

SPAG and Reading Daily Tasks

Wednesday 27th January 2021

Caesar's Calendar Conundrum

9 The Julian calendar, created by Julius Caesar in 46BC,
18 was a correction of the Roman calendar - a complicated
29 lunar calendar based on the phases of the moon. It needed
39 a group of scholars to regularly meet and decide when
50 days should be added or removed to keep the calendar in
60 line with the seasons. In order to create a standardised
67 calendar, Caesar worked with an astronomer named
75 Sosigene, and together they made a solar calendar
84 based entirely on the Earth's journey around the sun.
95 This calendar had a regular year of 365 days, split into
105 twelve months, with a leap year added to February every
116 fourth year. At the time, February was the last month of
125 the year. However, the Julian calendar was replaced by
130 the Gregorian calendar in 1582.



Quick Questions



1. Which calendar was based on the moon?



2. Recap the main points of this text in 20 words or less.



3. Why do you think that the Julian calendar was replaced?



4. How does the Julian calendar compare to the calendar we use today? Explain your answer.

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a
Add the missing verb to this sentence so that it is grammatically correct.

Standing outside the hospital, the doctor _____ preparing herself for her first day in her new job.

b
Can you insert a plural possessive apostrophe in the correct place in this sentence?

T h e t r e e s l e a v e s
w e r e c o v e r e d
w i t h s n o w .

c
Which of these sentences is missing an apostrophe? Where should it go?

Its going to snow next week.

Its large, slithering body was covered in scales.

d
Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his 'ch' words that sound like a /k/. Can you help him to match each definition with the correct word?

the repeating part of

a song → c _____

a repeating sound

inside a cave → e _____

e
Underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

When the winter arrived, the bear hibernated in its cosy den.

f
Sort these words into the table:

determiner	pronoun

we

they

an

all

Answers on the following slides



Answers



1. Which calendar was based on the moon?

Accept: (the) Roman calendar.



2. Recap the main points of this text in 20 words or less.

Accept any reasonable summary which includes that Caesar attempted to correct the existing calendar from lunar to solar and is 20 words or less.



3. Why do you think that the Julian calendar was replaced?

Accept an answer which states that it possibly became incorrect, became outdated or was later found to be wrong.



4. How does the Julian calendar compare to the calendar we use today? Explain your answer.

Accept any reasonable answer which states a relevant similarity or difference found within the text.

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a
Add the missing verb to this sentence so that is grammatically correct.

Standing outside the hospital, the doctor is/was preparing herself for her first day in her new job.

b
Can you insert a plural possessive apostrophe in the correct place in this sentence?

The trees' leaves were covered with snow.

c
Which of these sentences is missing an apostrophe? Where should it go?

It's going to snow next week.

Its large, slithering body was covered in scales.

d
Mr Whoops has got in a terrible muddle with his 'ch' words that sound like a /k/. Can you help him to match each definition with the correct word?

the repeating part of

a song → chorus

a repeating sound

inside a cave → echo

e
Underline the subordinate clause in this sentence.

When the winter arrived, the bear hibernated in its cosy den.

f
Sort these words into the table:

determiner	pronoun
an	we
all	they

we they an all