

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?**

**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.