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## The Coast Guard

The Coast Guard was started in 1790. It serves the U.S. It makes sure people obey the laws at sea. It helps people in trouble there. It has other jobs, too. You can find it at sea and on the Great Lakes.



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**Answer the following questions.**

1. When was the Coast Guard started?

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2. Coast Guard workers serve our \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is one thing that Coast Guard workers do?

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4. What is another thing they do?

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5. What kinds of trouble can people have on an ocean or a big lake?

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6. Where can you find the Coast Guard?

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7. Write a sentence telling what the story was about.

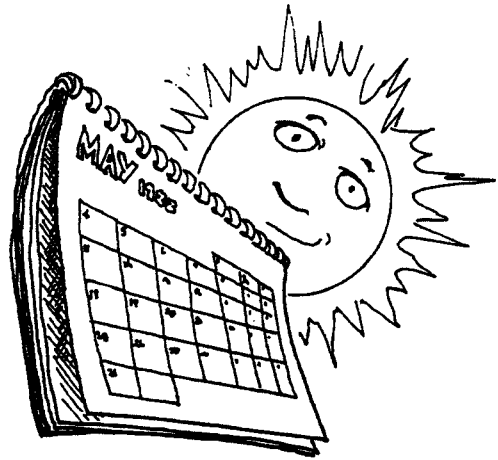
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## Moon or Sun Calendars

Calendars mark the passing of time. Early people based their calendars on the moon. Using this method made each year 11 days too short. Now, most people measure time by the sun. A sun year has 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. What marks the passing of time?

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2. What is the oldest way to keep a calendar?

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3. What is wrong with the old way?

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4. How many days off is a moon calendar?

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5. What is a better way to keep a calendar?

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6. How many days are in a sun year?

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7. A sun year is not perfect, either. By how much time is it off?

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## Pandas from China

Giant pandas dwell in the forests of China, but they are slowly becoming extinct. The pandas must have bamboo to eat. Bamboo trees bloom every 80 to 100 years, and then they die. Too many bamboo trees are dying right now. Scientists are searching for an answer as to why.



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**Answer each question with a complete sentence.**

1. Where do giant pandas live?

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2. What is happening to the pandas?

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3. What do pandas eat?

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4. From where does bamboo come?

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5. How often do bamboo trees bloom?

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6. What happens after they bloom?

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7. What is being done about this problem?

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