

Calendar

The Calendar System

Calendar Round

Alonso Méndez: By seeing our own human cycles and relating them to an astronomical or a grandeur astronomical order, humans were able to then began to link the 360 days tropical solar cycle to a lunar cycle. The lunar cycle and solar cycle together became what we commonly know now as the Calendar Round cycle or a combination of the two different solar and lunar cycles together giving us a much more precise calendar.

José Huchim: So the combination of both the Haab and the Tzolk'in calendars are dates that are marked and ultimately have a cycle of 52 years. The grandparents tell me that this calendrical cycle has much to do with the knowledge, experience, and the ability to teach other generations. I believe this also marks the process of maturing as individuals and that's a concept that still persists in the Maya communities in the region.