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My birthday is on 13th May, (year) My birthday is MONTH, DAY (June 13th) suena más normal y corriente. mmmm no se si sea correcto decir My birthday is MONTH, DAY (June 13th) me parece que no, y si se puede sería My birthday is in MONTH, DAY (June 13th) mejor sería My birthday is on 13th May, (year) corrígeme si estoy mal.!!gracias.!! Hay varias maneras: My birthday is June 13 My birthday is June 13th My birthday is on the 13th of June My birthday is on June 13 (normalmente si estás a punto de cumplirlo) My birthday is 13 June (some military) Pero de todos modos, se va a entender. =) My birthday is on 13th May, (year) corrígeme si estoy mal.!!gracias.!! You normally don't say the year when talking about your birthdays. You have a birthday every year. The year is mentioned when talking about the date of your birth: I was born on (date). mmmm no se si sea correcto decir My birthday is MONTH, DAY (June 13th) me parece que no, y si se puede sería My birthday is in MONTH, DAY (June 13th) mejor sería My birthday is on 13th May, (year) corrígeme si estoy mal.!!gracias.!! My birthday is MONTH, DAY (June 13th) is the American style My birthday is on the DAY of MONTH (13th of June) : British/Irish English Thank you all for your answers but they are so varied that I ended up a bit confused. Bye We use "in" when we only mention the month. Example: My birthday is in May But when we mention day and year we use "on" because you are specifying the exactly day. Example: My birthday is on May 14th Hola, Me da vergüenza preguntar esta pavada. Cómo sería correcto escribir la fecha de cumpleaños. Creo que debe haber varias posibilidades. My birthday is on the 13th May My birthday is the 13th of May My birthday is the 13th of May Muchas gracias Hi, Neuguén al hablar: "My Birthday is May Thirteenth" en un texto o correo electrónico: "... May 13, May 13th, 5/13" al completar documentos: "... May 13, May 13th, 5/13" y añades el año Hi guys! Can someone help me please? How is the answer when I say: "When is your birthday?" a) On the 22th of January in the year 1989; or c) On the 22th of January of the year 1989; So which preposition (in or of) should I use? And how is the correct answer? "Birthdya" generally is just a month and day. If I specifically want to know when someone was born, I would ask "What is your date of birth." As for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and while you are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. But you do not use any preposition Prepositions are used when people (e.g. politicians) are making speeches, and want to sound very formal. "On this 30th day of November, in the year Two Thousand Ten, we hereby establish . . . ." As your birthday is the anniversary of your birth, it is just the day and month. Your date of birth will include the full year. As for prepositions, I think you have two options for answering "When is your birthday?": 1) "It's on January 22nd." 2) "January 22nd." Giving your date of birth, I would go with Ceremoniar's suggestion- month, date, year- no introduction, no prepositions, no nothing. for what day were you born would be I was born on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what is your birthday would be It's on the 22nd of January "What is your birthday?" It sounds really strange. Hi guys! Can someone help me please? How is the answer when I say: "When is your birthday?" a) On the 22th of January in the year 1989; or c) On the 22th of January of the year 1989; So which preposition (in or of) should I use? And how is the correct answer? Thank you very much! If I use it, I will write as on the 22th January, 1989. Question should be When is your birthday? If I answer: "on the 22nd of January in the 1989" sounds a bit formal? Sounds a bit wrong Simple conversation (1). When is your birthday? Fifth of January, Simple conversation (2). When were you born? OR What is your date of birth? (I was born on the fifth of January, nineteen ninety-four. British speakers give the day first followed by the month and the year, and write the date the same way - 4/10/2010. "Fourth of October two thousand and ten". Hermione Thanks for the 'guys' comment sdg As for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and while you are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. Sorry for that. Next time I will write more responsibly! "on the 22nd of January in the 1989" Somewhat formal. "on the 22nd of January, 1989" Very formal: "on the 22nd of January in the year 1989" Dear friends, if I write: "My birthday is 7th December." is correct? Thanks! Yes, but it's not the only correct way to write it. EDIT: joanvillafane is only speaking for AE users in her reply below. No, Gisellee - it's not correct (in AE) - cross-post with Rover KE My birthday is December 7th. Thanks dear British and English friends :B Yes, but it's not the only correct way to write it. EDIT: joanvillafane is only speaking for AE users in her reply below. Dear Rover, you mean that is correct despite it hasn't got the preposition "on"? Thanks for your help! I would say "today." Seriously, however, the question is somewhat ambiguous. "Birthdya" generally is just a month and day. If I specifically want to know when someone was born, I would ask "What is your date of birth." As for "guys" please note that some of our forum members are females offended by that assumption and while you are trying to be "folksy," it's not always appreciated. You took the words right out of my mouth. I had the same reaction. Mahau, if the answer (duly corrected, of course, see the posts above) is "On the 22th of January of the year 1989", then the question is "What's your date of birth?" "When were you born?" Not "When's your birthday?" And thanks for defending the category, sdg. Being called a guy doesn't offend me but I find it extremely irritating. Dear friends, what happened with this: