

Put the months in order games

Instructions for teachers

Choose which set of cards below you want to use and photocopy and cut up one set per class (or one set per group of two to four students if you want them to play in groups).

There are several activities which can be done with these cards, maybe in this order:

- Drill the names of the months as you lay them on the table in order, move some of the cards while students are looking and ask them to put them back in order as quickly as possible (working together or on their own)
- Put all the cards into a pack, shuffle them, then ask students to put them in order
- Put all the cards into a pack, secretly remove one, shuffle the other cards, then ask students to put them in order and spot which month is missing

If students will find this difficult due to reading level etc, you can start with fewer cards, e.g. initially just laying out and mixing up on the January to April cards.

The other students can take the teacher's role in any of these games, and the games are also easy enough to be played in pairs or small groups.

The written practice at the bottom below can be done before, between or after any of these activities.



Full names of months version

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

Common abbreviations for months version

Jan	Jul
Feb	Aug
Mar	Sept
Apr	Oct
May	Nov
Jun	Dec

Shortest abbreviations for months version

Ja	Jul
F	Au
Mar	S
Ap	O
May	N
Jun	D

Months spelling practice

Without looking at the cards or below, try to write the beginning of each month below. They are in the right order.

_____ anuary
_____ ebruary
_____ arch
_____ pril
_____ ay
_____ une
_____ uly
_____ gust
_____ eptember
_____ ctober
_____ ovember
_____ eember

-----fold, cover or cut-----

Use the mixed answers below to help, then check with the cards.

A
Au
D
F
J
J
J
M
M
N
O
S

Put the usual abbreviations into the gaps below to make the whole names of months. The months are in the right order.

_____ uary
_____ ruary
_____ ch
_____ il

_____ e
_____ y
_____ ust
_____ ember
_____ ober
_____ ember
_____ ember

Use the mixed answers below to help with the task above.

Apr
Aug
Dec
Feb
Jan
Jul
Jun
Mar
May
Nov
Oct
Sept

Without looking above or below, write the ending to the usual month abbreviations below.

Jan _____
Feb _____
Mar _____
Apr _____
May _____
Jun _____
Jul _____
Aug _____
Sept _____
Oct _____
Nov _____
Dec _____

-----fold, cover or cut-----

Use the mixed answers below to help.

ch
e
ember
ember
ember
il
ober
ruary
uary
ust
y