

Doomsday Rule Cheat Sheet

Work out the day of the week for any date in your head

Step 1: the doomsday dates

In any year, these dates all fall on the same weekday, called the doomsday: 4/4, 6/6, 8/8, 10/10, 12/12, 5/9, 9/5, 7/11, 11/7, March 14, the last day of February, and January 3 (January 4 in a leap year).

Step 2: the doomsday for the year

Year	Doomsday	
2024	Thursday	Leap year
2025	Friday	
2026	Saturday	
2027	Sunday	
2028	Tuesday	Leap year
2029	Wednesday	
2030	Thursday	
2031	Friday	
2032	Sunday	Leap year
2033	Monday	
2034	Tuesday	
2035	Wednesday	

Step 3: count from the nearest doomsday

Example: what day is December 25, 2026? The doomsday in 2026 is Saturday, so December 12 is a Saturday. December 26 is two weeks later, also a Saturday, so December 25 is a Friday.

Century anchor days

Century	Anchor day
1800s	Friday
1900s	Wednesday
2000s	Tuesday
2100s	Sunday