Date of birth: 30rd of August. (This is a form) Is it correct the use of "of" Dear friends, what happened with this: Date of birth: 30rd of August. (This is a form) Is it correct the use of "of" Yes, it's fine, too (except that it's 30th - short for "thirtieth" - not 30rd ). First of all "the thirtieth" in numerals is written like this: 30th. And I believe several people have already said that "date of birth" usually means Month/Day/Year (AE) (or Day/Month/Year - BE). We probably wouldn't write "the 30th of August" when asked about a birthday, but it wouldn't be uncommon to say it this way - in speech, I mean. We probably wouldn't write "the 30th of August" when asked about a birthday, but it wouldn't be uncommon to say it this way - in speech, I mean. Same in BE. We would write '30/30th August' but would say "the thirtieth of August". And not just for birthdays. In official situations where you have to say your date of birth (to verify your identity on the phone, for example), it's common in American English to use numbers only: "six thirteen seventy-four" or "six thirteen of seventy-four" for June 13, 1974, for what day were you born would be I was born on the 22nd of January 1989 or for what is your birthday would be It's on the 22nd of January it should .... My birthday is on 26 January 1969! ... Sounds like simple as. MY is 05.12.1986 Welcome to the forum. When we are asked "When is your birthday?" we don't mention the year we were born. Just the date. Only when we are asked for our date of birth do we include the year. As simple as . . . what? yes you are Right!... Hello everyone, I can see that we use both "birth date" and "date of birth" in English. In which context do we actually use them? Thanks. I don't know .... Who's "we"? Where do you "see"? I say, I'm asked, and I see only "Date of Birth", or "DoB". "Birth date" is used, but "date of birth" is standard in official documents, while "birthdya" is the most common form in everyday US English. As others have said, date of birth is the normal version. The date of birth includes the year of birth whereas birthdya does not. On the Word Reference user profile page (English), it asks for "Date of Birth" just sayin' "Birth date" is used, but "date of birth" is standard in official documents, while "birthdya" is the most common form in everyday US English. Good morning, and how about the UK? Is birthdya also a common phrase in British English? Birth date / birthdate is a compound noun and is a relatively recent and rare word. I personally have hardly ever come across it in print or in speech in the UK. It also, to me personally, sounds almost like a word I would expect to hear only from a non-native speaker, or perhaps on something like an excel sheet. Date of birth is much much much more common Good morning, and how about the UK? Is birthday also a common phrase in British English? A birthday is something else. Birthdate and date of birth have the same meaning while birthday means only the day and month not the year Oops, I have thought it was birthdate. Of course birthday is a common phrase. Hi... As I remember, Someone's birthday is ( on / in ) this month Do I have to use a preposition here? Or it should be Someone's birthday is this month ? How should I say this to a friend? Thank You! Someone's birthday is in May, for example. Hi Dark90, Someone's birthday is this month. (Their birthday is in May. It is May now.) Someone's birthday is on this month. Someone's birthday is in this month. (I can't think of many uses for this. Example: Good news for all those born in May! If your birthday is in this month, you are eligible for a special gift from our sponsors!) " Her birthday is in this month " are you saying this is right? " Her birthday is in this month " are you saying this is right? It depends on context. If you want to say someone's birthday is in the current month, I would say "their birthday is this month," not "their birthday is in this month." " Her birthday is in this month " are you saying this is right? This is not normal usage. As brightflame says, it is only usable in a limited number of contexts. The normal phrases are: "John's birthday is this month." "My job interview is this week." "My trip to America will be next year." "Eat your dinner this minute!" etc. It is idiomatic to say it as in these examples when referring to an unnamed period of time. (Exceptions anyone?) Last edited by a moderator: Jun 8, 2014 It's now June. If . . . . . John's birthday is June 15th: His birthday is this month. . . . John's birthday is July 15th: His birthday is next month. . . . John's birthday was May 15th: His birthday was last month. . . . John's birthday is August 15th: His birthday is in August. Thank You Everyone! Should I say "My birthday is Jan. 1" or "My birthday is on Jan. 1" ? Thanks! If someone asks, "When is your birthday?", the standard reply is "My birthday is Jan. 1." On the other hand, if someone asks about your birthday after the appointment The train was belated blah blah blah. As has been said, in AE it is very usual to say "Happy Belated Birthday". When I first heard it, I explained it to myself by saying that today is no longer the birthday, but I want to celebrate the birthday anyway, so I name this day "Belated Birthday" and wish the person a happy "today". Happy Belated Birthday. Not sure if that makes sense outside my tortured imaginings, however. Do you know, I said "happy belated birthday" to a cousin a month or so back and had this exact thought. Strangely enough, "happy belated birthday" receives a vastly larger number of Google results (over 2,200,000) than the more logically correct "belated happy birthday" (330,000). I'm going to buck the trend and be logically correct from now on! In America, although WestSideGal already said Belated Happy Birthday, I actually say Happy Belated Birthday. "Belated Happy Birthday" is grammatically correct...but it just