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cal·en·dar  (kāl ən-dər)

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n.

1. Any of various systems of reckoning time in which the beginning, length, and divisions of a year are defined, sometimes along with multiyear cycles.
2. A table showing the months, weeks, and days in at least one specific year.
3. A schedule of events.
4. An ordered list of matters to be considered: *the bills on a legislative calendar*.
5. *Chiefly British* A catalog of a university.

tr.v. **cal·en·dared**, **cal·en·dar·ing**, **cal·en·dars**

To enter in a calendar; schedule.

[Middle English *calender*, from Old French *calendier*, from Late Latin *kalendārium*, from Latin, account book, from *kalendae*, calends (from the fact that monthly interest was due on the calends); see *kala-*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

THREE PRINCIPAL CALENDARS

The Gregorian calendar is now in use as the civil calendar throughout most of the world. The Jewish calendar is the official calendar of the Jewish religious community. The Islamic calendar is the official calendar in many Muslim countries. Each calendar listed below begins with the first month of the year and includes the number of days each month contains. Many months have a variable number of days, as described below.

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Months	Number of Days	Months		Number of Days	Months	Number of Days
January	31	Nisan	(Mar-Apr)	30	Muharram	29 or 30
February	28 or 29	Iyar	(Apr-May)	29	Safar	29 or 30
March	31	Sivan	(May-Jun)	30	Rabi I	29 or 30
April	30	Tammuz	(Jun-Jul)	29	Rabi II	29 or 30
May	31	Av	(Jul-Aug)	30	Jumada I	29 or 30
June	30	Elul	(Aug-Sep)	29	Jumada II	29 or 30
July	31	Tishri	(Sep-Oct)	30	Rajab	29 or 30

August	31	Heshvan	(Oct-Nov)	29 or 30	Sha'ban	29 or 30
September	30	Kislev	(Nov-Dec)	29 or 30	Ramadan	29 or 30
October	31	Tevet	(Dec-Jan)	29	Shawwal	29 or 30
November	30	Shevat	(Jan-Feb)	30	Dhu'l-Qa'dah	29 or 30
December	31	Adar Rishon	(leap year only)	30	Dhu'l-Hijjah	29 or 30
		Adar	(Feb-Mar)	29		

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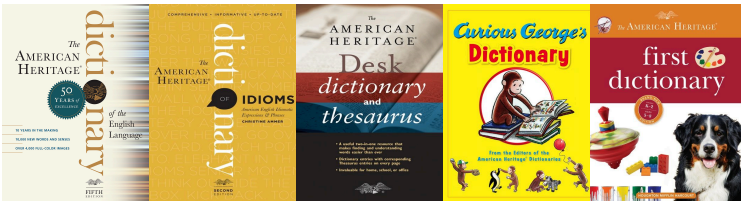
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