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n. pl. **Jan·u·ar·ies**

The first month of the year in the Gregorian calendar. See Table at [calendar](#).

[Middle English *Januarie*, *Jenever*, from Old North French *Jenever*, from Latin *Iānuārius* (*mēnsis*), (month) of Janus, from *Iānus*, Janus; see **ei-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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