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January News Letter

Building English Knowledge **Fact-Opinion-Belief**

Calendar Months

The Gregorian calendar serves as the most widely accepted international standardized date chart used in the 21st century; although roughly 47 other calendars are in use today. They are, however, restricted to particular religions or cultures. There are 22 other calendars like the Soviet calendar (Gregorian calendar with 5- and 6-day weeks), or the Romulus calendar founded in Rome around 753 BCE, which are now obsolete.

The Romulus calendar had ten months with a regular calendar year that consisted of 304 days. The names of three of the first four months were named in honor of Roman gods: Martius for Mars; Maius for Maia; and Iunius for Juno. The derivation of Aprilis is uncertain. The names of the months from the fifth month on were based on their position in the calendar: Quintilis comes from Latin quinque meaning five; Sextilis from sex meaning six; September from septem meaning seven; October from octo meaning eight; November from novem meaning nine; and December from decem meaning ten.

Later, Julius Caesar reformed the calendar in 46 BCE. The new calendar became known as the Julian calendar. His successor Augustus then later renamed Quintilis as Iulius (July) in honour of Julius Caesar and Sextilis as Augustus (August) in honour of Augustus in 8 BCE.

The Numa calendar later took one day from each of the six months with 30 days, reducing the number of days in the 10 previously defined months by a total of six days making a total of 57 days. These surplus days were made into two months, January and February, which he prefixed to the previous 10 months.

I was born in Sextillis now known on the Gregorian calendar as June. In what month were you born?

Adapted from Wikipedia

FIGURES OF SPEECH

-all day long –

[The time period covering the greater portion of a day-but usually not referring to an entire 24 hour period]

Example:

I studied hard all day long for the exam tomorrow.

ฉันเรียนหนักทั้งวันสำหรับการสอบวันพรุ่งนี้

-year round-

Throughout the entire year; at all times of the year.

Some faculties close for the summer, but our language center is open year round.

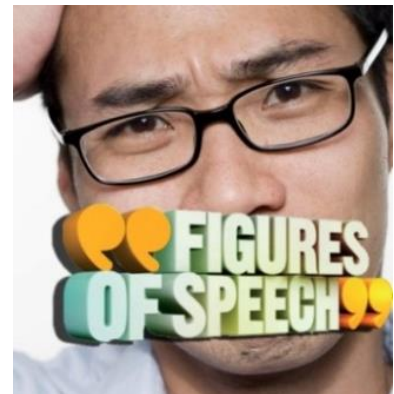
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-ring in-

to celebrate the beginning of (something, such as a new year)

So how did you **ring in** the New Year Apsara?

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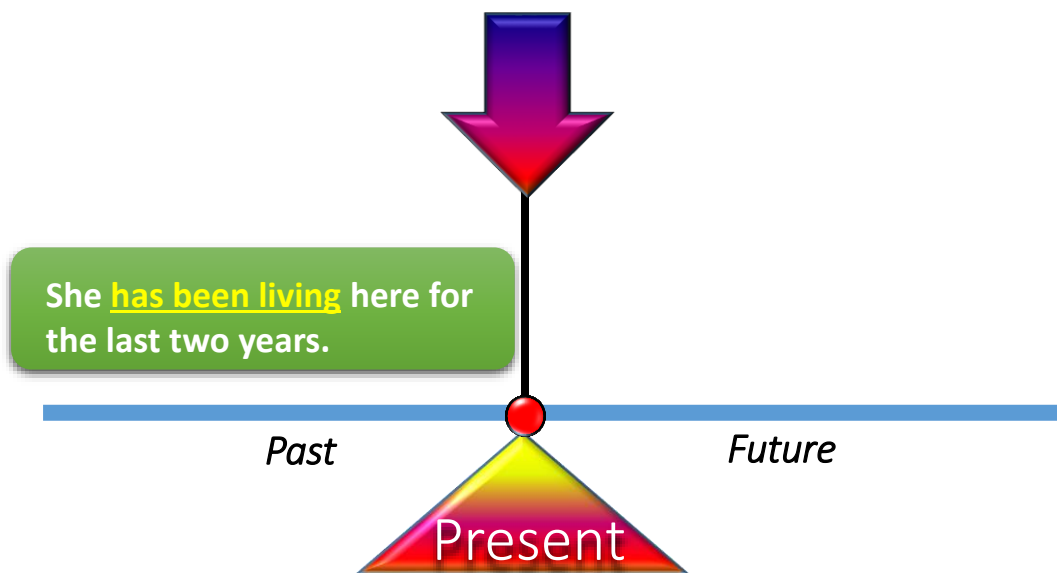


Grammar Attack

Do you understand?

Present Perfect Continuous

Used for continued actions that began in the past.



Used to refer to an unspecified time between 'before now' and 'now'.

It shows that something started in the past and is ongoing.

Plants have been growing in the soil.

The seeds that we planted for the past few years have produced a healthy crop.

Forming the Present Perfect Continuous

Subject + HAS/HAVE + BEEN + Verb (continuous form)

She has been working.

She has been working on this project for a year now.

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Rebus Puzzle

-a kind of word puzzle that uses pictures to represent words or parts of words.

Example:



Top secret

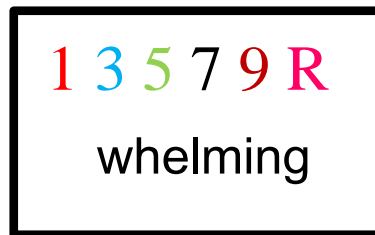
Answer to last week's rebus puzzle:



Travel overseas

[Many students are looking for the opportunity to go abroad, that is, travel overseas to visit a foreign country.]

What is the word or phrase expressed in the following rebus puzzle?



(The answer to the Puzzle will be in the next issue.)



"Your friends will believe in your potential, your enemies will make you live up to it"

- Tim Fargo

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