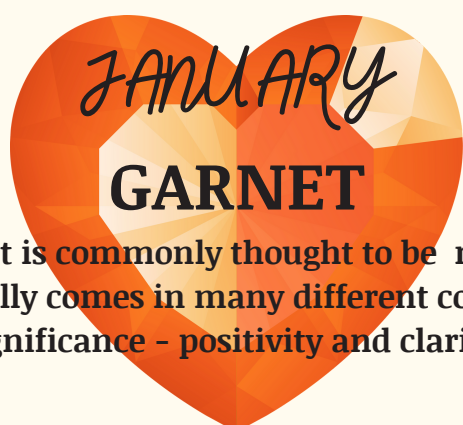




# BIRTHSTONES

A birthstone is a gemstone that represents a person's birth month. Wearing a birthstone is a colourful and interesting introduction to the world of gemstones.

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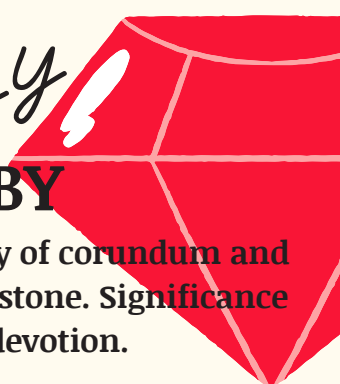
*JANUARY*  
**GARNET**

Garnet is commonly thought to be red but actually comes in many different colours. Significance - positivity and clarity.

VII

*JULY*  
**RUBY**

Ruby is the red variety of corundum and is a coveted precious stone. Significance - love and devotion.



II

*FEBRUARY*  
**AMETHYST**

Amethyst is the purple variety of quartz. Historically, royals have been romanticised by its purple hue. Significance - strength and empowerment.

VIII

*AUGUST*  
**SPINEL / PERIDOT**

Spinel comes in many vibrant colours. Significance - peace and unity.

Peridot is a delicate yellowish green gemstone. Significance - protection.



III

*MARCH*  
**AQUAMARINE / BLOODSTONE**

Aquamarine is the blue variety of beryl and often associated with the colour of the sea. Significance - happiness in marriage.

Bloodstone is a variety of chalcedony. Significance - virility.

IX

*SEPTEMBER*  
**SAPPHIRE**

Sapphire is famous for being the blue variety of corundum but comes in many other colours. Significance - candor, preservation and virtue.



X

*OCTOBER*  
**TOURMALINE / OPAL**

Tourmaline comes in many colours. Significance - tenacity, benevolence and endurance.

Opal displays the "play-of-colour" phenomenon. Significance - faith and veracity.

XI

*NOVEMBER*  
**TOPAZ / CITRINE**

Topaz is a gemstone that has poor toughness and requires care in daily wear. Significance - longevity and acumen.

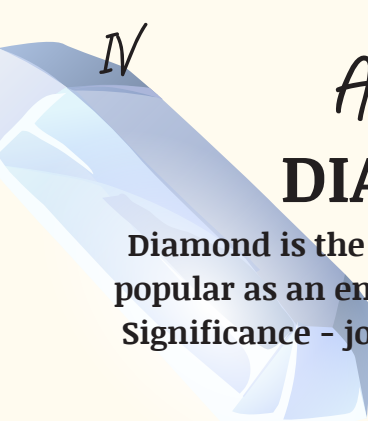
Citrine is the yellow orange variety of quartz. Significance - calmness



IV

*APRIL*  
**DIAMOND**

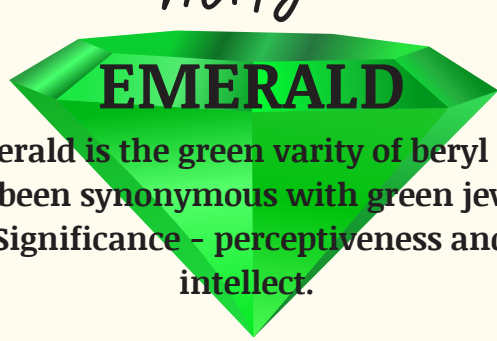
Diamond is the hardest gemstone and is popular as an engagement ring gemstone. Significance - joy, grace and lastingness.



V

*MAY*  
**EMERALD**

Emerald is the green variety of beryl and has been synonymous with green jewels. Significance - perceptiveness and intellect.



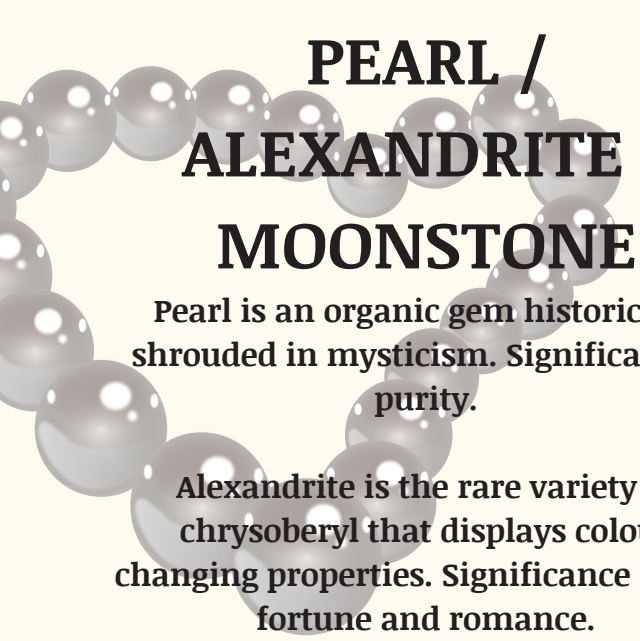
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*JUNE*  
**PEARL / ALEXANDRITE / MOONSTONE**

Pearl is an organic gem historically shrouded in mysticism. Significance - purity.

Alexandrite is the rare variety of chrysoberyl that displays colour changing properties. Significance - good fortune and romance.

Moonstone is a feldspar best known for adularescence. Significance - ardor and productivity.



XII

*DECEMBER*  
**TANZANITE / ZIRCON / TURQUOISE**

Tanzanite is a relatively new gemstone with rich purplish blue saturation. Significance - tranquility and spirituality

Zircon is known for its brilliance and comes in many different hues. Significance - prosperity and health

Turquoise is a blue to green, opaque to semi-translucent gemstone. Significance - good fortune and vigor.

