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BIG ENGLISH



2ND EDITION
STUDENT'S BOOK



7

Special Days

Vocabulary

I will learn to name special days and dates.



Song Time!



1 Listen, look, and say.



2 Play the game.

Song

I will learn to talk about special days.

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Listen and sing. What special day is this Friday?



What Do We Do on Special Days?

This Friday is a special day –
The last day of the year.
We're going to stay up very late.
At midnight, we're going to cheer!



There are a lot of special days,
And this one is a treat.
We're going to have parades and
fireworks,
And delicious food to eat!

**Special days are cool. Special days are fun.
Special days bring special treats for
everyone!**

Chorus



On the first of January,
We are going to say,
"Happy New Year!" to everyone
Because it's New Year's Day.



Chorus



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Listen and match the special days with the actions.

a



give/get a card

b



watch a parade

c



watch fireworks

d



eat special foods

- 1 birthday
- 2 New Year's Eve/Day
- 3 Earth Day
- 4 Independence Day



What other special days can you name?
What other things do you do on special days?

Story

I will read a story about plans for an anniversary party.

5 Listen and read. Why is Sam making a cake?

The Anniversary Party



What are you doing, Sam?

Well, tomorrow is June 10th. I'm making a cake for your anniversary!


1 Sam's parents' anniversary is on the 10th.



Oh! That's nice!

Don't worry. I'm going to take care of everything.

2 Sam wants to help his parents celebrate their wedding anniversary.



We're going to have dinner at Antonio's, your favorite restaurant.

Oh... yes, right!

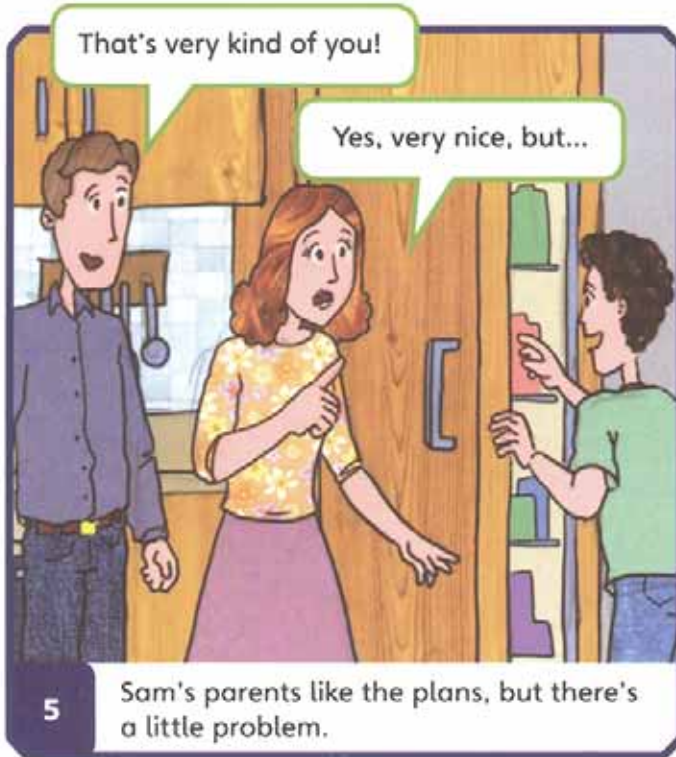
3 Sam and his family are going to eat out.



Sam, when are we going to have dinner at Antonio's?

Tomorrow night! And then we're all going to come back here to have cake.

4 Sam is planning a little party after the dinner. He's going to give them a card!



6 Read and say True or False.

- 1 In the story, the next day is June 10th.
- 2 Sam is making a cake for his parents' birthday.
- 3 They are all going to have dinner at a restaurant.
- 4 After dinner, he's going to give them a present.
- 5 Sam is right about the day, but wrong about the month.
- 6 Sam's parents' anniversary is on June 10th.



How do you think Sam feels at the end of the story?
 Have you ever made a mistake about a date?
 When? What happened?

Language in Action

I will listen to a dialog about a special date.



Listen and read. Then say.

- Calvin:** When are we going to go to Grandma and Grandpa's house?
- Mom:** On the thirteenth.
- Calvin:** This Saturday? Are we going to have a big party for Grandma's birthday?
- Mom:** Yes, on Sunday. I can't believe it. She's going to be 70 years old! Don't forget to get a card for her.
- Calvin:** Don't worry. I'm making one for her now.



Practice the dialog in 7 with a partner.



