

## **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, which I would probably do 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

|                  |
|------------------|
| <b>January</b>   |
| <b>February</b>  |
| <b>March</b>     |
| <b>April</b>     |
| <b>May</b>       |
| <b>June</b>      |
| <b>July</b>      |
| <b>August</b>    |
| <b>September</b> |
| <b>October</b>   |
| <b>November</b>  |
| <b>December</b>  |



Common abbreviations for months version

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| <b>Jan</b> | <b>Jul</b>  |
| <b>Feb</b> | <b>Aug</b>  |
| <b>Mar</b> | <b>Sept</b> |
| <b>Apr</b> | <b>Oct</b>  |
| <b>May</b> | <b>Nov</b>  |
| <b>Jun</b> | <b>Dec</b>  |

## Shortest abbreviations for months version

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| <b>Ja</b>  | <b>Jul</b> |
| <b>F</b>   | <b>Au</b>  |
| <b>Mar</b> | <b>S</b>   |
| <b>Ap</b>  | <b>O</b>   |
| <b>May</b> | <b>N</b>   |
| <b>Jun</b> | <b>D</b>   |

### 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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Use the mixed answers below to help.

ch  
e  
ember  
ember  
ember  
il  
ober  
ruary  
uary  
ust  
y