

Thanksgiving
Feast



Happy Columbus Day



Happy

Holidays!



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Christmas in Great Britain

Christmas Day, December 25, is probably the most popular holiday in Great Britain. It is a family holiday. Traditionally all relatives and friends give each other presents. So, before Christmas all the department stores and shops are crowded, everybody is choosing a present.

In general, people get prepared for this holiday very carefully. They decorate their houses in the traditional way. Christmas trees are set up in houses, in the streets and churches. They are always decorated with fairy lights, angels and small toys. In addition, little packets with nuts, candies and special biscuits are hung on the tree. Presents are put around tree and artificial «frost» is scattered over the branches.



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The Germans are believed to be the first to use the Christmas tree in their celebrations and Martin Luther was the first to place a star on the top of the tree. This star represents the star appeared over the stable in which Christ was born.

In Great Britain, the Christmas tree became popular while Queen Victoria ruled the country.



Besides the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe are used to decorate the house. Branches of holly are put up behind pictures and mistletoe is hung over doors, so the young people have a chance to kiss the girls under it, plucking each time a red berry from the mistletoe. It is said that the girl who was not kissed under it at Christmas would not get married that year.

On the eve of Christmas children hang their stockings, so that Santa Claus could put presents into them: oranges, sweets, nuts and if the child didn't behave properly Santa Claus can put there a piece of coal as punishment.



Santa Claus got his name from a man known as St. Nicolas, who lived in the fourth century. He gave his wealth to the poor and often to children. After he died, the Dutch brought this legend to colonial America. Soon the Dutch name Sinter Klaus became Santa Claus.

Carol singing is an essential part of Christmas. No church or school is without its carol service. Carols may be traditional or with some variations that express different feelings. Carols were used for the first time during Christmas in the fifteenth century.



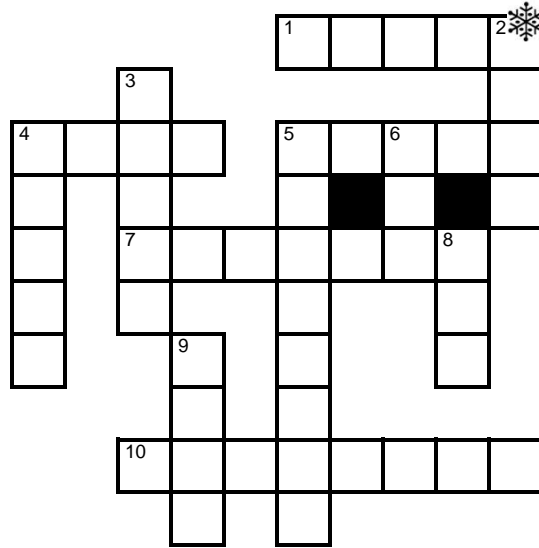
Usually children come around in the evening to the front doors and start singing carols and people who live in these houses give children candies, nuts, pies and so on, to thank them for carol singing.

A typical Christmas lunch includes turkey with cranberry sauce and pudding. Every young woman in each household helps to stir the Christmas pudding, if she wishes to be married that year. Usually a coin or two are hidden inside the pudding and part of the fun is to see who finds it.

After the lunch they go to the sitting room to listen to the Christmas speech of the Queen, shown on TV.



Christmas Crossword



Across

1. Jingle _____.
4. Send a Christmas _____.
5. Mr. Claus.
7. Stingy old man.
10. Animals that pull the sleigh.

Down

2. Something to put at the top of the tree.
3. It covers your window.
4. _____ cane.
5. It hangs above the fireplace.
6. Egg _____. A Christmas drink.
8. Santa's helper.
9. The presents are under the _____.



A Letter to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,

Christmas is coming and I am looking forward to your visit.

This year, I would like many things for Christmas:

First of all,

As well,

Finally,

I have been a good _____ this year, so I think I deserve these presents. Three good things I have done are:

(1)

(2)

(3)

When you come down the chimney, please look in the kitchen.

I am going to leave _____ and _____ on the table for you to have. Thank you Santa, I am very excited.



Signed _____

Christmas Tree

How many words can you make out of Christmas tree?



Christmas Tree

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Did you find?

❄️ Something you wear.

Something you drink.

Something you drive . ❄️

Something you breathe.

Something to put on the tree.

A number. ❄️

A planet.

A subject in school.

❄️ A month of the year.

What a teacher does.

Someone who paints.

A place where you sit. ❄️

A place where you drive.

A place where you go up.

Another word for clever. ❄️

The opposite of stand.

Mix milk in your coffee.

Three of your senses. ❄️

❄️ A small river.

A group of athletes.

Bonus: Can you find four verbs with
❄️ both past and present tenses?





SOME CHRISTMAS SONGS

Can you write your own Christmas songs using the rhythm of other songs?

Ring, Ring, Ring the Bells

to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Ring, ring, ring the bells,
 Ring them loud and clear.
 Tell the people everywhere
 That Christmas time is near.

Silent Night

Silent night, Holy night,
 All is calm, All is bright.
 Round 'yon virgin, mother and child,
 Holy Infant so tender and mild.
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star

to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star,
 Tell the world the Savior's born.
 By your glowing light so strong,
 Wise men made their journey long,
 'Til they found where Christ did lay,
 In a manger filled with hay.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas,
 We wish you a merry Christmas,
 And a happy new year!

Good tidings we bring to you and your king,
 Good tidings for Christmas and for all the new year.

Christmas Bingo (Sheet C)



Name: _____

Christmas Bingo (Sheet C)

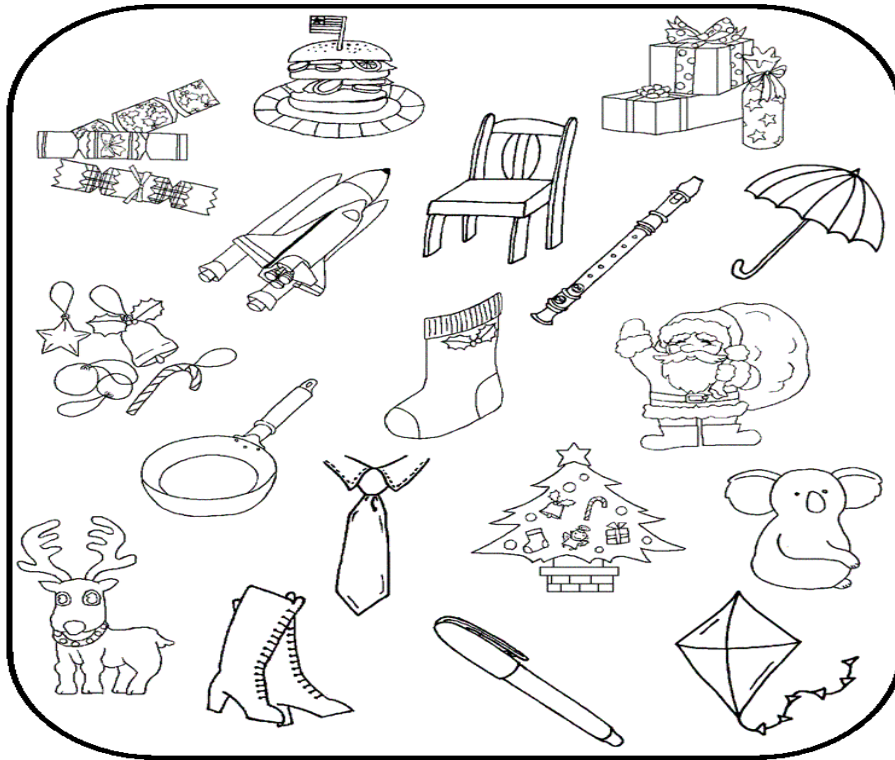


Name: _____

Christmas Find!

My name is _____

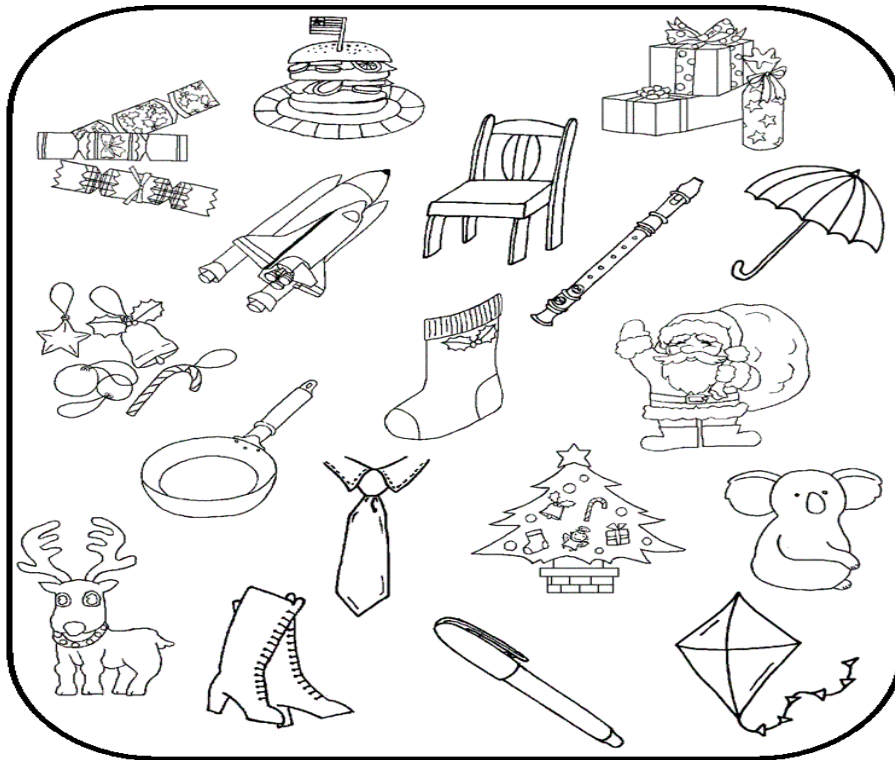
Find and color the Christmas objects



Christmas Find!

