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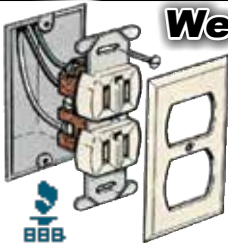


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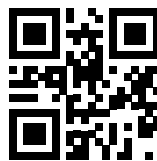


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# Anecdotes

Here are some interesting anecdotes and fun facts about January:

**Roman Origins:** January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking forward and one looking back, symbolizing the transition from the old year to the new.



**Historical Events:** On January 1, 1892, Ellis Island opened in New York Harbor, allowing over 20 million immigrants to enter the United States.

**Unique Traditions:** In Denmark, people throw old plates and dishes at the doors of friends and family to ward off bad spirits and bring good luck for the new year.

**Weather Phenomenon:** The "January Thaw" is a term used to describe a brief period of warmer weather that sometimes occurs in the middle of January in the Northern Hemisphere.

**Cultural Celebrations:** In Scotland, Hogmanay is celebrated with street parties, fireworks, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" to welcome the new year.

**Birthdays:** January is the birth month of many famous individuals, including Martin Luther King Jr., Elvis Presley, and Muhammad Ali.

**National Observances:** January is National Soup Month and National Hot Tea Month in the United States, perfect for warming up during the cold winter days.

**Historical Milestones:** On January 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state of the United States.

**Fun Fact:** The first-ever Emmy Awards were held on January 25, 1949, at the Hollywood Athletic Club.

I hope you enjoyed these January anecdotes! Do any of these facts surprise you?

Source

<https://www.thefactsite.com/january-facts/>

<https://www.amazingfactshome.com/fun-facts-about-january/>

## *On intelligence*

*Cabbage: A familiar kitchen-garden vegetable about as large and wise as a man's head.*

— *Ambrose Bierce*

# January

January is a month full of celebrations and observances! Here are some notable ones:

## Major Holidays

- **New Year's Day (January 1):** Celebrated worldwide to mark the beginning of the new year.
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Third Monday of January):** A U.S. federal holiday honoring the civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

## Fun and Unique Observances

National Spaghetti Day (January 4)  
National Hot Tea Day (January 12)  
National Popcorn Day (January 19)  
National Chocolate Cake Day (January 27)

## Awareness Months

National Blood Donor Month  
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## Weekly Observances

National Pizza Week (Second week of January)  
National Mocktail Week (Second week of January)

## Special Days

International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27)  
National Hugging Day (January 21)  
National Hot Chocolate Day (January 31)

These are just a few examples, and there are many more celebrations throughout the month. Do any of these catch your interest?

Source:

<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/january-holidays-and-observances-rcna43156>

<https://www.goodgoodgood.co/articles/january-awareness-days-months>

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Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

## Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- **Be careful what you post** and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- **Research the person's photo and profile** using online searches to see if the **image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.**
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
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**Black-Eyed Peas:** In the Southern United States, black-eyed peas are eaten for good luck and prosperity. They are often served with greens and cornbread.

**Grapes:** In Spain and some Latin American countries, it's customary to eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each chime of the clock, to bring good luck for each month of the new year.

**Lentils:** In Italy, lentils are eaten because their coin-like shape symbolizes wealth and prosperity.

**Pork:** Many cultures, including those in Germany and the United States, eat pork on New Year's Day. Pigs are seen as a symbol of progress because they root forward.

**Herring:** In Scandinavian countries, herring is eaten at midnight for good fortune, especially pickled herring.

**Noodles:** In many Asian countries, long noodles are eaten to symbolize longevity. It's important not to break the noodles while cooking or eating them.

**Pomegranates:** In Greece, pomegranates are smashed on the ground at midnight to symbolize abundance and fertility.

**Tamales:** In Mexico, tamales are a traditional holiday food, often made in large batches with family and friends.

**Doughnuts:** In the Netherlands, people enjoy oliebollen, a type of doughnut, to bring good luck.

**Cabbage:** In Germany and Eastern Europe, cabbage is eaten for good luck and financial prosperity. Sauerkraut is a popular choice.

