

Maya Civilisation Calendars

The ancient Maya developed a sophisticated calendar system to track time and help them to keep order in the world. There were three calendars called The Long Count, The Tzolk'in and The Haab, which were used simultaneously.

The Long Count was used to track longer periods of time. Each cycle of time lasted 2,880,000 days or 5125 years.

The Haab was a 365 day solar calendar which consisted of 18 months of 20 days and a short month of 5 days.

The Tzolk'in was a 260 day religious calendar. It had 20 days and 13 numbers that were combined to form the full 260 cycle.

Your Challenge is to find out more about the Tzolk'in or Haab calendar and write an explanation about it. You should also create a diagram or model to illustrate how it works.