My name is _____

Find and color the Christmas objects



New Year in Great Britain



In Wales, the back door releases the Old Year at the first stroke of midnight: it is then locked "to keep the luck in", and at the last stroke the New-Year is let in at the front.



It is commonly believed that New Year's Day is less important in England than Christmas. It is true in the southern and eastern parts of the country. However, even there, the welcoming of the New Year is growing in popularity, particularly among younger people who prefer to spend Christmas with kin, but New Year with friends. New Year's parties go all night through.

The most famous places of festivities are Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square in London where crowds of people greet the New Year with the linked-arm singing of "Old Lang Syne", kissing total strangers, blowing whistles and automobile horns and shooting firecrackers. January 1st is not a public



holiday in England.

In Scotland, New Years celebration is the greatest festival of the year, where it even has a special name, Hogmanay. Nobody, however, can successfully explain where this word comes from. After midnight people visit their friends. They carry cakes and spiced ale to wish their hosts a good year.



The first visitor, must bring a special present — a piece of coal — to wish good luck and warmth to the house. This is an old Scottish custom. The tradition is called as 'First Footing'.

The English pray for a young, healthy, handsome, and dark haired male to be their first visitor of the New Year. However, a woman, a blonde, or a red colored person is not welcome for the day, as they are considered to bring bad luck for the entire year.

The first footer may also bring a loaf of white bread, salt, or holy mistletoe with him, then it is considered to be a sign of a good luck and prosperity for the rest of the year. On entering he must place the coal on the fire, put the loaf on the table, and pour a glass for the head of the house, all normally without speaking or being spoken to until he wishes everyone "Happy New Year". He may also carry a silver coin to wish wealth.

Are these statements True or False? Begin your phrase with: I quite agree with you; I disagree with you on the point.

1. New Year's Day is the most important holiday in England
2. The most famous places of festivities are Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square in London
3. In Great Britain, New Years celebration is the greatest festival of the year, where it even has a special name, Hogmanay.
4. The first visitor, must bring a special present — a piece of coal — to wish good luck and warmth to the house.
5. A piece of coal is a symbol of New Year's Day.
6. To carry a silver coin means to wish health.
- 7 The English pray for a young, healthy, handsome, and dark haired male to be their first visitor of the New Year.
8. 'First Footing' is an American tradition.

Happy New Year!

How many words can you make out of Happy New Year?

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R



Did you find?

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JANUARY

A delicious fruit.

A small green vegetable.

A bear's foot.

A horse's lunch.

The opposite of there.

The opposite of far.

A bird that lays eggs.

Your sister's son.

A short sleep during the day.

Something to write with.

Something to cook with.

Something to hear with.

Bonus: Can you find three words that begin questions?

❄️ Winter Rhymes ❄️



What hangs from the roof and
rhymes with bicycle?

What's a small piece of snow that
rhymes with cake?

What do you do that rhymes with me?

What do you wear that rhymes with
loves?



What falls from the sky and rhymes with glow?

What covers your window and rhymes with lost?

What's a winter month that rhymes with remember?

What do you fight with that rhymes with hall?

What do you do that rhymes with wait?











What's another word for snowstorm that
rhymes with lizard?

What makes you warm that rhymes with
hire?

What do you skate on that rhymes with
nice?

Play this game in the group of three or four. Throw the dice ,count the squares and go forward .
If you land on a square with a question, answer it. If you land on a square with a fir tree, do a special task given on the "fir tree" cards.

<p>13 Name three things you like doing on New Year Eve.</p>	<p>12 </p>	<p>11 Who do you usually send New Year cards to? Why?</p>	<p>10 </p>
<p>14 </p>	<p>Fir tree game</p>		<p>9 What present Did you get last New Year Holiday?</p>
<p>15 What is your favourite New Year dish?Who cooks in your family?</p>	<p>23 If you were a fir tree where would you prefer to be at New Year night: in the wood or in the house? Why?</p>	<p>22 Name three reasons why you like New Year holiday?</p>	<p>21 Do you go to school on the 1st of January? Why?</p>
<p>16 </p>			<p>8 </p>
<p>17 Who usually gives presents to you for New Year?</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 Do you like to celebrate New Year at home with your family or at your friend's ? Why?</p>	<p>7 What is the best present you have ever got on New Year holiday?</p>
			<p>6 Do you believe that Santa brings presents? Why?</p>
			<p>5 </p>
<p>1 When do we celebrate A New Year Holiday? _____</p> <p>START</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 Who decorates a fir tree in your family? Why?</p>	<p>4 What size fir tree do you prefer to have at home? Why?</p>

"Fir tree" cards.

Mime a fir tree which is high and bright	Mime a present you got last year	Mime Santa Claus carrying a heavy sack with presents
Tell your friend a New Year poem you like	Make up word combinations and put them down *t---- *h----- New Year *d----- *c--- *p---	Solve the riddle: Santa Claus Takes presents out of it. What's this?
Guess the word: We send New Year ----- To our relatives and friends wishing A Happy New Year	Say a tongue twister: For New Year a New Year boy gave me a New Year Newspaper with news and New Year poems	Find word combinations 1Fir a)Claus 2Santa b)year 3.New c)holiday 4.New Year d) tree




Task .You are going to organize a New Year party for your friends.


Write an invitation card: time, place.

Ask them to wear fancy dresses at your party.

Invitation

Dear,









St .Valentines Day

“ I love you”

in various languages



Define the language of the following phrases and match them

1.Obicham te_____Ukrainian

2.Je t'aime_____Japanese

3.S'ayapo_____French

4.Ti amo_____Bulgarian

5.Suki desu_____Italian

6.Te Ador_____Greek

7.Ya tebe kohayu_____Romanian

8.Te quiero_____German

9.Toi yeu em_____Welsh

10Rwyn dy garu
di_____Spanish

11.Ich liebe dich_____Vietnamese



Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February the 14th as a festival of romance and affection. People send greeting cards called "valentines" to their sweethearts, friends and members of their families.

Many valentines have romantic poems; others are humorous. But almost all valentines ask "Be My Valentine". This may mean be my friend or be my love or be my companion. Valentines often show a cupid with an arrow. Cupid, also called Eros, was the ancient Roman god of love.

Valentine's day is not a legal holiday; schools and banks are open as usual. Merchants sell valentines and decorations for Valentine's Day parties and dances. All the decorations are bright red, and the most popular ones are heart shaped.

School children decorate their classrooms with bright red paper hearts and celebrate the day in their classroom. They also make valentine cards for their friends and parents.

Stores advertise heavily for this holiday since it is traditional for sweethearts, spouses and members of the family to exchange gifts on Valentine's Day. Heart shapes boxes of candy, jewelry and flowers are some of the popular gifts given on this day.

Many newspapers carry advertisements or messages placed by people in love. Both men and women want to let their sweethearts know how much they love them. On Valentine's Day, many radio stations play romantic music all day long. One very famous song is called "My Funny Valentine"

Valentine's Day is a day to share loving feelings with friends and family. It has become traditional for many couples to become engaged on this day. Also, famous couples are remembered. Some of them are Romeo and Juliet, Caesar and Cleopatra. This is a happy day because it is specially dedicated to celebrate love, affection and friendship.

Background

Valentine's Day comes on the feast of two different Christian saints named Valentine. But the way that Valentine's Day is celebrated has nothing to do with the lives of the saints.

This celebration comes from an ancient Roman festival called "Lupercalia" which took place every February 15th. This Festival honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan the god of Nature. It was also believed that birds choose their mates on this date. Valentine's Day became very popular in the United States in the 1800's.

Answer the questions

1. When is St. Valentine's celebrated?
2. How do people celebrate this holiday?
3. Is St. Valentine a legal holiday?
4. Who was the ancient god of love?
5. What do merchants sell?
6. What are the most popular gifts on Valentine's Day?
7. What famous couples do you remember?
8. Where does this celebration come from?
9. Who did this festival honour?
10. Why is Valentine's Day so popular?