sounds wrong to me Yeah...I'd say "happy belated birthday." =) Do you know, I said "happy belated birthday" to a cousin a month or so back and had this exact thought. Strangely enough, "happy belated birthday" receives a vastly larger number of Google results (over 2,200,000) than the more logically correct "belated happy birthday" (330,000). I'm going to buck the trend and be logically correct from now on! I have to say that "Happy Belated Birthday" rolls off my tongue easier these days although I know it's wrong! Am starting to be influenced by Google numbers cited on this forum. I too, am going to buck the trend and continue on with the correct form: "belated Happy Birthday." I suppose the reason for the popularity of Happy Belated Birthday (if only in Googleland) is the fact that we're just not used to putting the Happy bit anywhere else but the beginning of such exclamations: Happy 50th Birthday Happy Hanukkah Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. So the brain's just starting with the bit that usually comes first. Also, I can't think of many other good uses for the word belated: They sent me belated birthday greetings I arrived belated for my appointment The train was belated blah blah blah. As has been said, in AE it is very usual to say "Happy Belated Birthday". When I first heard it, I explained it to myself by saying that today is no longer the birthday, but I want to celebrate the birthday anyway, so I name this day "Belated Birthday" and wish the person a happy "today". Happy Belated Birthday. Not sure if that makes sense outside my tortured imaginings, however. 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Hello, Do you say "on my birthday" or "at my birthday". Apparently you can say both. In which context do you use "on" and "at"? Many thanks. "On my birthday." "At my birthday." "At my birthday party" "at" is used with celebrations and weekends: Birthday isn't a celebration. Birthday party, Christmas, easter, are celebrations and use "at". On her birthday, in the morning I called her to wish ... any corrections?? people get a lot of presents on their birthdays On her birthday, in the morning, I called her to wish ... any corrections?? People get a lot of presents on their birthdays. "On her birthday" is used correctly in these examples. The sentences need proper punctuation to be correct. A side note: Rather than the successive prepositional phrases, "On her birthday, in the morning," I would say "On the morning of her birthday, I called her to wish ...." Sorry to interrupt but what do we say when it comes to marriage, on my marriage and at my marriage ceremony is it. We need a complete sentence. As you can see in post #2, we use different prepositions depending on the meaning we have in mind. Like I met her on someone's marriage. I met her at someone's marriage ceremony. We are likely to say "wedding" instead of "marriage ceremony". I met her at someone's wedding. "I met her at someone's wedding" and not "wedding party/ceremony"? On my wedding day. A wedding is not a date. A birthday is (and the same date every year). On my wedding day. A wedding is not a date. A birthday is (and the same date every year). It seems to me like when using "on" there always has to be 'day.' I went through another thread about 'at/on Christmas' and the answer was, 'on Christmas day' and 'at Christmas.' Please let me know if there always has to be 'day' when using 'on' in this kind of sentence. It seems to me like when using 'on' there always has to be 'day.' I went through another thread about 'at/on Christmas' and the answer was, 'on Christmas day' and 'at Christmas.' Please let me know if there always has to be 'day' when using 'on' in this kind of sentence. "on my wedding day" is correct, I think. Please look at the following sources: 1. Our car had been washed the day before, but there I was on my wedding day at six in the morning washing the car. Semone Deon King, A Rose Amongst Thorns, 2014, p 77 2. I did not want to get into an argument with her on my wedding day, so I walked away. Rose Moeng, Woman Made of Man, 2013, p 27 Is it correct to say any of the following? This is considered as her pre-birthday celebration. (Her birthday is two days from now.) Yesterday, we went to the beach for his post-birthday celebration. (His birthday was the day before yesterday.) Is it idiomatic to use pre- or post- when someone's birthday is celebrated or the party held not on the exact date of birth. Both are acceptable to me,although I usually hear early and belated in the case of birthdays. No, pre-birthday and post-birthday are not really used like this. Often people whose actual birthdays fall during the week have birthday parties on a Saturday, for example, when more people are able to attend (they also don't have to worry about getting up early the next day to go to work). In this case, I would simply say: Yesterday, we went to the beach to celebrate his birthday. or We celebrated his birthday yesterday at the beach. I agree with Susan. If you're going to have a party, you can call it anything you like. I have no problem with someone's throwing a party X days before or after someone's birthday and calling it a pre- or post-birthday bash. As someone who always manages to stretch out my birthday festivities over the course of a month, I have lots of pre- and post- birthday celebrations. However, my answer to the OP's question (Is it idiomatic to use pre- or post- when someone's birthday is celebrated or the party held not on the exact date of birth?) would only be "yes" if there were also a party held on that person's actual birthday. If there were only one celebration held and that celebration did not occur on the actual birthday, I personally would not qualify it with pre- or post-. EDIT: I must admit that I do agree with Parla that "if you're going to have a party, you can call it anything you like." Last edited: Aug 21, 2014