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Math – “What is the Day Today?” – Measurements of Time

What is a year? It is the time it takes for the earth to go around the sun, which is just about 365 days. Do you know what year this is? If you said 2008, you are correct. But did you know that not everyone has the same names for the years? In China, this year is called the year of the Rat. Not everyone begins and ends the year at the same time either, some cultures celebrate the New Year in March or April. Do you know when our year begins? Yes, the first day of January.

The calendar most of the world uses today is called the **Gregorian** calendar and it is 426 years old. The calendar divides the year into 12 months: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December. The year is also divided into 52 weeks. This means that each month has a little more than 4 weeks. Because the earth does not take exactly 365 days to go around the sun we need to add an extra day to our calendar every 4 years. The year with the extra day is called a leap year. We add the extra day onto the month of February. Is 2008 a leap year?

Here is a verse that helps you remember the number of days in each month:

30 days has September, April, June and November, all the rest have 31, except for February alone, which has but 28 days clear and 29 in each leap year.

There are 7 days in a week. Can you name them? Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Do you know what the day is today? What was the day yesterday? What day will it be tomorrow? We need to know the names of the days, months and years so that we can remember important dates. Do you know the date of your birthday?

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A: Wow! We’ve had a time explosion. Can you sort it out?

Draw a red circle around all the months and a blue circle around all the days.



B: Sequencing

Now let’s see if you can get them in the correct order! Fill in the days of the week and the months of the year.

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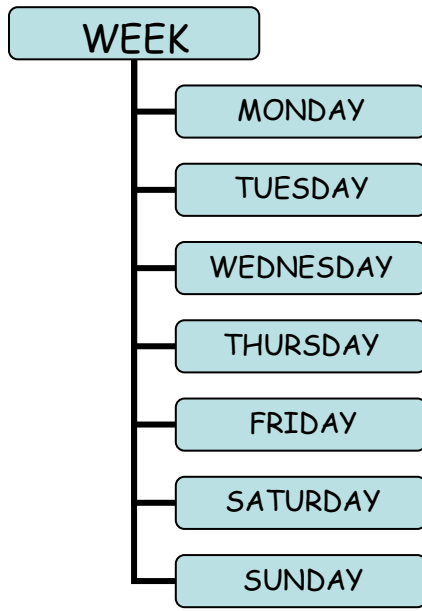
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