The Language of Love



- 1.They are madly in love _____ each other
- 2.He's head over _____ in love.
- 3.Do you believe in love at first _____?

4.One romantic summer evening

when we were walking in the park he proposed _____ me.

5.When Jim asked me to marry him I was _____ the moon.

6.Love makes the world go _____.



7.We met on a blind _____.

8.On our fifth date he asked me to marry him and we got _____.A month later we got married.

9.Beauty is only skin _____.

10.To _____ the question means 'to ask someone to marry you'

11.The English for "пристрасть"

12.The opposite of 'yes'

13.when I was at school I had a crush _____ our chemistry teacher.

14.According to a popular British superstition , the bride should wear 'something old, something _____, something borrowed ,something blue'



15.A marriage ceremony is called a _____.

16.My grandparents have been married for 50 years .They are celebrating their _____ anniversary on Saturday.

17.She used to be in love with Tim, but _____ she is in love with his brother.

18._____ you marry me?

19.All you need is _____ (the Beatles).

20.And they lived happily _____ after.

21._____ are red,

Violets are blue

Honey is sweet

And so are you.



22.The English for "коханий"

23.I invited her home to meet my parents and my mother took _____ her immediately.

24.Everybody knows the story _____ Romeo and Juliet.

25.St.Valentine's Day is celebrated on the 14th of _____.

26.The opposite of "no"

27.The season of love.

28._____ -Green is sometimes called Britain's wedding capital.



29. At first everything went well, but slowly they grew _____. In the end they spilt up.

30. "I love you". "I love you ____"

31. We've been going _____ with one another for three weeks.

32. I dream about you

Every night .

Be my Valentine

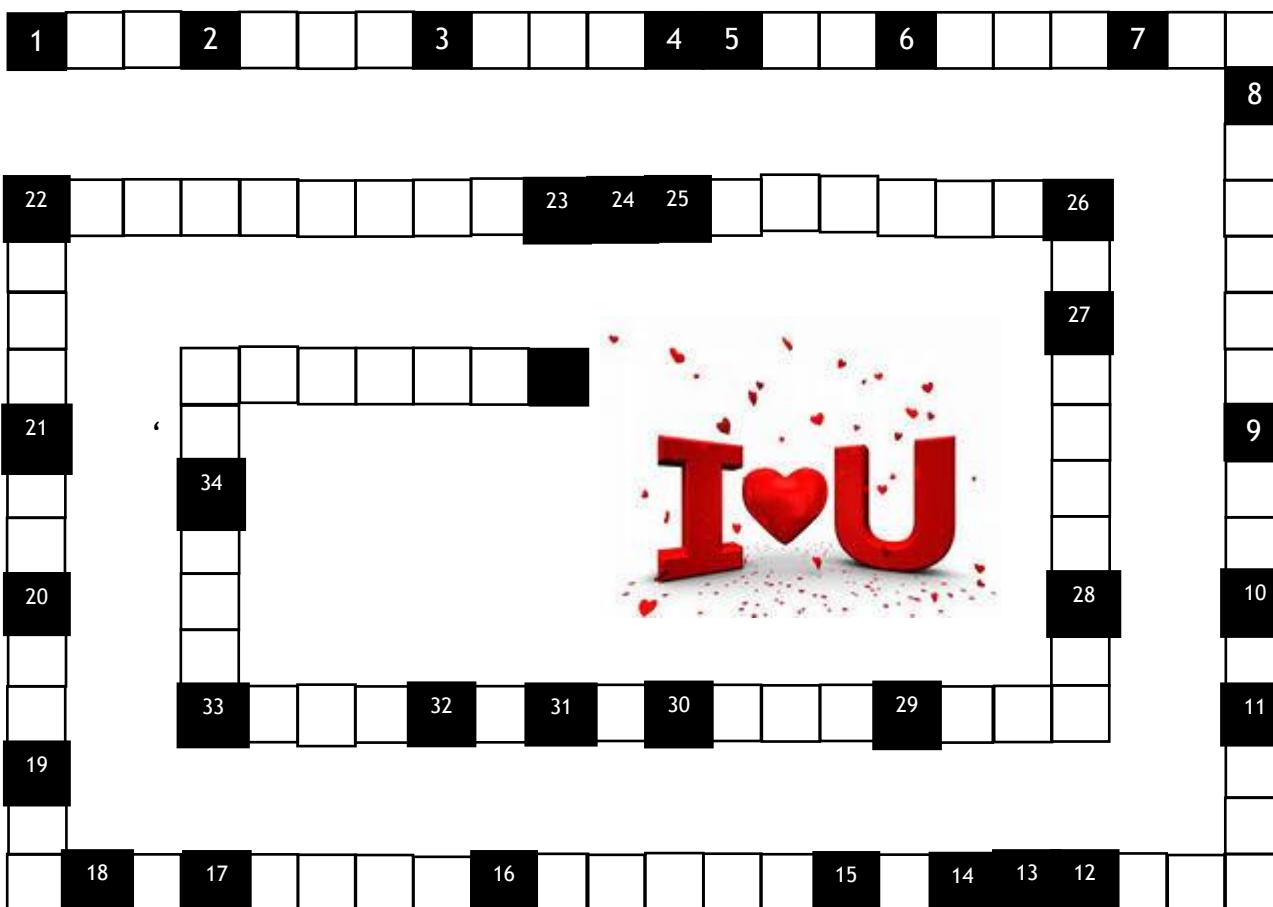
And hold me _____.



33. To tell you the _____, I don't like Jane's new boyfriend.

I don't understand what she sees in him.

34. The English for "медовий місяць".



Valentines

February 14 is the day on which young lovers in England send each other anonymous Valentines - bright, lacy, colourful cards, with loving emblems and amorous doggerel:



The shops are full of these cards.

The message the Valentine conveys is simple.

Love's message has always been so.



Here are some examples:

Though absent, still within my heart
The memory holds its place
Too firmly fixed for time or change
To ever it efface.

February the fourteenth day,
It's Valentine, they say,
I choose you from among the rest
The reason was I loved you best.

Sure as the grape grows on the vine,

So sure you are my Valentine.

The rose is red, the violet blue,

Lilies are fair and so you are

Match the famous couples

1 Carmen-----a. Bathsheba

2 Adam-----b. Josephine

3 Lady Di-----c. Jane

4 Napoleon-----d. Eva

5 David-----e. Prince Charles

6 John Lennon----f. Don Jose

7 Miss Piggy-----g. Yoko

8 Tarzan-----h. Kermit the Frog

9 Grace Kelly-----i. Prince Rainier

10 Rhett Butler-----j. Orpheus

11 Cho-Cho-Sa-----k. Scarlet O'Hara

12 Sophia Loren-----l. Captain Pinkerton

13 Eurydice-----m. Carlo Ponti



Mother's Day

Many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year but mostly in spring: March or May. This wonderful holiday is celebrated to honour mothers and to show how they are loved by their children.



The story of Mother's Day

The earliest Mother's day celebrations date back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honour of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday" to honour the mothers of England.

During the time many of the poor in England worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their houses, the servants lived at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants had the day off and were

encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe held organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston every year. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.



While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's day on the second Sunday of May

Their families honor mothers by dining out, giving flowers, sending cards, giving gifts, and visits. Additionally, it is reported to be one of the busiest days of the year for telephone calls.

The celebration of Mother's Day should be every day. They are the ones who nurture us, teach us, protect us, and make us feel that we matter. Mothers are people in our lives who are most responsible for the way we grow and mature. If you are a mother and are reading this, please accept a special thank you for the part you play in each of our lives

ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:



1. Mother's Day is celebrated in America on the _____.

- A. 5th Sunday in March
- B. third Sunday in June
- C. first of July
- D. second Sunday in May

2 Who is responsible for making Mother's Day a national holiday in America?

- A. President Lincoln
- B. Anna Jarvis
- C. Julia Ward Howe
- D. President Wilson

3. Which of the following is NOT true?

- A. Mother's Day is celebrated at the same time all over the world.
- B. Mothers play a special part in our lives.
- C. The celebration of Mother's Day should be everyday.
- D. England celebrated Mothering Sunday in the seventeenth century.

