

All About **LEAP YEAR** CLOSE READING PASSAGES

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Leap Year

Every four years, we have a special year called a leap year. In a leap year, we add one extra day to the month of February. Normally, a leap year has 29 days.

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Extra Day

Every four years, we have something special called a leap year. A leap year has one extra day in it. Normally, a year has 365 days, but a leap year has 366 days. This extra day is added to the month of February.

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February 29

Every four years, there is a special day called February 29, known as Leap Day. Usually, February has 28 days in a leap year, it has 29 days. A leap year happens because the Earth takes a little more than 365 days to go around the sun. To keep our calendar in line with the Earth's journey around the sun, we add an extra day every four years. People born on February 29 are called "leaplings" and they only have a birthday only once every four years!

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Leap Day

Every four years, we have a special day called Leap Day. This day is added to the month of February, making it have 29 days instead of 28. The reason we have Leap Day is to keep our calendar in line with the Earth's journey around the sun. Usually, it takes the Earth 365 days to go around the sun once. However, it actually takes about 365 and a quarter days. To make up for those extra quarters, we add an extra day in February every four years.

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Year Change

Every four years, we have a special year called a leap year. A leap year has one extra day in February. Usually, February has 28 days, but in a leap year, it has 29 days. This helps keep our calendar in sync with the Earth's journey around the sun. Without leap years, our seasons would slowly get off track. For example, summer might happen in the winter! Leap years help keep everything on schedule.

How often does a leap year occur?

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Extra Day

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2. How many days does February have in a Leap Year?

3. Approximately how many days does it take for the Earth to orbit the sun once?

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1. How often does a leap year occur?

2. How many days does February have in a leap year?

3. What is the purpose of having leap years in our calendar?

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