

## Sco 1: Days of the Week

### **Key Words and Concepts:**

**Belong to:** to be owned by someone or something

**Originally:** at first; at the beginning

**Planet:** thing in the sky that moves around a star

**Substitute:** to use one thing instead of something else

### **P1. Instructional objectives:**

1. Learning some words such as belong to, originally, planet, substitute
2. Becoming familiar with Farsi words for planets
3. Knowing the origins of days of the week

## **P2. Days of the Week**

***[Instruction: Read the following passage as carefully and as fast as you can. You can also listen to a recording of this passage after doing the comprehension check.]***

The Romans named the days of the week, from the first to the seventh, after the sun, the moon and the five planets Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. The planets were named after Roman gods. In the course of history the Anglo-Saxons substituted the names of their gods for the Roman names, and the English language uses names for the days based on the Anglo-Saxon.

Our Sunday, the first day, was once *sunandaeg*. Our Monday was the Anglo-Saxon *monandaeg*. Tuesday was originally Tiu's day; Tiu was the Anglo-Saxon god of war. Woden was the chief god and Thor, the god of Thunder. Woden's day and Thor's day became our Wednesday and Thursday. Friday, the sixth day, belonged to Frigga, goddess of love and marriage. Saturday goes back to the Roman god, Saturn, for its name.

### **P3. What are the Farsi names for some planets?**

**Mars:** مریخ

**Mercury:** عطارد

**Jupiter:** مشتری

**Venus:** زهره

**Saturn:** زحل

### **P4: Comprehension Check of "Days of the Week"**

***[Instruction: Complete the following statements with the alternative which best fits each blank space. You are allowed to move on to the next section after answering 4 items correctly.]***

1. The days of the week were named after .....by Anglo-Saxons.

- a. names of the months
- b. names of planets

- c. names of gods
- d. names of places

2. Anglo-Saxons ruled England .....

- a. before the ancient Romans
- b. after the ancient Romans
- c. before the Romans came to England
- d. after they occupied Rome

3. The day which was named after the god of war was.....

- a. Sunday
- b. Monday
- c. Tuesday
- d. Wednesday

4. Friday was named after .....

- a. the goddess of love
- b. the goddess of thunder
- c. the god of sun
- d. the god of war

5. *Planets* must be in the .....

- a. history
- b. Rome
- c. England
- d. sky