4. What is the author's purpose of this writing?

- A. entertain
- B. persuade
- C. inform
- D. none of these

5. Anna Jarvis lived in _____.

- A. England
- B. Philadelphia
- C. Michigan
- D. Florida



6. Mothers are honored by their families on Mother's Day by _____.

- A. dining out
- B. cards
- C. flowers
- D. all of these

6. Who was the Mother of the gods in ancient Greece?

- A. Anna
- B. Julia Ward Howe
- C. Virginia
- D. Rhea

7. What state became the first state to adopt a formal holiday to recognize mothers?

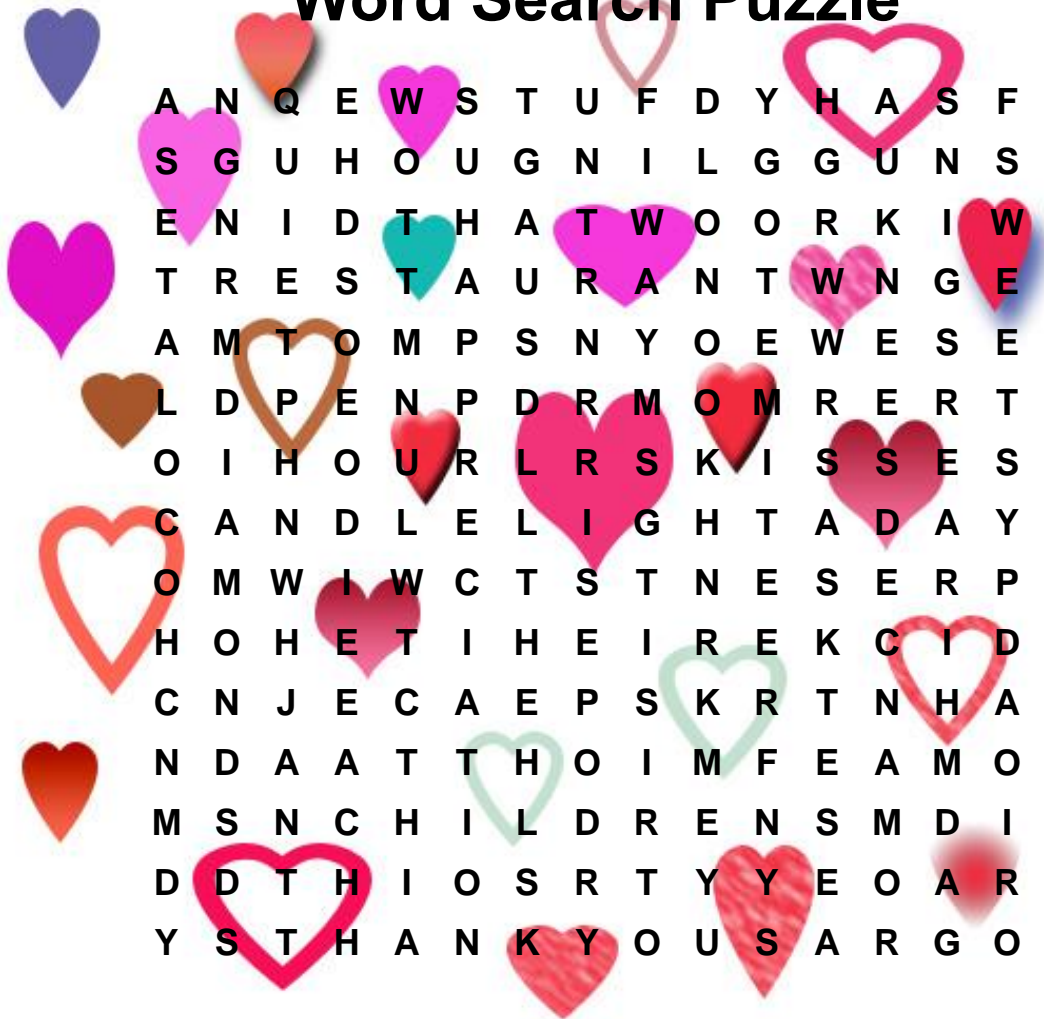
- A. Georgia
- B. West Virginia
- C. Pennsylvania
- D. California



Find the words of the things moms like from the bottom in the mom word search grid. The words can be forwards or backwards, vertical, horizontal, or diagonal. Circle each letter separately, but keep in mind that letters in each word may be used in more than one word. When the mom word search puzzle is complete, read the remaining letters left to right, top to bottom, to learn an interesting fact about moms.

Things Mom Likes

Word Search Puzzle



APPRECIATION
CANDLELIGHT
CANDY
CHILDREN
CHOCOLATES
DIAMONDS
FLOWERS
FREE TIME
HUGS
JEWELRY

KIDS
KISSES
PEACE
PRESENTS
QUIET
RESTAURANT
ROMANCE
SNUDDLING
SWEETS
THANK YOU

Certificate of appreciation

This certificate is awarded to my
For



Signature Date

What I know about my Mom...

My mom is _____ years old and has _____ hair.

My mom is the best at _____ but she's not very good at _____.

My mom always says _____.

She loves to cook _____.

Her favorite thing to do with me is _____.

When my mom is happy, she _____.

My mom thinks I am _____.

My mom and I like to _____.

Love,

What I know about my Mom...

My mom is _____ years old and has _____ hair.

My mom is the best at _____ but
she's not very good at _____.

My mom always says _____.

She loves to cook _____.

Her favorite thing to do with me is
_____.

When my mom is happy, she _____.

My mom thinks I am _____.

My mom and I like to _____.

Love,

courtesy of grkids.com

Happy Mothers Day

*~I wish I could tell you, Mom,
how much you mean to me...
But there are no words to describe,
How much I admire you,
How much I appreciate you,
How much I thank you...
For everything you've done!~
~I love you~*

FUN ON THE NET



St Patrick's Day

St Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 to commemorate patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is a holy person. He brought Christianity to Ireland and gave the Roman Catholic faith to the Irish.

Task 1 Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words from the box

March 17th (2), parades, meal, green(2), pastures, gold(2),
bands, holy, leaves, leaf, jig

Do you know who a patron saint is? A patron saint is aperson, who is believed to give special protection to a place, country, activity or people.

Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He lived more than 2000 years ago. Saint Patrick was born in 385 and died around the year 461, on.....

Saint Patrick was caring person and did many nice things for the people of Ireland.

Irish people all over the world celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on

On that day in Ireland people march in and marchingplay.

People cook and eat their favourite.....-corned beef and cabbage.

Some people sing songs and dance to celebrate. The Irish dance is

called theThe Irish are very thankful on this day because Saint

Patrick taught them to read and write. The Irish read and write because generations passed their knowledge on to other generations.



An Irish popular song is "The Wearing of the Green". Many people wearon this day.is an Irish colour. The green shamrock.....is a symbol of Saint Patrick and

Ireland. The Irish believe that shamrock brings good luck. There are lots of green in Ireland, so the country is called the "the Emerald Isle". The Irish would burn green.....to spread over their land to make their soil richer.



There are legends that go along with Saint Patrick's Day. A popular legend is about the leprechauns. Leprechauns are tiny people dressed in green who collect pots of

The legend says that if you catch a leprechaun he will lead you to his pot of.....

St Patrick's Day is celebrated by Irish all over the world.



Do you know St Patrick's Day
Traditional customs?

Traditional customs for the celebration of
the day are important to give meaning and
joy to life.

Task 2 Choose the answer out of two and fill in the gaps. If you choose
the right answer, you will get to know St Patrick's Day traditional customs.

1. After church go to the pub to drink _____

- a) St Patrick's pot B) St Patrick's jug

2. Wear _____, an emblem in honour of St Patrick.

- a) a green ribbon and shamrock b) a white ribbon and a shamrock

3. Put a shamrock which has been worn on the day _____ and drink to
the health of all.

- a) the last glass b) the first glass

4. Pick the wet drowned shamrock out of the glass
put it _____

- a) on your forehead b) on your shoulder

5. Give _____ to your friends and children.

- a) romantic cards b) treats and gifts

6. Using a burnt stick make a cross on the sleeve of _____

- a) your neighbor who you have had a row with
b) each member of the family

7. Begin planting peas _____

- a) after St Patrick's Day b) before St Patrick's Day

8. Men should make a cross of a twig willow and put it

- a) above the door b) in the garden

9. Wearing the _____ is a symbol of Ireland's farmlands

- a) yellow b) green



and



APRIL FOOL'S DAY



*The first of April is the day we remember what we are
the other 364 days of the year.
American humorist Mark Twain*



WHERE DID APRIL FOOL'S COME FROM?

No one ever knows why they celebrate April like this. Even some poems say so like in this one:

*The first of April some folks say,
Is set apart from April Fools' Day,
But why the people call it so,
Nor I, nor they themselves do know.*

WHAT IS APRIL FOOLS DAY?

April 1st is no ordinary day. It is a day when you have to watch every step you make, don't make one wrong move and most of all trust no one! This day is called April Fool's Day.

April Fool's Day is a day when people play jokes on each other. Some of the most common jokes are "Hey, your shoe is untied," and when they look at their shoes the person says "April Fool's". Another is "Hey, there's a spider behind your back."

In Latin April is *Aperire*. In France April Fool's Day is nicknamed "April Fish Day". This is because sometimes on April Fool's Day, the children try to put a paper fish on the adults' back and then they ask them if they see the *Poisson d'Avril*.

DO YOU BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING STORY OF APRIL FOOL'S DAY?

April Fool's Day originated back in medieval times when the kings and queens had jesters (jokers) to put them in a good mood. The jesters wore a hat that had bells on the end of them. They carried a stick that had a jester's head on it and the jesters pretended to be its voice.

