

Roman Numerals – Recognising Years

I can convert years written in Roman numerals.

The **rules** that must be followed for accurate use of Roman numerals are as follows:

1. Symbols are written from left to right in value order.
2. To avoid having four characters in a row, some characters can be subtracted from others when placed BEFORE them.
3. I placed before V or X indicates one less.
4. X placed before L or C indicates ten less.
5. C placed before D or M indicates a hundred less.

The seven basic Roman numerals in use are as follows:

I = 1
 V = 5
 X = 10
 L = 50
 C = 100
 D = 500
 M = 1000

This is how we would translate the year 1971

1000	900	70	1	1971
M	CM	LXX	I	MCMLXXI

1. Work out each of the following years in Roman numerals.

a.

1000	900	90	9	1999

b.

2000	0	0	5	2005






c.

1000	900	50	6	1956

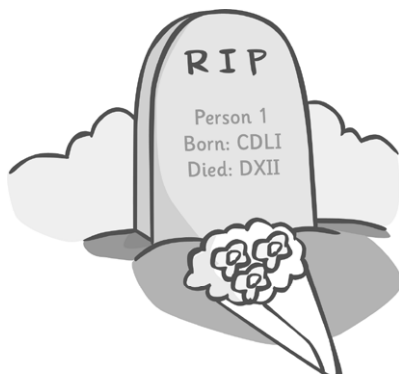
d.

1000	800	80	8	1888

2. Work out which year the following historical figures were born.

Who	Roman Numeral Year of Birth	Translation
 Marie Curie	MDCCCLXVI I	
 Winston Churchill	MDCCCLXXIV	
 Queen Elizabeth	MCMXXVI	
 John Lennon	MCMXL	
 You!		

Challenge: Can you work out how old these people were when they died and who lived the longest life?



Roman Numerals – Recognising Years: Answers

question	answer
A.	
a	M, CM, XC, IX, MCMXCIX
b	MM, -, -, V, MMV
c	M, CM, L, VI, MCMLVI
d	M, DCCC, LXXX, VIII, MDCCCLXXXVIII
B.	
	Marie Curie: 1867
	Winston Churchill: 1874
	Queen Elizabeth II: 1926
	John Lennon: 1940
Challenge.	
	Person 1 Born: 451 Died: 512 Lived for 61 years Person 2 Born: 1773 Died: 1824 Lived for 51 years