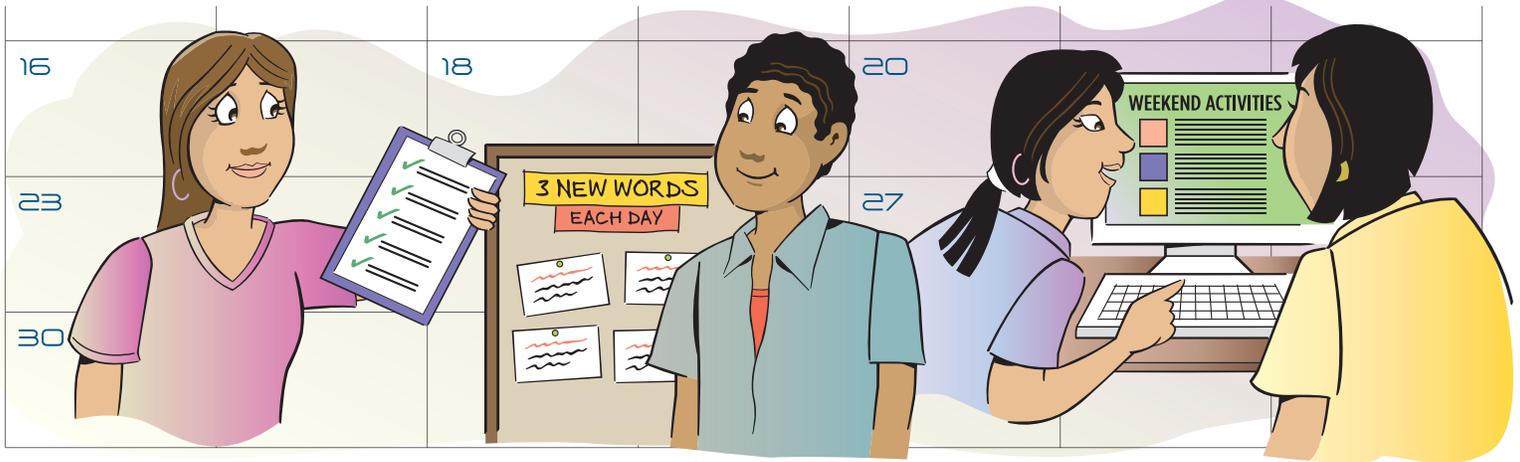


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December		1 Have your teen draw a picture of what he thinks describes and defines "December."	2 Sign up for bookstore emails so you're aware of book signings. Take your teen to signings that would interest her.	3 Ask your teen for his opinions. He probably knows more about things such as computers, fashion and art.	4 Have your teen solve silly math problems, such as, "How many hours are there until your birthday?"	5 Talk about how your family can do something for others this holiday season.
6 Look online or in the newspaper for a list of holiday events. Plan to attend one this month as a family.	7 Encourage your teen to start studying early and avoid cramming just before a test.	8 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	9 If your teen is saving for a special purchase, have her keep a picture of the item in her wallet.	10 Learn about upcoming special events at your teen's school. Make plans to attend at least one.	11 Is your teen planning a party? Limit the guest list. Be present. Walk around occasionally, offering snacks.	12 Play a game with your teen—cards, charades, a board game—whatever he'd like.
13 Have your teen talk to older relatives about their childhood days.	14 Visit the public library this week. Look for a book you and your teen will both enjoy.	15 Discuss a controversial issue with your teen. Ask, "What do you think?"	16 Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it where your teen will see it.	17 Volunteer to host your teen's team/church/club dinner. You will realize how typical she is for her age!	18 Talk with your teen about what makes him happy and what causes stress in his life.	19 Help your teen bake cookies today. Review math skills by doubling the recipe.
20 Take advantage of time in the car with your teen. You can talk privately without interruption.	21 Talk with your teen about the very best present she ever received. What made it special?	22 Discuss the connection between rights and responsibility. Rights are earned by responsible behavior.	23 Tell your teen a family story. Try to think of one that teaches a lesson.	24 Ask your teen: "If you could trade lives with somebody you know, who would it be? Why?"	25 Give the gift of time to your teen. Time with parents is more important to kids than material things.	26 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.
27 Do you have a home project to do? Let your teen help.	28 Talk with your teen about the qualities that make a good friend.	29 Don't criticize or correct your teen in front of peers.	30 Ask your teen who in your family he thinks he is most like. Why?	31 Have your teen use the letters in her name to write a poem about herself.	2015	