On April 1st the jesters had a day off and the noblemen had to take the jesters place. April first is my favorite day, one, because it is April Fools' Day and, two, because it is my birthday

QUICK HISTORY

April Fool's Day or All Fool's Day occurs annually on April 1. The day is generally observed by playing a practical joke on a "victim" who soon becomes known as an *April Fool*. This custom is thought to have started in France during the 16th century but the British are credited with bringing it to the USA.

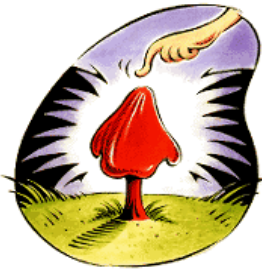
The commonly accepted origin of April Fool's Day involves changes in the calendar. At one time, the New Year celebration began on March 25 and ended on April 1. However, in 1582, King Charles IX adopted the *Gregorian* calendar and accepted the beginning of the new year as January 1. Those who refused to acknowledge the new date or simply forgot received foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The victim of such a prank was known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April fish."

Prank-a trick which is played on someone to make them look silly.

Prankster-someone who plays tricks on people to make them look silly.

Victim -someone who has been mocked and fooled.

PRANKS AND JOKES ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY



THE VICTIMS: His neighbors, the Wilson family of Cumming, Georgia Alan pulled off this prank perfectly. "He took a big wild mushroom," S. Wilson says, "and spray-painted it bright red. Then he secretly planted it in our flower bed. It took us two days to notice it, and, stunned by its beauty, we took a picture and told the kids not to touch it. We were afraid it might be poisonous. When Alan's daughter came over and touched it, our kids got all upset. That's when Alan came over hee-hawing about the whole thing."

THE REACTION: "We all got a big laugh out of it--especially when we found out our other neighbors got a blue one!"

THE PERPETRATOR: Nathan H., age 14, of Chandler, Arizona.

THE VICTIM: His mom, Lynne. Talk about hair-raising! On April 1, Lynne says, Nathan began complaining during dinner that his head was itching like crazy. "When I looked at his scalp, I encountered the worst case of dandruff I'd ever seen. Apparently, a friend had poured salt into his hair as a prank--and now my son was using that to pull a prank on me!"

THE REACTION: Lynne immediately instructed Nathan about the proper shampoo and



scrubbing method. Nathan listened for a few moments, then burst into laughter.

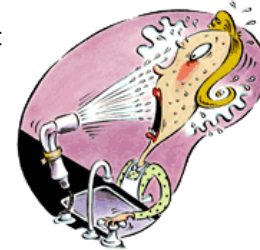


THE PERPETRATORS: Barry and Kim L. of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

THE VICTIMS: Their three kids

There's a major drawback to this trick: the perpetrator suffers along with everybody else--but early risers should find it's worth the lost sleep. Barry sprang this one on his kids last April after they switched his sugar for salt the year before. "I knew the kids would be expecting something," says Barry, "so here is what I did. As usual, we got the three children up for school. My wife and I were all ready for work. The kids were a little dressed, but they all made it to the breakfast table in time to eat--at least the clock. When breakfast was over, I asked my daughter to open the curtains, and when she did, her brothers and she saw a large sign that A.M.--April Fool!"

THE REACTION: "A definite family Kodak moment"



THE VICTIMS: Anybody trying to use the kitchen sink faucet

There are good reasons why this prank was cited by dozens of readers. It's harmless, extremely effective and a snap to pull off--in short, the quintessential April Fools' prank. The prankster need only find a rubber band, wait for a moment when the kitchen is empty, and then slip the rubber band over the sink sprayer handle so that it is stuck in the on position. Carefully aim the nozzle so that it sprays out--onto anybody who turns on the faucet.

won't need extra coffee to wake up

REACTION: The victim

THE VICTIMS: Cynthia R. (now a mom herself) and her three siblings, of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

"On the night of March 31st, my mother waited until we were all sound asleep in our separate rooms," Cynthia recalls. "At some point--and this is the part that still amazes us--she sneaked into each of our rooms and gently carried and placed each of us into the bed of another."

THE REACTION: "In the morning, she reveled in our confusion. My brothers weren't too keen on the pink ruffles they had to endure!"



THE VICTIMS: Adults and kids were fair game.

We've all heard of--or tried--some form of this Bart Simpson "trick," but we got a chuckle out of this wild animal version nonetheless. To pull it off, simply leave your victim a convincing-sounding message (either on paper or on an answering machine) from a certain "Mr. Lyon," who has called about an urgent matter (a missed lunch date is good for extra laughs) and would like a return call as soon as possible. Mr. Lyon's number? The phone number for your local zoo.

THE REACTION: One victim got this response: "I'm sorry, Mr. Lyon is busy at the moment. Mr. Elephant can talk, though!"



THE VICTIM: Usually a dad

This trick has two variations. Let's start with the less common one, submitted by Michelle M. of Sanford, Maine. "A simple needle and thread become our tool for creating mischief," she says. "Our mission? Sew all of Dad's underpants together. This is easy enough as it requires only a few stitches at the side seams. Then they are neatly folded and placed back in his drawer."

THE REACTION: "It's fun watching him bite each pair off of the string with his teeth."

The second trick is just as good (as evidenced by the number of readers who suggested it), even if the perpetrator might not get to see it in action. Just sew up the fly on a clean pair of underwear, make sure the victim drinks plenty of morning juice and coffee or tea, and wait. (This is especially effective if you know the victim uses large, public bathrooms, like the ones found in schools and office buildings.) The most challenging part: ensuring the victim selects the doctored pair in the morning.

THE REACTION: At best--total embarrassment. At worst--we don't even want to think about it.

THE PERPETRATORS: Callie H., 12, her best friend Megan, 12, and Callie's mom, Susan, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

THE VICTIMS: Callie and Megan's classmates

Callie pulled this one on her class, with some help from her teacher, in honor of her birthday, March 31. "A little before lunch," says Callie, "Mrs. Badger said we could hand out the doughnuts. Mrs. Badger told the kids not to eat them until everyone got their food. A couple of kids said the doughnuts were small. My friend Tracy thought they were homemade. Then the teacher said we could eat. What a sight to see! The boys shoved both of the doughnuts in their mouths, and the girls took small bites. Then Megan and I announced that the doughnuts were play dough." More specifically, a barely edible homemade play dough.

THE REACTION: "All the kids looked at us in horror and spit the doughnuts out. Megan and I laughed and soon the rest of the kids started laughing too." (Callie and Megan then handed out the real doughnuts they'd brought.)



THE VICTIMS: His family

While Ken is, according to his sister Mary, an unusually elaborate prankster, one of his simplest tricks will work anywhere. Just superglue coins to the pavement. You'll need to find a spot that is both heavily trafficked and suitable for gluing; a front sidewalk or driveway works well, though you may need to clean the surface to get the coins to stick.

THE REACTION: Broken fingernails are not out of the question.





Task 2 Humorous quotes

Read the humorous quotes and fill in the gaps with the prepositions given in the box

• If

With(3), in (3), for (2), of , on

Humour cuts stress levels

_____ half

- Humour helps us cope, conquer and carry _____.
- The best exercise is jumping _____ joy.
- A sense _____ humour is the number one survival skill.
- Train yourself to look _____ the comedy _____ your chaos.
- The body heals _____ play ;the mind heals _____ laughter and the spirit heals _____ joy.
- We begin to solve our problems when we begin to see the humour _____ them.

Task 3 Murphy's law

Murphy's law is a humorous statement about the natural tendency for things to go wrong whenever possible. Choose an ending to restore Murphy's law statements

Smile !	
Tomorrow will be worse	Today is the first of April
No matter which way you ride ,	
You will come to school	It's uphill and against the wind
It's always the partner's	
turn	Fault
To make an enemy	
Do someone a favour	Play a prank on him
A bird in the hand	
Is safer than one overhead	Is better than one in a cat's claws.
Hot glass looks	
Like a hot mug	Exactly the same as cold glass
A new tie attracts	
Nice girls	The soup of the day
The bag that breaks	
Is your teacher's bag	Is the one with the egg.
Whenever you turn on the radio	
You hear weather forecast	You hear the last few words of your favourite song
No one is listening	
Until you sing	Until you make a mistake
In order to get a loan,	
You must prove you need it	You must prove you don't need it



Earth Day

Earth day is celebrated on April 22.

It has spread all over the world.

Earth day is our special day to look at our Planet and see what needs changing

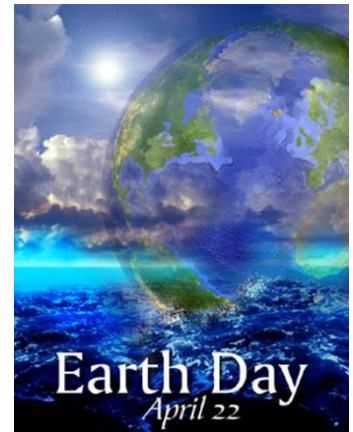
The history of Earth Day

Former senator Gaylord Nelson was the person who initiated the movement for the protection of the environment. He understood that our world was getting dirty and that many of our plants and animals were dying. He wondered why more people were not trying to solve these problems. He talked to other lawmakers and to the President. They decided that the President would go around the country and tell people about these concerns.

