



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

1

V

5

X

10

L

50

C

100

D

500

M

1000

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

I = 1

II = 2

III = 3

IV = 4

V = 5

VI = 6

VII = 7

VIII = 8

IX = 9



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 =

5. LX =

6. XL =

7. XIV =

8. XVII =

Write these numbers in Roman numerals:

9. 13 =

10. 22 =

11. 30 =

12. 49 =

13. 25 =

14. 101 =

15. 99 =

16. 90 =



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



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Try writing the numbers from 10 to 20 using Roman numerals.

10

11

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

Try writing these Roman numerals as numbers.

XXXI

XVI

XX

XLVII

XXXV

XXVIII

XXXIX

XLI



Now try these harder Roman numerals.

1. CLXI

2. CCIII

3. CCCXLV

4. CD



Just a reminder of the letters us  
Romans used for counting and adding  
etc.



The Romans used these capital letters:

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Try counting up in hundreds, using Roman numerals.

100

200

300

400

500

600

700

800

900

1000

Try writing these Roman numerals as numbers.

CC1

CCCX

CDXX

DL

DXCIX

DCIX

DCCL

DCCCI



Now try some really tricky  
Roman numerals.

1. LXIX

2. DXLIX

3. DCCCXV

4. DCCCLXXXVIII



## Answers

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1. 8      2. 4      3. 12      4. 15      5. 60      6. 40      7. 14      8. 17  
9. XIII    10. XXII    11. XXX    12. XLIX    13. XXV    14. CI      15. XCIX    16. XC

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10. X      11. XI      12. XII      13. XIII      14. XIV      15. XV  
16. XVI      17. XVII      18. XVIII      19. XIX      20. XX

31    16    20    47

35    28    39    41

1. 161    2. 203    3. 345    4. 400

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C    CC    CCC    CD    D

DC    DCC    DCCC    CM    M

201    310    420    550

599    609    750    801

1. 69    2. 549    3. 815    4. 888