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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!