Then, 1969, Senator Nelson had another idea. He decided to have a special day to teach everyone about the things that needed changing in our environment.

He wrote letters to all of the colleges and put a special article in scholastic magazine to tell them about the special day he had planned.

On April 22, 1970, the first Earth day was held. People all over the country made promises to help the environment. Everyone got involved and since then Earth Day has spread all over the planet. People all over the world know that there are problems we need to work on and this is our special day to look at the planet and see what needs changing.



Isn't it great? One person had an idea and kept working until everyone began working together to solve it.



1. Who initiated the movement for the protection of the environment?

2. What was the idea of Senator Nelson?

3. When was the first Earth day held?

4. What do People all over the country promise to do?

Task 1 Work in pairs .Choose your roles (one is Senator, the other is journalist) and read our cards.

Senator Nelson

You worry about the environment so you initiate the movement for the protection of the environment .Your another idea is to have a special day to teach everyone about the things that need changing in the environment

Journalist

You have to write an article to be published in the newspaper you work for. Introduce yourself and interview the senator about practical measures he is going to take to protect the environment in his State

I can save the Environment

Task 2 Fill in the gaps with the words from the box and read how you save the environment.



can



You can do a lot to _____ the environment .Please remember to _____ the TV when you are not watching it. Don't forget to _____ the light when you leave the room. Don't leave the refrigerator door _____.

Draw and colour on _____ sides of paper .Don't leave the water _____ when you brush your teeth . _____ plants , for plants are the lungs of our _____.

Cultivate, open, planet, both, save, turn off, running, switch off



Task3 .Pick up sentences from the text above and make up your own sentences to illustrate each picture





Easter

Easter is the Christian festival which commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion.

The date of Easter varies from year to year , but it is always celebrated on a Sunday between 22 March and 25 April according to the Gregorian calendar.



When Easter comes.....

Task 1. Read the text and write down the titles, given in the box, above each paragraph.

Shrove Tuesday, Easter, Palm Sunday, Lent

1.-----

The day that commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion is known as Easter. It is one of the principal festivals of the Christian calendar and its origins date back to the beginning of Christianity. It is believed that this festival is named after Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and Fertility whose festival was commemorated on the day of the Vernal Equinox.



The term Easter has been used since the 8th century AD. The date of Easter varies from year to year, but it is always celebrated on a Sunday between 22 March and 25 April .While the West uses the Georgian calendar to calculate the dates, some eastern countries still use the Julian calendar. So , they can celebrate Easter up to a month later.

2.-----

The run up to Easter is known as Lent.

It begins on Ash Wednesday when the ashes of the palms used on Palm Sunday are used to mark a cross on the forehead of those attending the church. It lasts for 40 days .

The word 'Lent' is derived from the old English word for spring "Lenten " Lent is a period of fasting and symbolizes the forty day fast of Jesus.

3.-----

Ash Wednesday comes after Shrove Tuesday.The name 'Shrove' derives from the term "shrive"- the confession of sins.It is the day when eggs and fat are used for making pancakes.So, Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Day.

4.-----



The final week before Easter is known as Holy Week .It begins on Palm Sunday , which remembers the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem , the crowds laid palms at his feet to greet him and to show their respect and trust to him.

Task 2. Match the words to definitions.

- 1 the Resurrection _____ a) the soft grey powder that remains after something has been burnt
- 2 the Crucifixion _____ b) One of the two times in a year When night and day are of equal length
- 3 Ash _____ c) the death of Christ on the cross
- 4 Lent _____ d) Large pointed leaves of a tropical tree which grows near the beaches
- 5 Equinox _____ e) the return of Jesus Christ to life after his death on the cross.
- 6 Confession _____ f) a period of fasting.
- 7 Palms _____ g) When you tell a priest or God About the bad things you have done

Task 3 Compare Easter dates from the text with the ones in your country. Find similarities and differences

Task 4 Answer the questions

- 1 What does Easter festival commemorate ?
2. Since what time has the term Easter been used?
3. What is Lent?
4. What is Shrove Tuesday?
5. What does the name "Shrove Tuesday "come from?
6. When does Holy Week begin?
7. What do Christians commemorate on Holy Thursday?

Funny Bunny

Little Easter, the comedienne bunny,
Tried too hard at being funny.
She juggled and she dropped the eggs
They fell and smashed between her legs.

Poor Easter left the stage in shame
And thought that she might change her name.
But then that bunny read this ad,
"This Sunday we need help real bad."

So Easter Bunny kept her name
And through the years has gained much fame,
When Easter's Sunday comes each year.
She delivers eggs and we all cheer.

—Grandpa Tucker



Why Do We Give Easter Eggs?

The Easter egg is very popular. While the colored cardboard ones and rich chocolate ones that we enjoy are quite recent in origin, the real egg, decorated with colors or gilt, has been a symbol of life and resurrection since pre-Christian spring celebrations. The ancient Greeks, Persians, and Chinese gave them as gifts at their spring festivals. The egg also appears in pagan mythology, where the Sun-Bird is hatched from the World Egg. In some pagan customs, Heaven and Earth were thought to have been formed from two halves of an egg. As the egg was a symbol to early Christians of Jesus' Resurrection, it was felt to be very appropriate and holy for the Easter celebrations. Even as early as the Middle Ages, people colored eggs to give as gifts at Easter; Edward I's accounts for 1290 include the expense of purchasing hundreds of eggs to give to his household. In the 17th century, Pope Paul V blessed the humble egg in a prayer to be used in England, Scotland, and Ireland: "Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this Thy creature of eggs, that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord." Forbidden during the fast of Lent, eggs were reintroduced on Easter Sunday, both as part of the celebrations and as gifts for family, friends, and servants.



Pancake Day

Pancake Customs in the UK and Ireland

Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is the last day before Christians begin fasting. People cook and eat pancakes. These are made from flour, milk and eggs and fried in a hot pan.

In Britain in some town there is a tradition to hold pancake races on that day. People who take part in the pancake race, run along the street holding a frying pan and throwing the pancake in the air. Those who drop the pancake, lose the race. People who watch them have great fun.



Complete the sentences

- Ash Wednesday is the day then Lent
 - begins
 - ends
- Lent is the period when Christians
 - eat tasty and rich food
 - fast
- The British cook and eat pancakes

a) at Ash Wednesday b) the day before Ash Wednesday

4. Pancakes are made from

a) flour, milk and eggs b) flower, milk and eggs

5. Pancakes are

a) fried in a hot pan b) baked in an oven

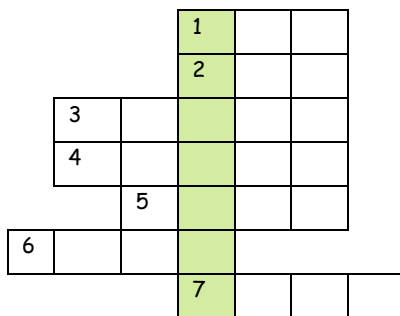
6. During pancake races people

a) run eating a pancake from a pan b) run tossing a pancake in the pan

7. If participant of the races drops the pancake,

a) he loses the race b) he goes on running without it

Solve the puzzle



Across

1. You cook pancakes in this.

2. ...Wednesday

is the first day of Lent.

