the 1st month of the year, between December and February. To see how January is used, look at the examples at April.

Word Origin: Old English, from Latin Januarius (mensis) '(month) of Janus', the Roman god who presided over doors and beginnings.

January

Jan u a ry /'dzænjuəri, -njʊri \$ -njueri/ BrE AmE * noun (plural Januaries) [uncountable and countable] (written abbreviation Jan.) [Date: 1200-1300, Language: Latin; Origin: Januarius, from Janus ancient Roman god of doors, gates, and new beginnings] the first month of the year, between December and February next/last January I haven't heard from him since last January. in January She started working there in January. on January 6th Rosie's party was on January 6th. on 6th January British English: He took office on 6th January 1999. January 6 American English: The package arrived January 6.

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