

Roman days, months, years and time

Can you match the words below up with their correct definitions?

The first one has been done to show you how.



chronology

an account of the order things happened, from the Greek 'chronos' meaning 'time'

orient

the east, from the Latin 'oriens' meaning 'rising' because the sun rises in the east



axis



an imaginary line through the middle of something



Janus/Ianus

the two-headed Roman god who gives his name to the month of January



centenarian

someone who has reached 100 years of age



post

meridien

after midday



equinox

when the day and night are the same length, from the Latin 'aequus' ('equal') and 'nox' (night)



ante

meridien

before midday

crepuscular



happening at twilight, from the Latin 'crepusculum' ('twilight')



mardi

the French for Tuesday, derived from the Latin 'Martis dies' ('day of Mars')

gnomon

the part of a sundial that casts the shadow



jueves

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