

HDHS #3: Las Fechas

- The days of the week in Spanish are named after celestial bodies and religion.

lunes	Monday	Moon
martes	Tuesday	Mars
miércoles	Wednesday	Mercury
jueves	Thursday	Jupiter
viernes	Friday	Venus
sábado	Saturday	Sabbath
domingo	Sunday	Day of God



- The days of the week are all masculine, because the word día is masculine. To say “on Monday,” use the definite article “el” plus the name of the day: el lunes. When written, they are in lower case, unless they are the first word in a sentence.

- With the exception of the Spanish name for January – enero – the names of the months are very similar to the English names, since they are all derived from Latin. They are also all masculine because the word mes (month) is masculine. The names of the months in Spanish are:

enero	January	mayo	May	septiembre	September
febrero	February	junio	June	octubre	October
marzo	March	julio	July	noviembre	November
abril	April	agosto	August	diciembre	December

- ¿Qué fecha es hoy? What is today’s date? To write the date in Spanish, follow this formula:

Hoy es _____, el _____ de _____ de _____.

day of week date month year

NOTE: For the first of the month, “uno” is not used. You must use the ordinal number “first” which is **primero**. The same is true for the “second” of the month, or **segundo**.

- When writing the date in numerical form, it is slightly different. The date is written using the date first, then the month, followed by the year. If you are familiar with military dates, it is done the same way.

- When speaking of dates you might find these seasonal words helpful:

invierno	winter	verano	summer
primavera	spring	otoño	fall