

# DATES IN ENGLISH

## GENERAL DATES:

We write: 17 June 2010 or 17<sup>th</sup> June 1989

We say: "June the seventeenth, nineteen eighty-nine" & "The seventeenth of June, nineteen eighty-nine"

## GENERAL YEARS:

1900 - "nineteen hundred"

1905 - "nineteen hundred and five" or "nineteen hundred 0 five"

1910 - "nineteen ten" (you can also say "nineteen hundred and ten" but it's not common)

1945 - "nineteen forty-five"

1996 - "nineteen ninety-six"

2000 - "two thousand"

2003 - "two thousand and three"

2010 - "twenty-ten" (2011 - "twenty-eleven" etc.)

## DECADES:

...the (1960s) '60s - "the (nineteen) sixties"

...the (2000s) '00s - "the thousands" or "the noughties"

## CENTURIES

...the 1900s - "the nineteen hundreds"

...the 4<sup>th</sup> century - "the fourth century"

...the 20<sup>th</sup> century - "the twentieth century"

**BC** - before Christ    **AD** - Anno Domini

## ON/IN:

**ON:** days & dates

We write: He was born on 2nd March 1960

We say: "He was born on the 2nd of May nineteen sixty"

**IN:** months, seasons, years, decades, centuries

"My birthday is in January not in summer"

"He was born in 1985 and grew up in the nineteenth"