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## Conversations with My Daughter What is a year dad?

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**T:** Dad?

**Dad:** Yes Dad!

**T:** What is a year?

**Dad:** A year is how long it takes for planet earth to turn around the sun. It's a little more than 365 days. A year is divided into several smaller periods. Do you know what a period is?

**T:** No!

**Dad:** A period is duration of time. It's a measure of time. For instance, you go to after school art program for a period of 2 months.

**T:** Is January a month?

**Dad:** Yes.

**T:** Is February a month?

**Dad:** Yes! It is.

**T:** And March and April?

**Dad:** Yes! And, yes.

**T:** May is my favorite month.

**Dad:** Mine too!

**T:** Dad, a year is how many months?

**Dad:** You tell me!

**T:** January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December - 12 months?

**Dad:** Yes Madam! A year is, also, a few days more 52 weeks.

**T:** 52 weeks? And a week is 7 days.

**Dad:** Yes it is.

**T:** Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

**Dad:** Correct.

**T:** Why do we start with Sunday?

**Dad:** I don't know!

**T:** Dad?

**Dad:** Yes Madam?

**T:** Do weeks have names?

**Dad:** No. They don't.

**T:** But days have names, Months have names. Do years have names?

**Dad:** No. They have numbers.

**T:** Do weeks have numbers?

**Dad:** Sort of.

**T:** Do they have numbers? What is sort of?

**Dad:** Well! Yes. Week 1, 2, 3 so on and so forth...

**T:** What is sort of?

**Dad:** Means yes and no!

**T:** Silly! What is this week's number?

**Dad:** I don't know - Silly what?

**T:** Silly you dad! It's yes OR no.

**T:** Silly! What is this week's number? Is it week 25?

**Dad:** Nope.

**T:** Is it week 30?

**Dad:** No. It's closer to 50.



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**T:** 50? Why 50?

**Dad:** Because it's closer to the end of the year.

**T:** I want weeks to have names.

**Dad:** Why?

**T:** Because

**Dad:** Because what?

**T:** Because

**Dad:** Now you're being silly! - Give me a good reason I let you name the weeks.

**T:** I want to know what week is my birthday.

**Dad:** Your birthday is in a day of a month.

**T:** May 15th.

**Dad:** Yes.

**T:** Is it in a day of a week too?

**Dad:** Of course it is.

**T:** What week?

**Dad:** Around week 20.

**T:** I want to call it week 20.

**Dad:** Then you're numbering it. You said you want to name it.

**T:** Oh. I want to call it "My Week."

**Dad:** "My" is not a name.

**T:** Can I put my name on it?

**Dad:** Not really. If it were to have a name it must have an exclusive name.

**T:** What is exclusive?

**Dad:** Unique

**T:** Unique?

**Dad:** Yes, Unique. A name no one else can have.

**T:** But your friends name was June.

**Dad:** She was not my friend. She was my friend's wife.

**T:** Oh. What happened to your friend?

**Dad:** I don't want to talk about it.

**T:** Dad? Why was her name June?

**Dad:** I don't know! I never asked.

**T:** Dad? What about "Lucky"?

**Dad:** "Lucky" the robot dog?

**T:** Chuckling – yes!

**Dad:** This week is the week of Lucky! Possible! What do you, then, want to call week 21 then?

Week 22, 23?

**T:** Princess Bell. Princess Rose, Cinderella, Jasmine, Peter, Lucy, Susan, Harry Potter.

**Dad:** Okay, Okay.

**T:** Dad?

**Dad:** Yes dad?

**T:** When is Christmas?

**Dad:** In about two weeks.

**T:** Can I call Christmas week – Santa; the week of Santa?

**Dad:** Sounds like a good Idea. I think we should name the weeks after an important event that took place during that period or an important person who did something in that period.

**T:** Can you put my name on this week?

**Dad:** I can try!