### Source

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**Quit Smoking:** If you smoke, seek help to quit. Smoking is a leading cause of preventable diseases and death.

**Prioritize Sleep:** Aim for 7-9 hours of sleep per night. Good sleep is essential for physical and mental health.

**Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water throughout the day. The recommended daily intake is about 9 cups for women and 13 cups for men.

**Limit Alcohol:** If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation. Excessive drinking can lead to various health issues.

**Regular Check-Ups:** Schedule annual check-ups with your doctor to monitor your health and catch any potential issues early.

**Know Your Numbers:** Keep track of key health indicators like blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar levels.

**Manage Stress:** Practice stress-relief techniques such as meditation, yoga, or deep breathing exercises to maintain mental well-being.

**Practice Mindfulness and Meditation:** Incorporating mindfulness and meditation into your daily routine can significantly reduce stress, improve focus, and enhance overall well-being. Even just a few minutes a day can make a big difference.

*Source*

<https://www.healthline.com/health/staying-healthy>

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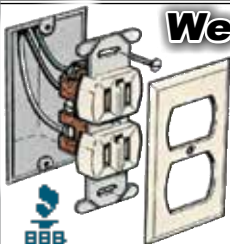
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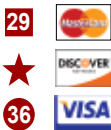
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Why was the math book sad in January? Because it had too many problems.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman!

Why did the scarecrow win an award in January? Because he was outstanding in his field!

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite!

Why did the calendar bring a ladder to the New Year's party? To reach the high notes!

What's a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other.

Why did the snowman call his dog Frost? Because Frost bites!

What do you call a parade of rabbits hopping backward? A receding hare-line!

## Here are some fun New Year's puns to kick off your celebrations:

- I'm ready to ring in the New Year!
- New Year, new meow! (for the cat lovers)
- Cheers to a sparkling New Year!
- I'm resolving to be more pun-ctual this year.
- Let's toast to a brew-tiful New Year! (for the coffee enthusiasts)
- I'm feeling bubbly about the New Year!
- Here's to a bright and pun-derful New Year!
- I'm going to make this year my best one yet – no ifs, ands, or butts!
- New Year's Eve is the only time I have a ball!
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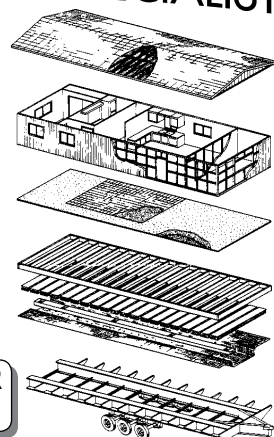
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- Learn to cook... something other than instant noodles.
- Spend less time on social media... by stalking people in real life.
- Save money... by spending it all before the sales end.
- Lose weight... by hiding the bathroom scale.
- Be more punctual... to my Netflix binges.
- Drink more water... from my coffee machine.
- Get organized... and find out where I put last year's resolutions.
- Read more... subtitles on Netflix.



## Common Celebrations For New Years

**F**ireworks Displays: Many cities around the world host spectacular fireworks shows at midnight. Notable displays include those in Sydney, Australia, and New York City's Times Square.

Parties and Gatherings: People often attend parties or family gatherings, enjoying food, drinks, and music as they count down to midnight.

Making Resolutions: It's a common tradition to make New Year's resolutions, setting personal goals for the upcoming year.



### Unique Traditions

Eating Grapes: In Spain, it's customary to eat 12 grapes at midnight, one for each chime of the clock, to bring good luck for each month of the new year.

First Footing: In Scotland, the first person to enter a home after midnight, known as the "first footer," brings gifts like coal, shortbread, and whisky to ensure good luck.

