



learning target

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

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