

Doctor Reubenstein was shocked and dismayed when he answered the ringing telephone, only to hear a strange, metallic, alien voice say: "Yasec iovn eilacilla temeg! Nartsa raehoty lnoenoh pelet gnig, nirehtde rewsnaehn ehw. Deya! Msid! Dnadek cohssaw nietsne buerro, tcod?"



Palindrome: from the Greek meaning *to race again*. It is a word, phrase or sentence which reads the same backwards as forwards: Madam, step on no pets.

MADAM, I'M ADAM.
EVE DAMNED EDEN. MAD EVE!
DID ANNA SEE BEES? ANNA DID.
SUN AT NOON, TAN US.
A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL: PANAMA!
AH, SATAN SEES NATASHA.
DAMMIT, I'M MAD!
DON'T NOD.
I'M, ALAS, A SALAMI.
MA IS AS SELFLESS AS I AM.
WAS IT A CAR OR A CAT I SAW?



The god Janus on an ancient Roman coin.

STRESSED? NO TIPS? SPIT ON DESSERTS!
WON'T LOVERS REVOLT NOW?
YAWN A MORE ROMAN WAY.
DID I DO, O GOD, DID I AS I SAID I'D DO? GOOD, I DID.

The first month was called **Januarius** by the Romans, after Janus, the god of doors and gates. From the idea that a door is a way in, an entrance, it became a custom among the Romans to pray to Janus whenever they undertook a new work. He was also the god of the beginning of the day. Since a gate opens both ways, Janus was thought to be able to see back into the past, and forward into the future, and he was usually represented in pictures as having a double head that looked both ways.