Listen and stick. Label the pictures with the name of the special day.

anniversary Earth Day New Year's Eve Valentine's Day

1



2



3



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Grammar

I will learn to use *be going to* and *first, second...* to ask and answer about special days.

When are	you	going to have the party?	I	am going to have it on Monday.
	they		We They	are going to have it on Sunday.
When is	he / she	going to visit Grandma?	He / She	is going to visit her next month.

10 Write the responses using the words in parentheses.

1 When are we going to have our test? (*Tuesday*)

2 When is she going to visit her cousins? (*next week*)

3 When are they going to have a concert? (*this Friday*)

Are you/they going to visit Grandma **on the ninth**? Yes. **on the ninth.**

Is he/she going to visit Grandma **on the fifth**? No. **on the ninth.**



11 Listen and read. Say the 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 thirteenth	14th fourteenth	15th fifteenth	16th sixteenth
17th seventeenth	18th eighteenth	19th nineteenth	20th twentieth	21st twenty-first	30th thirtieth

12 Complete the sentences with true answers.

1 Today is the _____.

2 Tomorrow is the _____.

3 Yesterday was the _____.

4 Next Monday is the _____.

13 Work with a partner and talk about people you are going to visit.

Are you going to visit your grandma on the ninth?

No, I'm going to visit my grandma on the tenth.

I will learn about unusual festivals.



Listen and read. Match the titles a–c with paragraphs 1–3.

CONTENT WORDS
 attraction celebrate
 feast fight powder
 take place unusual

- a The Color Red b The Start of a New Season c Strange Dinner Guests

Unusual Festivals

Every country has its own festivals to celebrate different things. Some festivals are more interesting than others because they're unusual – and a lot more fun! Here are just a few unusual festivals around the world.

1 Holi, the festival of colors, takes place every year in India, Nepal, and other parts of the world. Holi celebrates the end of winter and the arrival of spring and lasts for many days. It's also a celebration of good over evil. During the festival, people throw colored powder and water at each other. Stores and offices close, and the streets fill with excited crowds. It's one of the most colorful festivals in the world!

2 The only color during another famous festival is red. "La Tomatina" takes place in Buñol, Spain, in August. People come from all over the world for a big food fight. La Tomatina, you see, is the festival of throwing tomatoes! All over the city, people run through the streets throwing red tomatoes at each other. The streets get very messy, but everyone has a good time.

3 Finally, how about a festival with animals? On the last weekend in November, people in Lopburi, Thailand, invite some unusual guests to dinner at the Monkey Buffet Festival. Hundreds of monkeys come to the buffet, where they feast on fruit, nuts, and vegetables. It is a great tourist attraction, as people from all over the world come to watch it.



Unusual or not, festivals have one thing in common all over the world. They bring people together, and they give them a reason to celebrate and have fun.

15 Look at 14. Read and choose.

- Holi is a **short** / **long** festival.
- La Tomatina takes place in **many towns** / **a town** in Spain.
- The food** / **The guests** are important at the Monkey Buffet.



Which of the festivals on this page would you like to go to? Why?

I will learn to talk about leap years.

CONTENT WORDS
calendar divided
extra leap year

16 Read quickly to find these numbers. What do they mean in the text?

365 29th four 366

Leap Years

How long is a year? Most people say it is 365 days, since it takes about 365 days for Earth to travel around the Sun. Well, not exactly – it actually takes 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds. If a calendar has only 365 days, what happens to the extra time? To solve this problem, every four years, we add one day to the calendar. February 29th is called a leap day, and the year is called a leap year. Other years are common years. There are 366 days in a leap year.

Julius Caesar was a Roman emperor in the 1st century BC. He created leap years to solve the problem of the extra time in the calendar. However, people didn't like the change. Greeks and Romans had a lot of superstitions about unlucky things in leap years. They believed it was unlucky to start a new job, start a journey, marry, or buy or sell something in a leap year. Some people in Greece still consider it very unlucky to marry in a leap year.

This special day, however, isn't connected only with bad things. In some parts of the world, such as Ireland, Scotland, Finland, and Denmark, the tradition is that women can propose marriage to a man on a leap day. If the man says no, he has to buy the woman a gift.

How do we know which years are leap years? The main rule is that years that can be divided evenly by four are leap years. 2016, which divides by four, was a leap year, so 2020, 2024, and 2028 are also leap years.



People born on a leap day are called leapers. If you know a leaper, make sure you say "Happy Birthday," because their actual birthday happens only once every four years! Does this mean that they only grow a year older every four years? What do you think?

