

Days of the Week & Months of the Year

Complete pronunciation guide, calendar abbreviations, silent letter warnings, and preposition rules for exam readiness.

PREPOSITION

ON Days

PREPOSITION

IN Months

A

RULE 1: ALWAYS CAPITALIZE IN ENGLISH! Exam Favorite

In Spanish, days and months are lowercase (*lunes, marzo*). In English, they **MUST ALWAYS** start with a capital letter.

✓ Monday, March ✗ monday, march

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RULE 2: NEVER SAY "THE MONDAY" OR "IN FRIDAY"! Preposition Trap

In English, use **ON** for days/dates and **IN** for months alone.

ON + Days: on Friday

IN + Months: in October

1 Days of the Week (Sunday Start in the US)

📅 7 Days / Week

DAY	ABBR.	SPANISH PHONETIC SOUND	PHONETIC TIPS & SILENT LETTERS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Sunday	Sun.	SAN-dei	The u is an open relaxed vowel (like in <i>sun</i>), not Spanish <i>su</i> .	"We rest on Sunday."
Monday	Mon.	MAN-dei	The o sounds like short "a" /ʌ/, identical to the vowel in <i>Sunday</i> .	"Class starts on Monday."
Tuesday	Tue.	TUZ-dei	Clean "T": Drop the British "y" glide; say <i>tuz</i> (not <i>tyuzor chus</i>).	"I have gym on Tuesday."
Wednesday	Wed.	WENZ-dei	⚠️ SILENT LETTERS: 2 syllables only! Do NOT pronounce first <i>d</i> or 2nd <i>e</i> .	"Meeting on Wednesday."
Thursday	Thu.	ZERZ-dei	Dental "TH": Tongue between teeth (like Spanish <i>zapato</i>). Never say <i>Turs-day</i> .	"Thursday is payday."

DAY	ABBR.	SPANISH PHONETIC SOUND	PHONETIC TIPS & SILENT LETTERS	EXAMPLE SENTENCE
Friday	Fri.	FRAI-dei	The i is a diphthong: sounds like <i>ai</i> in Spanish <i>aire</i> .	"See you on Friday!"
Saturday	Sat.	SA-der-dei	American Flap T: The <i>t</i> between vowels sounds like a soft Spanish single <i>r</i> (*sa-rer-dei*).	"Soccer on Saturday."

VS **SPOTLIGHT TRAP: TUESDAY VS. THURSDAY (THE MOST FAILED TEST SOUND)**

Tuesday

TUZ-dei

Tongue position: Tap teeth with tongue tip for an explosive "T", exactly like Spanish *té*.

★ Say: "TOOZ-day" • Never add "h" or "th".

Thursday

ZERZ-dei

Tongue position: Put tongue *between* teeth for soft "TH", like Spain's Spanish *c/zin cena/zapato*.

★ Say: "THURZ-day" • Do NOT say "Turs-day".

2 **Months of the Year (12 Months)**

📅 Preposition: IN

#	MONTH	ABBR.	SPANISH PHONETIC SOUND	SYLLABLES & AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION TRAPS
01	January	Jan.	JAN-yu-e-ri	English J vibrates (like y in Argentine <i>yo</i>), never Spanish <i>jota</i> .
02	February	Feb.	FEB-iu-we-ri	Stress the 1st syllable: FEB.
03	March	Mar.	MARCH	1 single syllable. Open "a" vowel with a crisp English <i>ch</i> ending.
04	April	Apr.	EI-pril	⚠️ Vowel Trap: Starts with EI (like English letter A), NOT Spanish <i>ah-pril</i> .
05	May	May	MEI	No abbreviation dot needed. Rhymes perfectly with <i>day</i> (*dei*).
06	June	Jun.	JOON	1 syllable. Long oo; the final e is silent. Vibrating J.
07	July	Jul.	ju-LAI	❗ STRESS SHIFT: Stress is on the 2nd syllable (ju-LAI). Unlike <i>June</i> .

#	MONTH	ABBR.	SPANISH PHONETIC SOUND	SYLLABLES & AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION TRAPS
08	August	Aug.	AH-guest	⚠ Vowel Trap: Starts with an open "AH" /ɑ:/. Never say Spanish <i>ou-gusto</i> .
09	September	Sep.	sep-TEM-ber	3 syllables. Strong stress on the middle syllable: sep-TEM-ber.
10	October	Oct.	ahk-TOH-ber	First vowel is unrounded American <i>ahk</i> , not Spanish <i>ohk</i> .
11	November	Nov.	noh-VEM-ber	Labiodental V: Bite lower lip with upper teeth /v/. Not Spanish <i>b</i> .
12	December	Dec.	di-SEM-ber	3 syllables. First syllable is relaxed <i>dí</i> or <i>de</i> ; stress on SEM.



ASKING ABOUT THE DAY

Q: "What day is it today?"

A: "**Today is Monday.**"

Never use "the": avoid "Today is the Monday".



DATES & BIRTHDAYS

Q: "When is your birthday?"

- Month only: "It is **in** August."
- Specific date: "It is **on** August 14th."



ROUTINE & HABITS (PLURALS)

Add **-s** to the day to mean "every week":

"I play soccer on Saturdays."

Equals: "every Saturday" (no "s" with every).