

Month name

English month name, full or abbreviated.

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^(January|February|March|April|May|June|July|August|September|October|November|December|Jan|Feb|Mar|Apr|May|Jun|Jul|Aug|Sep|Oct|Nov|Dec)$
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Token-by-token breakdown

Token	Meaning
^	start of string (or line in multiline mode)
(	start of a capturing group
January	literal text "January"
	OR — try the alternative
February	literal text "February"
	OR — try the alternative
March	literal text "March"
	OR — try the alternative
April	literal text "April"
	OR — try the alternative
May	literal text "May"
	OR — try the alternative
June	literal text "June"
	OR — try the alternative
July	literal text "July"
	OR — try the alternative
August	literal text "August"
	OR — try the alternative
September	literal text "September"
	OR — try the alternative
October	literal text "October"
	OR — try the alternative
November	literal text "November"
	OR — try the alternative
December	literal text "December"
	OR — try the alternative
Jan	literal text "Jan"

Token	Meaning
	OR — try the alternative
Feb	literal text "Feb"
	OR — try the alternative
Mar	literal text "Mar"
	OR — try the alternative
Apr	literal text "Apr"
	OR — try the alternative
May	literal text "May"
	OR — try the alternative
Jun	literal text "Jun"
	OR — try the alternative
Jul	literal text "Jul"
	OR — try the alternative
Aug	literal text "Aug"
	OR — try the alternative
Sep	literal text "Sep"
	OR — try the alternative
Oct	literal text "Oct"
	OR — try the alternative
Nov	literal text "Nov"
	OR — try the alternative
Dec	literal text "Dec"
)	end of group
\$	end of string (or line in multiline mode)

Quick usage in 7 languages

JavaScript	<pre>const re = /^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$/; re.test(value);</pre>
Python	<pre>import re re.match(r"^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$", value)</pre>
Java	<pre>Pattern.compile("^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$").matcher(value).matches();</pre>
C# / .NET	<pre>Regex.IsMatch(value, @"^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$");</pre>
Go	<pre>regexp.MustCompile(`^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$`).MatchString(value)</pre>

Full breakdown, live testing & code generation: regexguide.com/patterns/month-name.html

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Ruby	<code>/^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$/ .match?(value)</code>
PHP	<code>preg_match('~^(January February March April May June July August September October November December Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec)\$~', \$value);</code>

Common pitfalls

- **Anchored to the whole string.** This pattern uses `^` and `$`, so it requires the entire input to match. To find it inside a longer text, drop the anchors and use the global (`g`) flag.
- **Validate beyond format.** Matching the format doesn't guarantee the value is real. Confirm the month name against a source of truth (database, API, or checksum) where it matters.