

How Many Days Left This Year?

Elaboration 3 · Adding days across the remaining months

ELABORATION FOCUS

Using a calendar and addition to work out how many days are left in this month and in every month still to come.

LEARNING INTENTION I can add up the days left in the year.

This month

Next months

List them

Add them

Check it

1

Days Left This Month

Step 1: find how many days this month has. Step 2: take away today's date.

2

List the Months to Come

Step 3: name every month still to come. Step 4: write how many days each one has.

3

Add Them All Up

Step 5: add the numbers in order. Step 6: check the total looks sensible.

MODEL · COUNTING THE DAYS LEFT IN THE YEAR

Today is 4 August. Count the days left in August, then every month after it.

Today is 4 August — the months still to come

August	September	October	November	December
27	30	31	30	31
days left	days	days	days	days

$27 + 30 + 31 + 30 + 31 = 149$ days left in the year.

TEACHER MODELLING ROUTINE

I do → We do → You do

WATCH FOR

Counting today twice, or forgetting that months have different lengths.

REMEMBER

Say it to students as: "Finish this month first, then add whole months."

MATERIALS

Year planners, month grids, knuckle chart, number lines, calculators.