

What Day is It?

Yesterday, Dad got confused about which day of the week it was.

'Whenever we go on holiday, I forget,' he said.

'Friday,' said Darren.

'Saturday,' his twin sister Delia contradicted.

'What day is it tomorrow, then?' asked Mum, trying to sort out the dispute without too much stress.

'Monday,' said Delia.

'Tuesday,' said Darren.

'Oh, for Heaven's sake! What day was it yesterday, then?'

'Wednesday,' said Darren.

'Thursday,' said Delia.

'Grrrrrrrr!' said Mum, doing her famous Marge Simpson impression. 'Each of you has given one correct answer and two wrong ones.'

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Today is Saturday. (As I told you right at the start, the conversation took place yesterday.) Darren's answers imply that the day of the conversation is exactly one of Friday, Monday or Thursday. Delia's imply that it is Saturday, Sunday or Friday. The only common day is Friday. So *when the conversation took place*, it was Friday.