17 Listen and read. Complete the sentences. Use words from the text.

- The first leap year was in the _____ century BC.
- There were a lot of _____ about leap years in ancient Rome and Greece.
- Some Greek people think it's unlucky to _____ in a leap year.
- To find if a year is a leap year, you should _____ it by four.



When is the next leap year?
Are there lucky or unlucky days in your country?

Writing | Emails

I will learn to write an email.

18 Read. Then match the parts of the email.

closing and signature friend's email address greeting
main body of the email what your email is about your email address

The image shows an email interface with the following parts highlighted and numbered:

- 1**: From: elena@bigenglish.com
- 2**: To: diego@bigenglish.com
- 3**: Subject: Our new computer
- 4**: Dear Diego,
- 5**: Guess what! We have a new computer in my house. I'm so happy! Now I can play computer games at home. I can use the computer for homework, too.
- 6**: This is my first email on the new computer. Send me a message soon! I'm going to write some more emails now.
- 6**: Your friend, Elena

Writing Steps

19 Write an email.

- 1 Think who you're going to write to.
- 2 Write the two email addresses.
- 3 Think about what you're going to write about.
- 4 Write a subject for your email and your greeting.
- 5 Think of what you want to write in the email.
- 6 Write two paragraphs for the body of the email.
- 7 Write the closing and signature.
- 8 Read your email and check for mistakes.
- 9 Now send!



I will learn to use the sounds ue, u_e, and ure.

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Listen, read, and repeat.

1 ue

2 u_e

3 ure

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Listen and find. Then say.



blue



cube



treasure

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Listen and blend the sounds.

1 g-l-ue glue

2 t-r-ue true

3 c-u-te cute

4 p-i-c-t-ure picture

5 n-a-t-ure nature

6 d-u-ke duke

7 h-u-ge huge

8 S-ue Sue

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Read aloud. Then listen and chant.

Hi, Sue.
Is it true?
It's so cute. It's so blue.
It's really huge!
Is that a monster
In the picture?



I will learn about celebrating traditions.

24 Write a definition for the word tradition.

25 Listen and look. Number the traditions in order.



26 Talk about some of your family traditions.



Does your family have a special tradition for New Year's Day?

Yes. We always eat noodles on New Year's Day!



Project

27 Make a Traditions Around the World poster. Display your posters in the hallways of your school.



28 Complete the dialog.

are going to cooked is going to are going to made to be

Mom: Hi, Mike. Why do you look so tired?

Mike: We ¹_____ have a party because tomorrow is Father's Day.

Mom: Oh, right. Did you clean the house?

Mike: No, but we ²_____ all the food because tomorrow we
³_____ buy the presents.

Mom: Is everything ready now?

Mike: Yes! We ⁴_____ decorations for the garden because the weather
⁵_____ be sunny, so the party is going ⁶_____ outside.

Mom: That sounds great!

29 Research and answer the questions about a festival in another country.

- 1 When do people celebrate this day?
- 2 What do people do on this day?

30 Play the Holiday Plans game.

On New Year's Day, I'm going to watch a parade.



On New Year's Day, Alicia is going to watch a parade, and I'm going to sleep until noon.



On New Year's Day, Alicia is going to watch a parade, Robert is going to sleep late, and I'm going to visit my grandparents.

I Can

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use words for special days/dates and how we celebrate them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use <i>be going to</i> and <i>first, second...</i> to ask and answer about special days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • talk about special days and plans to celebrate them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write an email.
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Special Days

Vocabulary

1 Look and write the special days.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Read and circle T for true or F for false.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1 My parents' anniversary is celebrated by my mom and dad. | T | F |
| 2 New Year's Day is before New Year's Eve. | T | F |
| 3 On Valentine's Day, people give flowers to their loved ones. | T | F |
| 4 There is a parade on Earth Day. | T | F |



Listen and write. Use the words from the box.

What Do We Do on Special Days?

This ¹ _____ is a special day –
The last day of the year.

We're ² _____ stay up very late.
At midnight, we're going to cheer!

**Special days are cool. Special days are fun.
Special days bring special treats for everyone!**

On the first of ³ _____,
We are going to say,
"Happy New Year!" to everyone
Because it's ⁴ _____.

Chorus

There are a lot of special days,
And this one is a treat.
We're going to
Have ⁵ _____
And ⁶ _____,
And delicious food to eat!