3. The time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

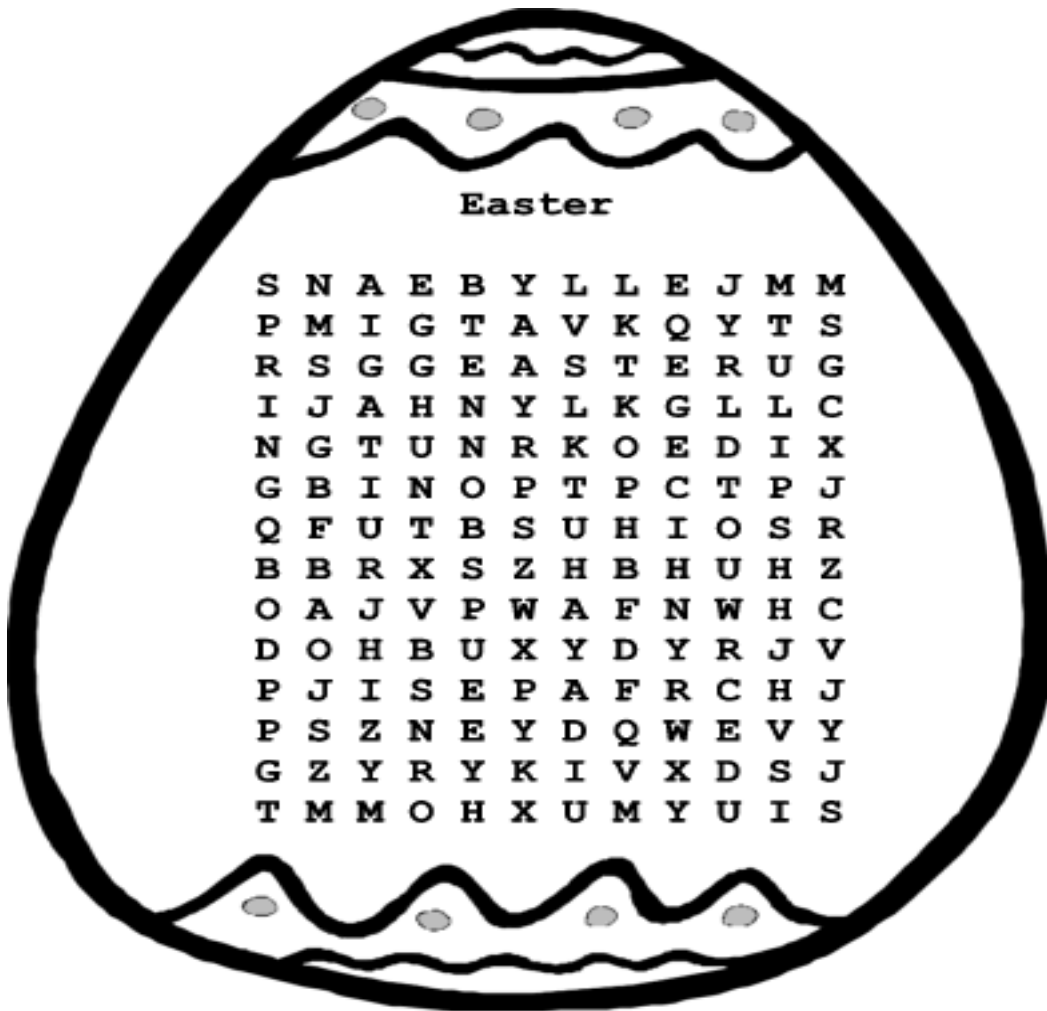
4. A competition in which people compete to run fastest and finish first.

5. When you do not eat fat food or go without food, you....

6. Pancakes are made from flour ...and eggs.

7. The British give each other chocolate Easteron Easter Sunday.





FIND THE FOLLOWING EASTER VOCABULARY WORDS IN THE EGG ABOVE

Baskets Bonnet Bunny Chocolate Dress Easter	Egg hunt Eggs Jelly beans Spring Sunday Tulips
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Write 5 sentences using at least 5 vocabulary words.

Iced Tea Day

Today the USA consumes more iced tea than hot tea ,though iced tea is only slowly invading that bastion of tea drinking, the UK. Iced Tea Day is celebrated on the 10th of June.



ICED TEA

Task1

Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

Iced tea, merchant, fair, ice, teas, heat wave

Tea _____Richard Blechynden brought his goods to the 1904 World's _____in St Louis .Unfortunately, none of the visitors wanted to taste his hot _____ because of _____.In desperation he put _____ into his brewed tea and discovered _____ which is very popular in America now.

Task 2Discuss the following questions:

*Have you ever tasted iced tea?

If yes , do you like it? Why?

If no, would you like to taste it?

*What are advantages and disadvantages of iced teas?



KNOW YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES BETTER WITH A CUP OF TEA

Psychologist Dr. Rebecca Newton has researched and identified six different tea drinking postures to help people understand their colleagues and friends more



effectively. To interpret the secret signals of staff an easy -to-use guide has been devised to help people get on with others at work.

Task 3. Imagine that you are a psychologist . Read the descriptions of tea drinking postures in the right column and find the proper person type given in the box. Write down the definitions in the left column of the table. The first example is done for you.

The listener, the angry person, the confident one,
the gossip, the navy one, the weak boss

Type definition	Description of tea drinking posture
The gossip	Holds a cup tightly in one hand and keeps waving the other. Regularly peers into cup and at colleagues.
	Holds a cup in both hands and finds eye contact difficult .Picking the side of a cup during one - to- one conversations and playing with hair is a specific sign.
	Holds a cup in both hands a if warming them and keeps blowing tea nervously. This is the kind of boss who is not comfortable in charge.
	Holds a cup close to head and uses as a tool to make a point. Direct eye contact combined with palms facing upwards. Watch out!
	Learns forward with cup close to chin in one hand .Lots of flowing , varied and relaxed gestures. Steady but relaxed eye contact and smiles.
	Holds a cup in both hands and leans towards you and everyone else in turn. Posture shows agreement and sympathy for the whole group.

English Tea

Play the game in a group of three or four. Throw the dice and move your counter .Read the question and speak out for 30 seconds at least.

<p><i>What do you usually think about when you drink tea?</i></p> <p>12</p> <p>Finish</p>	<p>Imagine that you have never heard of and you never tasted iced tea .If you met a tea drinker, what would you ask him about tea?</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Your mom sent you to buy tea.When you came to the shop you realized that she had not told you what type and brand of tea to buy.What tea would you choose to buy? Why?</p> <p>4</p>
<p>You are ask to write an Advertisement</p> <p>11</p>	<p>You drink coffee for breakfast but you prefer tea for lunch .You are asked if you are a coffee drinker or tea drinker. What would you answer?</p> <p>6</p>	<p>Tell about advantages and disadvantages of drinking a lot of tea at school or when you are busy doing your homework</p> <p>3</p>
<p>What is the famous tea flavoured with oil of bergamot? Do you like to drink it? Why? What about your family and friends?</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Do you agree that wherever tea is drunk, it has developed its own rituals, usually associated with delicious food.Prove it.</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Do you have your own secret of brewing tea?Will you share it?Who usually brews tea in your family?</p> <p>2</p>
<p>Your friend invited you to a teahouse for a cup of tea.You decided to order one teapot for two.Your friend likes green tea but you prefer blended black tea.What would you do?</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Have you ever drunk tea with milk? What tea would you prefer to drink: with milk or with lemon? Why?</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Most tea drinkers come to discover herbal tea or tisanes for their medical benefits .What herbal tea have you tried? Why?</p> <p>1 start</p>

Father's Day



Father's day is day of commemoration of Dad. It is the day not only to honour your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life-whether as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers or elder brothers.

A celebration in honour of all father

Task 1 Read the text

Father's day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is the day not only to honour your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life- whether as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, or elder brothers.

Mrs. John B. Dodd of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honour her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself



on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

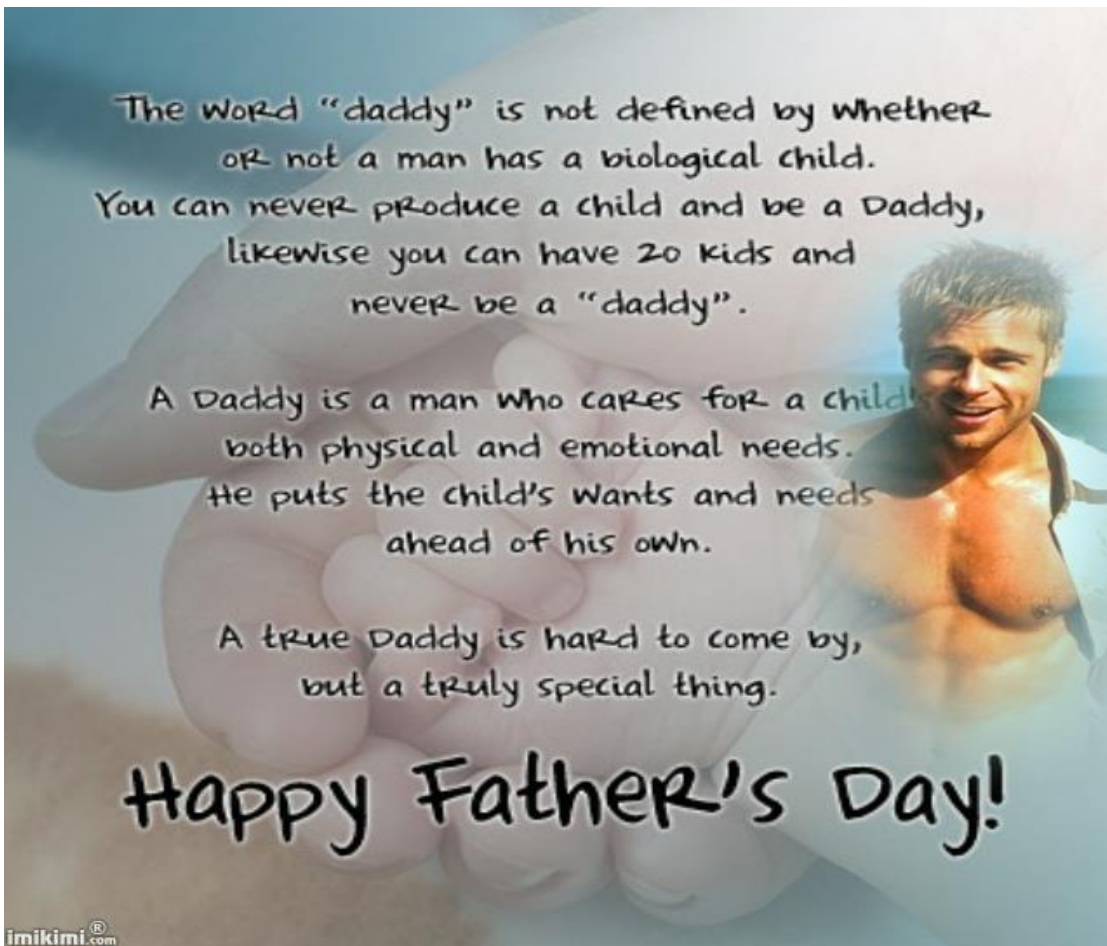


The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910. In Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people

were beginning to celebrate a "Father's Day". In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.



