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Fun Trivia on Calendars by [Colleen Davis](#)

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Calendars are one of those things that you have around the house but never really give much thought to. Usually you would just buy one from a store and hang it somewhere in your home where it will be permanently melded with your décor at least until the next year by which point you buy another one. It is a pretty repetitive cycle for you as well as for commercial printing companies who keep on processing the calendar orders of different businesses, and in the end, you find that you do not know all that much about this commercial printing product. To remedy this, here are some fun trivia about calendars that you may enjoy.

The world ends in 2012. For sure you have heard all the stories, rumors, conspiracy stories, and even pop songs that herald the end of the world as we know it. What you may not know is that this conspiracy theory stemmed from the end of the Mayan calendar approximated to be on the 21st of December, 2012. Some people believe this "end of the Great Mayan cycle" to mean total destruction of our planet as well, but other experts will argue that though the year 2012 holds a certain significance, there is nothing catastrophic about it at all. I don't know about you, but if the Mayan calendar predicts our doom for the next year, I am quite glad that this isn't the calendar I follow.

Julius Caesar played a big role in the arrangement of the modern calendar. The calendar that most people use today actually underwent a lot of changes through the years that people were attempting to understand the days and the years. It was actually the Romans who had a great influence in the development of the calendar, with Julius Caesar being the reason why the year starts with January and ends with December. Also, Roman names and words were used in the naming of the different months such as Mars (March), the Roman god of war; septem (September), the Roman word meaning seven; novem (November), the Roman word for nine; and many others.

A year is in many ways similar to a pack of cards. I first learned of this from Jostein Gaarder's "The Solitaire Mystery". The book tells the story (of a story within a story within a story) of a pack of cards that come to life because of the imagination of a shipwrecked man. In the book, you will learn that there are 52 Weeks in a year (52 cards), 4 seasons (4 suits), 13 weeks for each season (13 cards in each suit), and many other cool associations. If you find yourself getting bored with your calendar, try Gaarder's "card calendar" and put a new spin into your days.

Perhaps after reading this you will glance at the calendar you have hanging at the corner of your house and have a new appreciation for it. At the very least, you may gain a new appreciation for the hard work commercial printing companies put in to make sure that you are able to keep track of the date. Calendars may be a commercial printing product, but in the end, it is a household product that people cannot really live without.

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