



Let's Talk Time

Time is written about in many different ways and can be confusing depending on which label is used!

BC/AD - “Before Christ” and “Anno Domini” (“in the year of our lord”).

This method counts years from the birth of Jesus Christ in the year 525.

BCE/CE - “Before the Common (Current) Era” and “Common (Current) Era”.

This method is the same as BC/AD but uses religiously neutral terms.

BC and BCE are the same. AD and CE are the same.

“Years Ago”:

How do I convert a BC/BCE or AD/CE date to “years ago”?

Take the current year and add the BC/BCE date.

$$2020 + 150 \text{ BC} = 2,170 \text{ years ago.}$$

Take the current year and subtract the AD/CE date.

$$2020 - 200 \text{ AD} = 1,820 \text{ years ago.}$$