Chorus

fireworks
Friday
going to
January
New Year's Day
parades



4 Look at 3 and ✓ the correct answers.

1 This Friday is...

December 30th.

December 31st.

January 1st.

2 They are going to cheer...

at lunchtime.

in the afternoon.

at midnight.

3 On New Year's Eve, they...

stay up late.

go to bed early.

sleep late.



Story

5 Read. Then answer the questions.

The Anniversary Party

What are you doing, Sam?

Well, tomorrow is June 10th. I'm making a cake for your anniversary!

We're going to have dinner at Antonio's, your favorite restaurant.

Oh... yes, right!

That's very kind of you!

Yes, very nice, but...

Our anniversary is on July 10th, not June 10th!

1 Why is Sam planning a celebration?

2 Where are they going to go?

3 What's the problem?

6 Write about you and your family.

1 My birthday is on _____.

2 My mom's birthday is on _____.

3 My dad's birthday is on _____.

4 My parents' wedding anniversary is on _____.



Think and write. What do you think Sam's parents are going to say next?





Language in Action

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Listen and match.

Dad's birthday

sister's birthday

go to a parade

Dad's party/give presents

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Mom's special dinner

sister's party

Grandparents' anniversary

Mom's birthday

Valentine's Day

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Look at the calendar in 7. Write the dates and special days.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____

How did I do?



Grammar

When are	you	going to have the party?	I	am going to have it on Monday.
			We	are going to have it on Monday.
	They			
When is	he/she	going to visit Grandma?	He/She	is going to visit her next month.

9 Answer the questions about Sarah's calendar.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 today	4	5	6	7 birthday party
8	9	10	11 parents' anniversary	12	13	14 sister visits friend
15	16	17	18 watch parade	19	20	21 watch fireworks
22	23	24	25	26	27 Uncle Joe visits	28
29	30	31				

- When is Sarah going to have her birthday party?
She is going to have it on Saturday, the seventh.
- When are her parents going to celebrate their anniversary?

- When is her sister going to visit her friend?

- Is she going to watch the parade on the 17th?

- Are they going to watch the fireworks on Sunday?



Are you/they going to visit Grandma **on the ninth**?

Yes, **on the ninth**.

Is he/she going to visit Grandma **on the fifth**?

No, **on the ninth**.

10 Read and cross out the letters. Use the remaining letters to write the special days.

- 1 Cross out the first, third, fifth, ninth, tenth, twelfth, and fourteenth letters.

~~B~~ ~~E~~ ~~X~~ ~~A~~ ~~R~~ ~~T~~ ~~H~~ ~~X~~ ~~N~~ ~~D~~ ~~O~~ ~~A~~ ~~M~~ ~~Y~~
E A R T H D A Y

- 2 Cross out the first, third, seventh, tenth, thirteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth letters.

B V I A L E R N T H I N P E S Y N D A O Y

- 3 Cross out the second, fourth, sixth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, sixteenth, seventeenth, and nineteenth letters.

N A E H W P V Y I E N A R S D E V A E Y

11 Read and write the answer.

Sam has to go to the dentist on the ninth of March. It is a regular checkup and cleaning. On the fifteenth of March, he is going to have his birthday party. His cousins can't come. So on the twentieth of March, he is going to visit his cousins. They are going to go to the movies.

- 1 When is Sam going to celebrate his birthday?

- 2 When is Sam going to visit his cousins?

- 3 When is Sam going to have his teeth cleaned?



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Listen, read, and circle.

Holi, The Festival of Colors

This festival takes place every year to **1watch / celebrate** the end of winter and the arrival of spring. It's celebrated in India, Nepal, and other places. It's probably the most colorful festival in the whole world. During Holi, people throw water and colored **2paper / powder**. People like to wear white clothes to Holi and watch them stain with all the different colors.

Tomatina, The Tomato Festival

Every year, on the last Wednesday of August, there is a **3clean / messy** festival in Buñol, Spain, where people throw tomatoes at each other. The festival started in 1945. There was no real reason for it. It was just good fun.

The Monkey Buffet

On the last weekend in November, the people of Lopburi, Thailand, invite hundreds of monkeys to a **4feast / fight** of peanuts, fruit, and vegetables. People come from all over the world to watch the monkeys eat.

Quyllur Rit'i, The Festival of the Snow Star

It takes place every year in May or June on a **5volcano / glacier** in Peru. People celebrate with music and dancing for three days and nights, and the festival finishes with everyone carrying fire torches as they leave.



