**Actuele lesbrief Engels – A Leap in Time**

**Voor de docent**

2024 is een schrikkeljaar, een *leap year*.

**ERK-niveau B1+**

*Oriënterend lezen: Kan in langere teksten op internet of in andere media informatie zoeken over thema's binnen het eigen interessegebied. (LEB1-2b)*

**Intro**

2024 is a leap year. What exactly is a *leap year*?

Assignment 1

a Write down the names of the months.  
(Don’t forget: Month names *always* start with a capital letter (*hoofdletter*).)

b For each month, write down how many days it has.

**A Leap in Time**

It is almost February. But this year’s February is different than last year’s. What’s going on here?

Read all you need to know about [different kinds of February](https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/leap-year/en/).

Assignment 2

Find the words in the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning.

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| 1. leap | *a*. about, around |
| 2. approximately | *b*. belonging to the sun |
| 3. to orbit | *c*. imaginary straight line that something (such as the earth) turns around |
| 4. solar | *d*. jump |
| 5. partial | *e*. to lower a number to the nearest whole or round (*afgerond*) number |
| 6. rotation | *f*. normal |
| 7. axis | *g*. only a part of |
| 8. to round down | *h*. remaining, extra |
| 9. leftover | *i*. taken away |
| 10. subtracted | *j.* to slowly become a large number or amount |
| 11. (to) add up | *k*. to travel around |
| 12. regular | *l*. turning-around movement |

Assignment 3

a What Is a Leap Year?

1 A year that has 366 days.

2 A year that has an extra month.

3 A year that skips some days.

4 A year with 365.25 days.

b What is a solar year?

1 A year with more sunny days than rainy days.

2 The amount of days it takes for the sun to travel around the earth.

3 The time Mars needs to travel around the sun once.

4 The total time the earth needs to travel around the sun once.

c What is a “sol”?

1 One day in the solar system.

2 One day on earth.

3 One day on Mars.

4 One day on the sun.