

Roman Numerals

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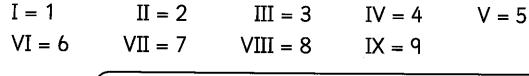
We didn't use numbers like you when counting and doing maths. We used capital letters, which made it much harder!



The Romans used these capital letters:

I	V	X	L	\mathbf{C}	D	M
1	5	10	50	100	500	1000

These letters were put together to form all the numbers, like this:





There are two rules you need to know:

- 1. put a letter after a larger one means you add it.
- 2. put a letter before a larger one means you take it away.

So
$$XI$$
 is $10 + 1 = 11$ and IX is $10 - 1 = 9$

$$CX$$
 is $100 + 10 = 110$ and XC is $100 - 10 = 90$

Work out what numbers these Roman numerals represent:

1.
$$VIII =$$
 2. $IV =$ 3. $XII =$ 4. $XV =$

Write these numbers in Roman numerals:

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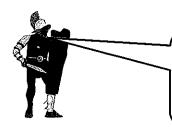


Remember, the Romans used letters for their numbers. Here are the letters they used.



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1 Try writing the	5 e numbers from	10 to 20 usin	50 g Roman numera	100 ls.	500	1000
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16	17		18	19 (20
Try writing the	ese Roman num	erals as numbe	ers.			
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xxxv	xxv	ш	xxxix (XLI (
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Just a reminder of the letters us Romans used for counting and adding etc.



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1 Try counting up	5 in hundreds, 1	10 using Roman n	50 umerals.	100	500	1000
100	200		300	400		500
600	700		800	900 (1000
Try writing thes	e Roman nume	rals as numbe	rs.			
CCI	CCC	X	CDXX		DL	
DXCIX	DCE	X	DCCL		DCCCI	
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3. DCCCXV

2. DXLIX

1. LXIX

4. DCCCLXXXVIII

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Let's have a look at how years are written using Roman numerals.



T	\ /	\mathbf{Y}	T	\boldsymbol{C}	D	M

1 V A L C D IVI
1 5 10 50 100 500 1000

Try writing these years using, using Roman numerals.

The Romans used these capital letters:

1960		1870	
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2013 1066

1666 2020

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Now try to write these years in numbers:

MMXV MDLXVI MM

MDCCCL MCMXC MCDL