13 Look at 12. Complete the sentences and put a ✓ or a X.

attraction clean fight takes place torches

- 1 Every year in Buñol, there is a big tomato _____.
- 2 In one festival in Thailand, people carry fire _____ down from the mountain.
- 3 The Monkey Buffet Festival in Thailand isn't a popular tourist _____.
- 4 It's very unusual to leave the Holi festival wearing _____ clothes.
- 5 Quyllur Rit'i _____ only in June.



14 Look at 12. Circle T for true and F for false.

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | The Festival of Colors takes place in China. | T | F |
| 2 | People usually wear white clothes to Holi. | T | F |
| 3 | The Tomato Festival is celebrated in Spain. | T | F |
| 4 | People celebrate it to say "thank you" for all the tomatoes. | T | F |
| 5 | The Monkey Buffet takes place at the end of November in Thailand. | T | F |
| 6 | People celebrate the Festival of the Snow Star for three weeks in Peru. | T | F |

15 Answer the questions according to 12.

- Who are the guests at the Monkey Buffet?

- What foods do these guests enjoy?

- What makes the streets messy at the Tomato Festival?

- Why is it icy cold at the Festival of the Snow Star?

- Why does the colored powder stick to clothes at Holi?

- How does Quyllur Rit'i finish?



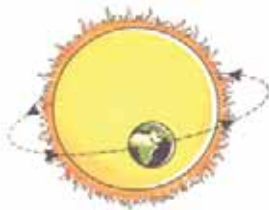
16 Read about leap years.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with a search bar and navigation icons. The main heading is "Leap Year" in large, colorful letters. Below the heading is a paragraph of text explaining leap years.

We usually say a year is 365 days long because that's about the time it takes for Earth to travel around the sun. It actually takes 365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds. The extra 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds add up to an extra day every four years on February 29th. This day is called leap day. Years with the extra day are called leap years. They can be divided evenly by four. For example, 2004, 2008, and 2012 were leap years.

17 Answer the questions.

1 How long does it take Earth to travel around the sun?



- _____ days
- _____ hours
- _____ minutes
- _____ seconds

2 How many days are there in a leap year? _____

18 Solve these problems.

1 Billy was born on February 29th, 2000. Write the next four years he can celebrate his birthday on February 29th.

2 It's February 29th, 2012. It's Jessi's birthday. Write the next four years she can celebrate her birthday on February 29th.



19 Read and complete the email. Use the words from the box.

FROM 1 _____
TO alex@bigenglish.com
SUBJECT 2 _____

3 _____ Alex,

Guess what! It's our street carnival next weekend. There are loads of things planned. I'm going to watch the parade because my sister's in it. She's going to wear special traditional clothes. Then I'm going to buy a present for my grandparents. It's their anniversary on June 13th.

I have to go. Write back soon!

4 _____
Simon

Dear
Next weekend
simon@bigenglish.com
Your friend,

20 Write an email to a friend. Invite your friend to a celebration.

New Year's Day party Midsummer's Day party

FROM _____
TO _____
SUBJECT _____

~



21 Read and circle ue, u_e, and ure.

cute glue bridge
 blue sponge edge picture
 true cube treasure

22 Underline the words with ue, u_e, and ure. Then read aloud.

- 1 This is a huge bottle of glue.
- 2 I drink pure water.

23 Connect the letters. Then write.

- | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|---|-------|
| 1 | bl | ure | a | _____ |
| 2 | c | ue | b | _____ |
| 3 | nat | ube | c | _____ |

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 24 Listen and write.

Hi, ¹ _____
 Is it ² _____?
 It's so ³ _____.
 It's so ⁴ _____
 It's really ⁵ _____!
 Is that a monster
 In the ⁶ _____?



Review

25 Match. Then write sentences. Use going to.

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Dad/buy/a new camera | | a run in a race tomorrow. |
| 2 We/decorate/our classroom | | b take pictures of the Monkey Buffet. |
| 3 Mom/buy/gifts | | c get a new laptop. |
| 4 Kim/learn/all about computers | because | d watch his favorite TV program. |
| 5 Tom/stay/at home | | e meet our American cousins. |
| 6 Jenny/eat/a big dinner | | f have visitors from a school abroad. |

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

26 Look at the pictures. Answer the questions.



FEBRUARY 14



MARCH 10



APRIL 22

- 1 When are they going to celebrate Earth Day?

- 2 Is she going to have her birthday party on March 10th?

- 3 Are they going to have a Valentine's Day party on February 9th?