Jumping Waves: In Brazil, people often wear white and jump over seven waves at the beach, making wishes for the new year.

Ringling Bells: In Japan, Buddhist temples ring bells 108 times to symbolize the cleansing of 108 earthly desires.

Smashing Plates: In Denmark, people smash plates on friends' doorsteps to bring them good luck.

Walking with Suitcases: In some Latin American countries, people walk around the block with empty suitcases to ensure a year full of travel and adventure.

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- “How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?”
- “Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too.”
- “Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery.”
- “Let me smell that shirt — Yeah, it’s good for another week.”
- “Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I’ll be glad to feed and walk him every day.”
- “Well, if Timmy’s mom says it’s OK, that’s good enough for me.”
- “The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It’s not like I’m running a prison around here.”
- “I don’t have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve.”
- “Don’t bother wearing a jacket—the wind-chill is bound to improve.”

— *From AhaJokes.com*

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Are you spending too much time in a virtual world? Here are some ways to assess just how lost you are in video game land:

1. You ask for all your money in quarters.
2. You’re not sure what season, or year it is.
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4. The electric company and the toy store send you birthday cards.
5. Big falling blocks and hot lava pits haunt your dreams.
6. Your fingers twitch all the time.
7. When you are sick at home, the change clerk at the arcade calls to see if you are all right.
8. You can play two-player games by yourself.
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10. Someone is reading this to you, ’cause you’re too busy getting a new high score and cannot be bothered.

— *From LotsOfJokes.com*

### ***On the mystery of life***

*One of the mysteries of human conduct is why adult men and women are ready to sign documents they do not read, at the behest of salesmen they do not know, binding them to pay for articles they do not want, with money which they do not have.*

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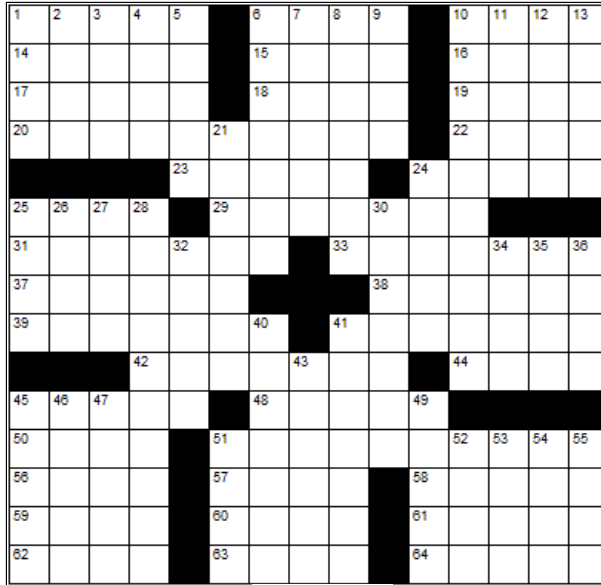


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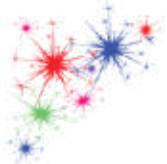
1. Dig (into)
6. Unit of land
10. Burrowing marine mollusk
14. More aloof
15. Implored
16. Anger
17. Gloss
18. Heap
19. Broadcast
20. Declutter
22. Opera star
23. Holy person
24. Kind of nut
25. Sit for a photo
29. Experienced
31. Gathers
33. Tooth doctor
37. Type of TV comedy
38. For naught
39. Robber
41. Accuser (archaic)
42. Electrician
44. Timber wolf
45. Lieu
48. Ballroom dance
50. Pitching to one side
51. She wore a glass slipper
56. Decorative case
57. African sheep
58. Grill
59. Countertenor
60. Nothing more than
61. Fatuous
62. Eager
63. P P P
64. Canvas dwellings

