

Conversation: Let's Talk about Dates

1. Hi _____, what's going on?
 2. Hey _____, not much. I'm going shopping this afternoon.
-
1. What are you going to buy?
 2. I need to buy a birthday gift for my boyfriend/girlfriend or husband/wife. His/her birthday is on Saturday, October 4.
-
1. How are you going to celebrate? Is there going to be a party?
 2. There's no party, but I'm going to take him/her out to eat at a fancy restaurant. When's your birthday?
-
1. My birthday is _____. Are you going to take me out to eat as well?
 2. Of course! But then, you have to take me out to eat on my birthday which is _____.
-
1. It's a deal! Other than your birthday, what is your favorite date?
 2. Oh, that has to be Christmas on December 25.
-
1. Yeah, me too! I love history which means I know a lot about dates. What about you? Do you know why the year 1776 is special?
 2. Easy! That was the year the United States declared independence from Great Britain.
-
1. Right! July 4 is a good day for picnics, parades, and fireworks!
 2. Yeah, it's a lot of fun. Now I'll ask you – do you know why the year 1810 is special?
-
1. Hmm, is that the year Mexico declared independence from Spain?
 2. Correct! September 16 is the day for that celebration although some people think it's May 5.
-
1. Hey, I look for any excuse to celebrate and party!
 2. Yeah, me too. OK, here's a serious one – December 7 – a “day that will live in infamy.”
-
1. Oh, I'm glad you added the quotation. I studied that in history. It's what President Roosevelt said when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entered World War II.
 2. Yes, it happened in 1941, that was 81 years ago!
-
1. Yes, I hope that never happens again. Although a similar sad day was 9/11.
 2. Yes, September 11, 2001 when terrorists crashed planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City.
-
1. Ok, let's return to happier days! What day is Thanksgiving this year?
 2. Well, it's always on a Thursday in November. I think it's November 24 this year.
-
1. Ok, don't forget the turkey!
 2. I never forget the turkey on Thanksgiving or the eggs for Easter!