LISTENING PRACTICE

DATES

- **ANSWER KEY** in calendar format

**Discuss these questions with a classmate:**

1. When is your birthday?
2. Can you think of three dates that are important in your country?
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Focus Dates
Level Intermediate

READ ALOUD

(ANSWERS)

1. Earth Day is celebrated by almost 200 countries around the world on April 22 (twenty-second).
2. Children’s Day in Japan is celebrated on May 5 (fifth).
3. People in India celebrate Republic Day on January 26 (twenty-sixth).
4. Every year in Mexico, people celebrate Mother’s Day on May 10 (tenth).
5. The National Day of Sweden is celebrated on June 6 (sixth).
6. Teacher’s Day in Thailand is celebrated on January 16 (sixteenth).
7. Father’s Day in Taiwan is celebrated every year on August 8 (eighth).
8. In the United States, Halloween is celebrated on October 31 (thirty-first).
9. In Argentina, the Day of Tradition is celebrated on November 10 (tenth).
10. Women’s Day in Poland is celebrated every year on March 8 (eighth).
11. Bastille Day, the national day of France, is celebrated on July 14 (fourteenth).
12. In Egypt, Revolution Day is celebrated on July 23 (twenty-third).
13. The last day of Christmas is celebrated in Iceland on January 6 (sixth).
14. Hispanic Day is celebrated every year in Spain on October 12 (twelfth).
15. Canada celebrates its birthday on July 1 (first).
16. New Zealand’s national day, Waitangi Day, is celebrated on February 6 (sixth).

CHECK ANSWERS

Have a volunteer (or several volunteers) come to the board with their papers and write down the dates they heard. For example: (1) April 22 / (2) May 5 / etc. Answers will likely not be written in the same order that they were read aloud – focus instead on whether or not the correct dates are written on the board.

LISTEN AGAIN (Country Names)

Optional Activity: Consider reading aloud the above sentences (or playing the audio file) a second time. Your learners should listen and write the names of the countries they hear (starting with the second sentence).