

Roman Numerals

There are lots of different systems for writing numbers. The one we are most familiar with is the **Arabic system** (eg 1, 2, 3, 4, ...). However, sometimes we use another system for writing numbers called **Roman numerals**. Ancient Romans used their alphabet to represent numbers, and occasionally you will see this system used in books, on the faces of clocks, in television, etc.

Use the **Roman Numeral Conversion Chart** below to answer a few questions.

Roman Numeral Conversion Chart										
1	I	i		11	XI	xi		30	XXX	xxx
2	II	ii		12	XII	xii		40	XL	xl
3	III	iii		13	XIII	xiii		50	L	l
4	IV	iv		14	XIV	xiv		60	LX	lx
5	V	v		15	XV	xv		70	LXX	lxx
6	VI	vi		16	XVI	xvi		80	LXXX	lxxx
7	VII	vii		17	XVII	xvii		90	XC	xc
8	VIII	viii		18	XVIII	xviii		100	C	c
9	IX	ix		19	XIX	xix		500	D	d
10	X	x		20	XX	xx		1,000	M	m

1) What are Arabic numerals?

The numbers we normally use (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.)

2) Where will you find examples of Roman numerals?

Books, printed money, movies, television, newspapers, buildings, clocks, etc.

3) What would the number 1,982 look like in Roman numerals?

MCMLXXXII

4) How would you write this year in Roman numerals?

2012 = MMXII

