

Trend Task: Letter

Approach: Station

Focus: Interpreting a calendar; date calculations

Resources: Letter, calendar

Year: 4 & 8



Questions / instructions:

Here is a letter from Kiri to her Mum and Dad.
Use the letter and the calendar to help you
answer the questions.

Frankton Rd
Queenstown

17 November 2001

Dear Mum and Dad,

Hi there! I'm missing you. It is now 20 days
since I left home. My 12th birthday will be in
a fortnight from today. It's 4 weeks before I'm
home again. It will be good to see you.

Love Kiri

2001 Calendar

January							February							March							April						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

May							June							July							August						
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1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	26	27	28	29	30	31								

September							October							November							December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
29	30						28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30								

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| 1. What day of the week was the letter written? | Saturday | 32 (37) | 73 (71) |
| 2. On what date did Kiri leave home? | 28 October | 20 (23) | 45 (46) |
| 3. What date is her birthday? | 1 December | 13 (17) | 59 (59) |
| 4. In what year was she born? | 1989 | 16 (21) | 50 (64) |
| 5. How many days are there from her birthday until Christmas Day? | 24 | 20 (20) | 47 (56) |
| 6. What date will she be back home again? | 15 December | 19 (17) | 54 (54) |

Total score:	5-6	2 (4)	28 (34)
	3-4	15 (17)	37 (38)
	1-2	40 (39)	29 (20)
	0	43 (40)	5 (8)

Commentary:

This task showed strong growth from year 4 to year 8. There were small declines in performance from 2001 to 2005.