



Roman Months

On the left below are the names of the Roman months and what we call them today. On the right are the reasons they got their names. The reasons are in the wrong order. Draw a line from the month to the correct reason for its name.

Januarius (January)	Birth of Julius Caesar – originally named Quintillis 'the Fifth Month'
Februarius (February)	'The Ninth Month'
Martius (March)	'The Tenth Month'
Aprilis (April)	God Janu
Maius (May)	Goddess Aprilis of the Etruscans
Junius (June)	The Seventh Month
Julius (July)	War God Mars
Augustus (August)	Februa festivals – the end of the ancient Roman year
September	Birth of Augustus Caesar – originally named Sextilis 'the Sixth Month'
October	Earth Goddess Maia
November	Goddess Juno
December	'The Eighth Month'

Think:

At one time the Romans only had ten months. What clue can you find to show that possibility? What clue is there to show that Romans worshipped other people's gods as well as their own?