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## DOWN

1. Plate
2. Bounce back
3. In place of
4. V V V
5. Sea eagles
6. Puts on
7. Customer
8. Associated
9. Biblical garden
10. Certification
11. Boundary
12. Not dead
13. Nickel or steel
21. Neanderthals
24. Humdrum
25. Overtake
26. Leave out
27. Fill to excess
28. Increase
30. Tit for tat
32. Firm
34. Put \_\_\_\_ words
35. Untidy one
36. Apprentice
40. Pensioner
41. Fops
43. Farmer's fertilizer
45. Hearty entree
46. What books are called
47. Wash out with a solvent
49. Path around a star
51. Tent-pitching place
52. Sea eagle
53. Amount leant
54. Fluff
55. Anagram of "Sale"



# January Crossword







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Bingo: Lake Seminole Resort. 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 6th at 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30	Annual Rummage Sale: Saturday, January 18th 2025. 8am to 1pm. Boca Ciega Mobile Home Park Clubhouse 11200 Walsingham RD., Largo. Lunch Available.	Carport Sale Feb. 1, 2025. East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village. 601 Starkey Rd and 2505 East Bay Dr. 8am-2pm. NO EARLY BIRDS
Annual Carport sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday January 11th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools and lots more. Maps available at entrances.	Flea Market! Teakwood West Largo. January 18th, 8-1pm, Ohana Clubhouse. Large Selection of home goods, furniture, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, and lots more!	Huge carport sale outside and inside. Browse in comfort! Furniture, art, housewares. Saturday, February 15th 8am-NOON 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. Refreshments available.
Rummage & Bake Sale: 1/11/25 8AM-Noon Golden Crest Clubhouse, 800 Main St, Dunedin	Sat. Jan 25, 2025 - Community Sale - 8:30AM - 1:00PM. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Bakery, Jewelry, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 drawing, Lunch.	Sat. March 1st, 8-12noon. Flea Market, Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.
Largest Garage Sale in southwest Florida! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761 will hold a gigantic sale on January 16th, 17th, 18th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Contact Susan Curry 727-709-8237 for information.	Point West M.H.P Bazaar and Flea Market. January 25th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household Electroics, Jewelry & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50 & Food	<b>FOR SALE</b>
Shoreline Palms MHP (formally Caribbean Isles) Annual Rummage and Craft Sale. 12100 Seminole Blvd., Clubhouse. January 18th, 2025. 9AM-1PM. Food available. Raffle Baskets and White Elephant.	Sunset Palms MHP Annual Huge Community Yard Sale. Sat., Jan 25th 9-2pm. Raffles, Open Houses, Kitchen Open, Food Carts, Start in Clubhouse!	For Sale: Genuine 1940's Fiestaware. Call Helen in Largo - 302-540-1778
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# Historical Events

Certainly! Here are some notable historical events that took place in January:

**January 1, 1863:** President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in Confederate states to be free.



**January 3, 1922:** English archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, Egypt.

**January 6, 1066:** Harold Godwinson was crowned King of England. He was the last Anglo-Saxon king before the Norman Conquest.

**January 10, 1920:** The League of Nations was established as the first international organization aimed at maintaining world peace.

**January 15, 1559:** Elizabeth I was crowned Queen of England, marking the beginning of a reign that would become known as the Elizabethan Era.

**January 16, 1986:** A bronze bust of Martin Luther King Jr. was unveiled in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., the first statue of an African American in the building.

**January 20, 2009:** Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States, becoming the first African American to hold the office.

**January 24, 1965:** Winston Churchill, the former British Prime Minister, passed away at the age of 90.

**January 26, 1788:** Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet arrived at Port Jackson, establishing the colony of New South Wales, now known as Australia.

**January 27, 1926:** Scottish inventor John Logie Baird demonstrated the first working television system to the Royal Institution in London.

*Source*

<https://restless.co.uk/leisure-and-lifestyle/art-and-culture/historic-events-that-happened-in-january/>

## ***On technology***

*If the human race wants to go to hell in a basket, technology can help it get there by jet.  
It won't change the desire or the direction, but it can greatly speed the passage.*

*— Charles M. Allen*



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