

Put the dates in order games

Instructions for teachers

*Cut up one pack of cards for each group or the whole class. One student or the teacher mixes them up then a person or team tries to put them back into order (on the floor, on a table, or stuck to the board with *Blutack*), then say them in the right order. If you want to make the game more competitive, you can give them time limits, or give points to the person who mixed it up for each number that they can count before the dates are put back in the right order. To make the game easier, you can limit the number of times they can move the cards when they are mixing them up, e.g. only four changes, and/ or play with less than a full pack, e.g. just the months Jan to June.*

To make the game more of a challenge for all students or any students or groups who are winning every time, you can:

- Get them to only use one hand or even just one finger
- Get them to do it with one or more cards turned face down
- Allow the student mixing up to make more changes, e.g. moving or swapping of cards up to seven times

Photocopiable cards to cut up and mix up

Months

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

Dates

January tenth	January twentieth	February second	February fourth
March seventh	March sixteenth	April first	April third
May thirteenth	May thirtieth	June fifth	June sixth
July eleventh	July twenty first	August tenth	August twentieth
September twelfth	October eighteenth	October nineteenth	October twenty third
December first	December ninth	December twentieth	December thirtieth

Days

first	second	third	fourth
fifth	sixth	seventh	eighth
ninth	tenth	eleventh	twelfth
thirteenth	fourteenth	fifteenth	sixteenth
seventeenth	eighteenth	nineteenth	twentieth
twenty first	twenty second	twenty third	twenty fourth
twenty fifth	twenty sixth	twenty seventh	twenty eighth
twenty ninth	thirtieth	thirty first	

Dates writing practice

Write these dates as numbers:

- January tenth
- March seventh
- May thirteenth
- July eleventh
- April third
- September twelfth
- December first
- January twentieth
- February second
- October nineteenth
- February fourth
- March sixteenth
- April first
- May thirtieth
- June fifth
- June sixth
- July twenty first
- August tenth
- October eighteenth
- December twentieth
- December thirtieth
- October twenty third
- December ninth
- August twentieth

Write the names of these months in full. Sometimes no change is needed.

- Jan
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sept
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec

If you need to and your teacher tells you to, use the endings under the fold below to help with the task above.

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