



“Reading Series 2 - Mayan Calendar” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

The word “presaged” in this context is closest in meaning to..

- A. forecast.
- B. perceived.
- C. written down.
- D. calculated.

Reading Text - Mayan Calendar:

Given wide access to the internet and multiple types of media, it is unlikely that large swathes of the earth’s inhabitants do not know that the world was predicted to end on December 21, 2012, the start of the winter solstice. The usual reason for selecting this date is that a calendar made by the Mayans several centuries ago only runs until this point of time. However, an Apocalypse was never **presaged**. The Mesoamerican civilization merely stopped updating the long-form version of their 5,172-year calendar. In the same way that the world’s calendar starts the year afresh by repeating all 12 months starting Jan. 1, the Mayan calendar now begins another long cycle.

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SOME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT

Cycle: path something follows before starting again in the same place.

Long-form version: the complete version.

Media: newspapers, movies, TV, radio, etc.

Solstice: the point at which the sun is either furthest from or closest to the Earth.