

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 rachoty 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. to tan: to sunburn

A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL: PANAMA!

AH, SATAN SEES NATASHA.

DAMMIT, I'M MAD!

DON'T NOD. nod: sign of ok.

I'M, ALAS, A SALAMI. alas: sadly

MA IS AS SELFLESS AS I AM.

WAS IT A CAR OR A CAT I SAW?

A TOYOTA'S A TOYOTA.

RACE FAST, SAFE CAR.



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.