British English you say that something happens on a particular day.

I got married on Sunday 4th September.

Americans sometimes leave out "on".

I got married Sunday September 4th.

The 19... 's

When you refer to the 1960's -sixties- , you are referring to the years between 1960 and 1969.

You can also specify by saying the early 80's (eighties: 1980-85) or the late 70's (1975-79).

Sounds of English /3

/v/ vase

usual spelling	but also
v very eleven live travel river love	of

/f/ flower

usual spelling
f Friday fifteen wife
ph photo elephant
ff office coffee

Alphabet

Letter	Letter name	Pronunciation
A	a	/eɪ/
B	bee	/biː/
C	cee	/siː/
D	dee	/diː/
E	e	/iː/
F	ef	/ef/
G	gee	/dʒiː/
H	aitch	/eɪtʃ/
I	i	/aɪ/
J	jay	/dʒeɪ/
K	kay	/keɪ/
L	el	/el/
M	em	/em/
N	en	/en/
O	o	/oʊ/
P	pee	/piː/
Q	cue	/kjuː/
R	ar	/ɑr/[4]
S	ess	/es/
T	tee	/tiː/
U	u	/juː/
V	vee	/viː/
W	double-u	/'dʌbəljuː/
X	ex	/eks/
Y	wy or wye	/waɪ/
Z	zed zee in American English	/zed//ziː/