Introduction to Roman Numerals and First Activities

I can convert between numbers and Roman numerals.

There are 7 letters used for Roman numerals:
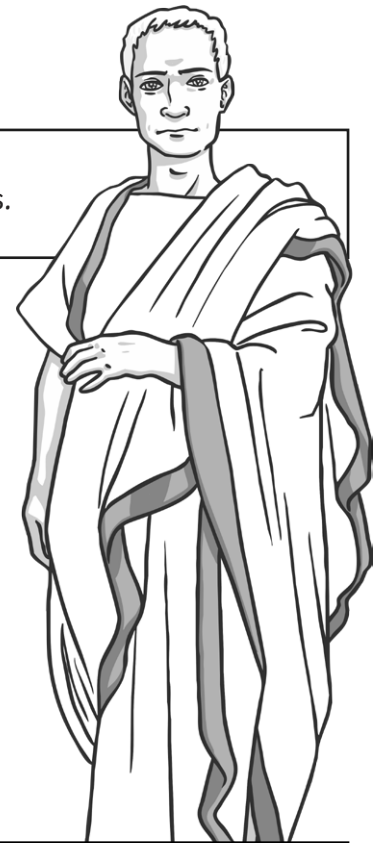
I = 1   C = 100

V = 5   D = 500

X = 10   M = 1000

L = 50

Numbers other than those above are made by creating simple sums e.g.

Number	Sum	Roman Numeral
12	10 + 2	XII
7	5 + 2	VII

When adding numerals to make a number, the extra digit is placed to the right of the largest number e.g.		
13	10 + 3	XIII
To stop numerals getting too big, only three of the same value are allowed in a row. To help with this we can show a number by 'subtracting' a numeral e.g.		
9	1 less than 10	IX
The letter being removed goes before the larger number. There is only ever one letter subtracted.		

Work through these further examples to help you understand more fully;

Number	Sum	Roman Numeral
8	5 + 3	VIII
19	10 + 9	XIX
43	40 + 3	XLIII
90	100 - 10	XC

1. Can you write the numbers from 1-10 to help you with the questions to follow?

1 = [ ] 2 = [ ] 3 = [ ] 4 = [ ] 5 = [ ]

6 = [ ] 7 = [ ] 8 = [ ] 9 = [ ] 10 = [ ]

2. Try these...

Number	Sum	Roman Numeral
a. 26		
b. 17		
c. 29		
d. 30		

3. Now try these...

a. 15 = [ ] **b.** 21 = [ ] **c.** 26 = [ ] **d.** 33 = [ ]

e. 35 = [ ] **f.** 44 = [ ] **g.** 49 = [ ] **h.** 50 = [ ]

4. A little bit harder...

a. 70 = [ ] **b.** 80 = [ ] **c.** 83 = [ ]

d. 89 = [ ] **e.** 90 = [ ] **f.** 100 = [ ]

5. Final challenges...

Can you convert today's date into Roman numerals? ____ /____ /___

Can you convert the year (e.g. 2015) into Roman numerals?

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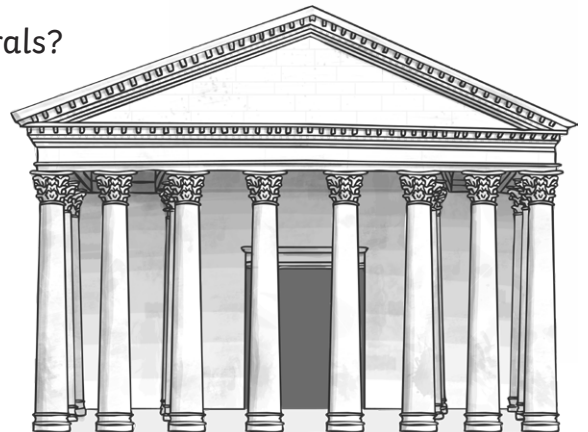
Introduction to Roman Numerals and First Activities: Answers

question	answer
1.	
1	I
2	II
3	III
4	IV
5	V
6	VI
7	VII
8	VIII
9	IX
10	X

	2.	
	sum	**Roman numeral**
a	20 + 6	XXVI
b	10 + 7	XVII
c	10 + 10 + 9	XXIX
d	10 + 10 + 10	XXX

	3.
a	XV
b	XXI
c	XXVI
d	XXXIII
e	XXXV
f	XLIV
g	XLIX
h	L

	4.
a	LXX
b	LXXX
c	LXXXIII
d	LXXXIX
e	XC
f	C