



January 2023

Did you know?

January was named after the Roman god Janus, who had two faces that allowed him to look forwards into the coming year and backwards into the past year.



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Hyperbole (hi-PER-buh-lee) is language that is obviously exaggerated and not meant to be taken literally. For example, when a joke is really funny, you can say you're "dying of laugher."



February 2023

Did you know?

February is the only month to have a length of fewer than 30 days! Though it's usually 28 days, February is 29 days long in leap years such as 2024 and 2028.



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Hard to spell but easy to use, an onomatopoeia (ahn-uh-mat-uh-PEE-uh) is a word that sounds like what it means, like "boom," "crunch" and "pop."





March 2023

Did you know?

The Full Moon in March is traditionally called the Worm Moon because earthworms tend to appear around this time in many locations in the northern half of the world.



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When do you add s and when do you add -es to make a plural? It's not quite as arbitrary as it may seem. The rule is this: if a word ends in -s, -sh, -ch, -x, or -z, you add -es.



April 2023

Did you know?

The word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom.



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Prepositions often tell us where one noun is in relation to another. For example, the cow is **in** the field, the chickens are **on** the roof, and the farmer is **at** the market.



May 2023

Did you know?

May was once considered an incredibly ill-omened time to get married. There's an adage for it actually, which goes: "Marry in May and you'll rue the day."



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An idiom is a phrase or expression that typically presents a figurative, non-literal meaning attached to the phrase. For example, the idiom "spill the beans" means to reveal a secret.



06 June 2023

Did you know?

For countries in the Southern Hemisphere, like Australia, winter begins in June! Certain Australian animals, such as the pygmy possum, some bats and some echidnas, begin their hibernation at this time of the year.



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Is "they" singular or plural? The answer is both! In addition to referring to more than one person, the pronoun "they" can be used to refer to a person whose gender is not known or specified.



July 2023

Did you know?

Despite it being the first month in the second half of the year, July 1st is not actually the middle of the year. In a regular non-leap year, the midpoint is actually on July 2nd at 1 pm.



Flower Villager

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A metaphor describes an object or action in a way that isn't literally true, but helps explain an idea or make a comparison. For example, a kind and generous person has a "heart of gold."

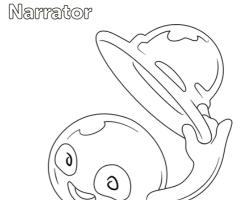




August 2023

Did you know?

In August 1762 the sandwich, as we know it, was created when the Earl of Sandwich requested meat between two pieces of bread.



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A contraction is a shortened form of a word (or group of words) that omits certain letters or sounds. Common contractions include "I've" (I have), "can't" (cannot), and "they're" (they are).





September 2023

Did you know?

Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year.



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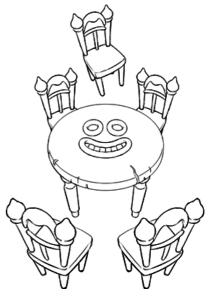
When two words are used together to form a new meaning, a compound word is formed. They can have a space in between ("ice cream"), be joined together ("doorknob"), or have a hyphen in between ("long-term").



October 2023

Did you know?

If you live in the Northern Hemisphere, keep your eyes to the skies in October for the Draconid Meteor Shower! It contains a single comet that is visible between October 6th and 10th.



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A simile is a phrase that uses a comparison to describe. For example, "life" can be described as similar to "a box of chocolates."



November 2023

Did you know?

November's traditional birthstone is the topaz, usually a yellow to amber colour. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz could make a wearer invisible.



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A general spelling rule to remember is "I before E, Except after C, unless it sounds like A, as in neighbor or weigh." This works for words such as "field," "deceit," and "beige."



December 2023

Did you know?

December is a very hot month in Australia, and some Australians celebrate Christmas on the beach. Australia is home to over 10,000 beaches and if you were to visit a new one every day it would take you 27 years!



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The most common use of the semicolon (;) is to join two independent clauses without using a conjunction like "and".



Cut-outs for your calendar

They can mean anything you like! You can cut these icons out and glue it on the dates that are extra special.



