



**learning target**

Aim of this section is to learn how to say a certain date.

German	English
Heute ist der <b>vierzehnte März zwei-tausend-sechs.</b> (Heute ist der 14. März 2006.)	Today is the <b>fourteenth of March two thousand six.</b> (Today is 14 March 2006.)

**rules**

Actually, there is not much to learn to say the date of today or when somebody was born.  
 You should, however, consider the following:

For data after 1 January 2000 we use: **2000 + year**

examples:

- Gestern war der *zehnte März* **zwei-tausend-sechs.**  
 (Yesterday was 10 March 2006.)
- Am *ersten Januar* **zwei-tausend** began das neue Jahrtausend.  
 (On 1 January 2000 began the new millennium.)

For data before 1 January 2000 we use: **XX hundred + year**

examples:

- Sie wurde am *vierzehnten Dezember* **neunzehn-hundert-achtzig** geboren.  
 (She was born on 14 December 1980.)
- Am *zwanzigsten Juli* **neunzehn-hundert-neunundsechzig** landete Armstrong auf dem Mond.  
 (On 20 July 1969 Armstrong landed on the moon.)

As you can see I used the for the days *ordinal numbers* which we covered already.  
 Therefore, just the way to say the years in German is new to you.

hint

In all examples above I separated the different parts of the written year by hyphens. That's no correct spelling.  
 Actually, you have to write all words in a row but I find that makes it hard to read the years.  
 So, please do it like me for now and separate the different parts.