

FUN FACTS ABOUT FEBRUARY

Here are 10 facts about February.

5 are true and 5 are not.

Use your research skills to figure which are true and which are false. Then rewrite the false facts to make them true.

1. February was once the first month of the year.
2. Groundhog Day is exactly halfway between winter and spring.
3. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was sold on Valentine's Day over 150 years ago.
4. The heart symbol is copied from the actual shape of the human heart.
5. Leap Year occurs when the calendar "leaps over" February and skips it entirely.
6. Mardi Gras gets its name from eating donuts and fried treats.
7. The Groundhog is pretty good at predicting the length of winter.
8. February comes from a Latin word meaning "celebration."
9. There were actually three saints named Valentine.
10. Black History Month is celebrated in February to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.



FUN FACTS ABOUT FEBRUARY ANSWERS

1. February was once the first month of the year. **FALSE (February was once the LAST month of the year.)**
2. Groundhog Day is exactly halfway between winter and spring. **TRUE**
3. The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was sold on Valentine's Day over 150 years ago. **TRUE**
4. The heart symbol is copied from the actual shape of the human heart. **FALSE (The human heart is actually shaped more like an upside down pear.)**
5. Leap Year occurs when the calendar "leaps over" February and skips it entirely. **FALSE (Leap Year occurs when an extra day is added to February every fourth year.)**
6. Mardi Gras gets its name from eating donuts and fried treats. **TRUE (The words mean "Fat Tuesday" in English.)**
7. The Groundhog is pretty good at predicting the length of winter. **FALSE (The famous Punxsutawny Phil has about a 39% accuracy rate.)**
8. February comes from a Latin word meaning "celebration." **FALSE (The word means purification.)**
9. There were actually three saints named Valentine. **TRUE**
10. Black History Month is celebrated in February to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. **TRUE**

