

Man wants to move leap day from February 29 to June 31

By Sarah Hooper Metro January 30, 2024

A man wants to move the leap day on February 29 to June 31.

Chris Snowdon of Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, had the idea last year. He thinks the leap day of February 29 should move to the summer. July and August already have 31 days each so June is the best idea.

He says: 'People don't want an extra day in February when it's dark and cold. I know changing the days won't change the weather but it's a mental health thing.'



Chris Snowdon, 47, wants to cheer people up.



Chris doesn't think it will happen this year.

Chris thinks it would improve public well-being in the northern hemisphere. He wants the British Government to get the ball rolling. After that, he thinks every government in the world will agree too!

Chris doesn't think there will be reform by February 28th 2024 but hopes public opinion might change by 2028.

Chris has a petition on Change.org. Hundreds of people have already signed it. On the petition website it says: 'Why have an extra day in cold, dark February when you could have an extra day in lovely, sunny June?'

What's your opinion?

IS CHANGING THE LEAP DAY A GOOD IDEA?

Text the word VIEWS followed by your comment, name and where you live to 65700. Standard network charges apply. Or email: mail@ukmetro.co.uk

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Reading questions E1-E2

1.	The text is mo	stly about:				
	☐ Chris Sno	wden	\square The we	ather	\square A dog	
2.	Where is the t	ext from? W	ho wrote it?		(Tick √ one ar	nswer. E2.8. 1 mark)
					(E1.8, E2.7. 2 marks)
3.	Where does C	hris live?				
						(E2.8. 1 mark)
4.	How old is Ch	ris?				(E2.12. 1 mark)
5.	Use the word	s below to ma	ake two prop	er sentences.		
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				(Write sentenc	es on the lines.	E1.8, E1.9. 2 marks)
6.	Which two	features are N	NOT used in t	he text?		
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7.	Which sente	nce is true?		(Tick √	two answers. E	2.9, E2.12. 2 marks)
					✓	
	Α	There are 30	days in Augu	ıst.		

(Tick ✓ one answer. E1.8, E1.10, E2.8. 1 mark)

Chris Snowden wants to move leap day.

A leap day in July is the best idea.

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Reading questions E2-E3 (You can use a dictionary)

1. What is the main purpose of the text?

Α	to advise you what to do on Feb 29	
В	to warn you that 2024 is a leap year	
С	to tell you about Chris Snowden's idea of moving leap day	
D	to describe the weather in February	

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2.	a. What	does Chris want to do?	(Tick √ o	(E2.8, E3.9. 1 mark)
	b. Give	two reasons why he wants to do this.		(L2.6, L3.9. I IIIaik)
2	Does an	yone agree with Chris? How do you know?		(E3.9. 2 marks)
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	_	ng the days won't change the weather." word could replace change in the sentence al	oove?	
	Α	cash		
	В	alter		
	С	predict		
5.	What is	the meaning of the word reform ? (Tick	√ one ans	swer. E2.10, E3.11. 1 mark)
6.		(Tick ats the British Government to get the ball roll sentence above, get the ball rolling means:		swer. E2.10, E3.11. 1 mark)
	Α	to get started		
	В	to find a football ground		
	С	to promote sport		
			(Tick √ o	one answer. E3.11. 1 mark)
7.	Draw ar	rows to match each item to the correct orga	nisationa	al feature.
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	Man w	vants to move leap day from February 29 to J	une 31	Headline

(E2.12, E3.12. 2 marks)

Caption

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4. You see this sentence in the Metro. It is written in uppercase. IS CHANGING THE LEAP DAY A GOOD IDEA? Write the sentence again. Use upper and lowercase letters correctly.

(E1.11, 1.13. 2 marks)

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E1 - Write a text message

You read this at the end of the Metro report on page 1.

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Write a text message to the Metro newspaper. You could tell Metro:

- If you agree with Chris Snowden.
- Why you agree or disagree.
- What you think about Metro newspaper.

Write **3-4 sentences**. You must write in **proper** sentences.

Use capital letters and full stops where you need to.

Check your spelling.

Remember to put your name and where you live at the end of the message.

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E1.11/12 Use capital letters and full stops (2), E1.13 Use lowercase as needed (1), E1.15 Spell E1 words (2), E1.16 Communicate using simple sentences (5). Maximum 10 marks.

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(E2.16. 3 marks)

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E2 - Write an email

Your friend lives in Australia. Write an email to your friend. Tell your friend about Chris Snowden's idea. **Write 4-5 sentences**.

You could:

- tell your friend about the idea.
- explain why Chris Snowden thinks it's a good idea.
- say if you agree or disagree with Chris.
- ask your friend what he/she thinks about moving leap day.

You must:

- write at least two compound sentences using joining words like: and, but, or.
- use at least two adjectives. For example: *hot, cold, sunny, good, bad, crazy.*
- use at least one linking word. For example: also, first, next, then.
- write in full sentences using *capital letters, full stops, question marks* and *exclamation marks* as needed.

To: My friend	
Subject: What do you think about this idea?	

E2.13 Capital letters, end of sentence markers (2), E2.16 Spell E2 words (2), E2.17 Communicate appropriate to audience/purpose (5), E2.19 Compound sentences (2), E2.20 Adjectives, linking words (3). Maximum 14 marks.

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E3 - Write a contribution to an online discussion

You read part of an online discussion about Chris Snowden's idea.



METRO TALK - HAVE YOUR SAY

Surely Chris is misguided? Changing the leap year day to the end of June makes no difference at all to our appreciation of the months and seasons of the year.

Having hundreds of signatures in his petition is all very well, but what about the other billions of people in the world who would have to agree? Also, June is midwinter in many parts of the world! **Ali from Chatham**

Chris's proposal would, of course, do nothing to alter the natural weather cycles and so would not make real summer any longer. A better idea would be to add the extra day to December. Then we could have a longer festive period and celebrate New Year's Eve on the 32nd of December!

However, with all that is going on in the world at the moment, it's difficult to think of anything that's less in need of change. **Terry from Barnes**

Adapted from comments at: https://metro.co.uk/2024/02/01/a-leap-day-july-regal-rides-20210721/

Write a contribution to the discussion. In your contribution you could:

- say if you like or dislike Chris Snowden's idea
- give reasons for agreeing / disagreeing with the idea
- comment on what Ali or Terry has said

You must:

- Write at least **two paragraphs** and a total of **5 to 6 sentences**.
- At least three sentences must be **compound or complex sentences** that use conjunctions. For example: and, but, or, because, if, as.
- Use at least **two adjectives**. For example: hot, cold, sunny, good, crazy.
- Use at least **one linking word**, for example: also, first, next, then.
- Use capital letters, commas, exclamation marks, full stops and question marks when you need to.
- Put your name and where you live at the end of the message.

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E3.13 Capital letters, commas, end of sentence markers (2), E3.15 Correct grammar (2), E3.17 Spell E3 words correctly (3), E3.18 Communicate information, ideas, opinions (4), E3.19 Appropriate length and detail (2), E3.20 Appropriate format and structure i.e. name and place at end of message (1). E3.21 Use compound sentences and paragraphs (3), E3.22 Appropriate language for purpose and audience (1). Maximum 18 marks.