Task. 2 Imagine that you are Mrs. John B. Dodd. Tell about your Dad. Explain why you decided to initiate a special day to honour fathers. Ask the rest of the group mates about their fathers. Let them tell why they love their Dads. Why are they special for them?



Task 3. Write the Father's Day Postcard to your father, uncle, brother or grandfather.

Dear.....

Teacher's Day



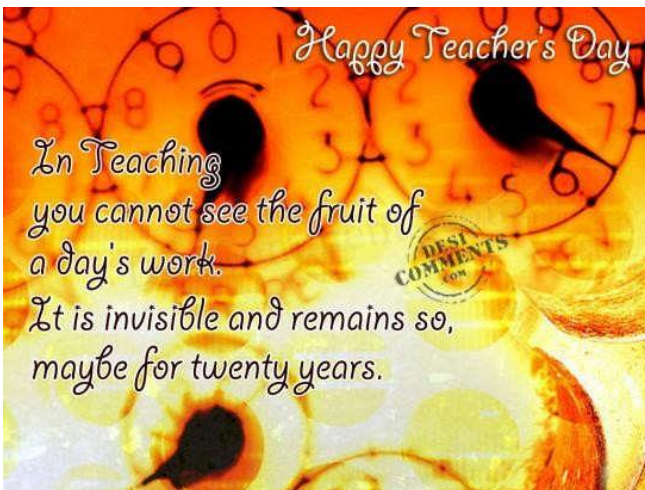
Teacher's Day in Ukraine is celebrated on the first Sunday in October each year. This observance is held in appreciation of teachers and other workers in the education sector across the country.

Many Ukrainians celebrate Teacher's Day with a range of activities, such as concerts, presentation of flower bouquets, and public speeches addressed in recognition of teachers and educational workers

In 1994, the Ukrainian president declared Teachers' Day as a professional holiday to thank workers in Ukraine's education sector. The day had been set to be annually celebrated on the Sunday in October. Many other countries celebrate [World Teachers' Day](#), which is also held in early October.



first



When God created teachers

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.*

*When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides*

*To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.*

*Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.*

Teacher's Day

Board Game

Start Good luck!	Do you want to be a teacher? Why? 1	What does a teacher mean to you? 2	Tell about your favourite teacher 3	Do you agree or disagree: Teacher's day is a day for teachers to collect flowers and presents 4
Tell a compliment to your teacher 9	What is your idea of a perfect learner? 8	Surprise! Go forward three squares 7	What makes a good school? 6	What kind of a person should a good teacher be? 5
What should you know if you were a teacher of English? 10	Why is Teacher's Day Celebrated in autumn? 11	From your point of view, what is the best day for a teacher? 12	Describe a school of future 13	Surprise! Go back three squares 14
Which lesson would you add to the timetable ? Why? 19	Which lesson would you exclude from the timetable? Why? 18	What lessons are the most important for young people? 17	What is an ideal School principal? 16	Continue "If I were a teacher I would..." 15
When you finish school, what will you remember about your school forever?20	Is it possible to fall in love when you are at school? 21	What would you like to be, when you finish school? 22	Surprise! Go forward three squares 23	Tell about your dream? 24
Finish You have won!	Tell about the happiest day in your school life. 28	If you were a teacher, what might your motto be? 27	From your point of view, is homework necessary? 26	What qualities are most important To you in a teacher? 25

Columbus Day

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Roosevelt proclaimed every October 12 as Columbus Day.



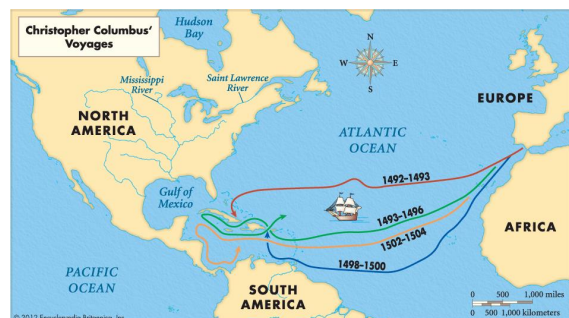
Since 1971, it has been celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Task1 What do you know about Columbus day?

Columbus day is celebrated in the United States to honour Christopher Columbus's first voyage to America in 1492.

In 1972, a ceremony was held in New York paying tribute to Columbus, and a monument was dedicated to him. Soon after that , the city of Washington was officially named the District of Columbia and it became the capital of the United States .in 1892, a statue of Columbus was built at the beginning of Columbus Avenue in New York City.

The first celebration of the discovery of America was organized by the Italian population of New York City on October 12, 1866 to show admiration to their native son,



a great explorer. In 1869, when Italians of San Francisco celebrated this date, they called it Columbus Day. Later more Italian Organizations in other cities held banquets, parades and dances on that date

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Task 2 Multiple choice



Columbus Day is a special holiday all (1) _____ the Americas. Countries in North, Central and South America celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival (2) _____ the Americas on October the 12th, 1492. In the United States, the day is called Columbus Day; in many Latin American countries, it is (3) _____ as Día de la Raza (Day of the Race).

The day is also celebrated in Spain, where people (4) _____ it National Day. These holidays are over two hundred years old and are a (5) _____ part of many cultures. Not everyone is happy about these celebrations. Most indigenous cultures all across the Americas recognize the day as the start of the erosion of their cultures. The day for them represents the (6) _____ of their land by Europeans.



Christopher Columbus was an Italian (7) _____ who lived in the fifteenth century. He believed that the Earth was not flat, as most people (8) _____ at that time. He asked the Spanish queen, Isabelle, for financial help to sail around the world. He wanted to (9) _____ the Earth was round. He also believed there was a "new world" full of spices and treasures. At that time, he thought that new world, west of Italy, was India. On August 3, 1492, he (10) _____ west on his ship the Santa Maria. After two months he found land and called it San Salvador. He thought it was India and the people he (11) _____ were Indians. That's why today, Caribbean islands are known as the West Indies and native Americans were called American Indians. The "New World" is (12) _____ U.S.A.



Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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| 1. | (a) across | (b) crossing | (c) crossed | (d) crosses |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) In | (c) at | (d) into |
| 3. | (a) knew | (b) known | (c) knowing | (d) knows |
| 4. | (a) calling | (b) caller | (c) called off | (d) call |
| 5. | (a) deep | (b) deeply | (c) deepness | (d) deeps |
| 6. | (a) invade | (b) invasion | (c) invades | (d) invaders |
| 7. | (a) adventure | (b) adventurous | (c) adventurer | (d) adventures |
| 8. | (a) think | (b) thinks | (c) thought | (d) thoughtful |
| 9. | (a) proving | (b) improve | (c) proof | (d) prove |
| 10. | (a) sailed | (b) sailing | (c) sales | (d) sails |
| 11. | (a) meet | (b) meetings | (c) met up | (d) met |
| 12. | (a) todays | (b) today | (c) today's | (d) todays' |

Task 3. Here are some answers. What are the questions?

1. _____

-Italy

2. _____

-August 3, 1492

3. _____

-The Nina and the Pinta

4. _____

-Indians.

5. _____

-San Salvador

6. _____

-The Caribbean Islands

7. _____

-Queen Isabella of Spain

8. _____

-Japan

9. _____

-Because they were tired and sick.

10. _____

-The title of Admiral of All the Ocean Seas'



Christopher Columbus

In fourteen hundred and ninety-two,
Columbus sailed the ocean blue.
He took three ships with him, too.
And called aboard his faithful crew.
Mighty, strong and brave was he
As he sailed across the open sea.
Some people still thought the world was flat!
Can you even imagine that?



Thanksgiving Day

Tucked between the two monster sized holidays of Halloween and Christmas, Thanksgiving receives far less attention. But Thanksgiving is a very important holiday, especially in the busy lives of Americans. It is a time to kick back and relax, watch a football game or go to a movie, and enjoy a huge feast. It's also time for us to give thanks to our God, for the things he has bestowed upon us and upon this great nation. There is no nation in the world that has more to be thankful for than us.

Thanksgiving History:



The first Thanksgiving was celebrated between the Pilgrims and the Indians in 1621. That first feast was a three day affair. Life for the early settlers was difficult. The fall harvest was time for celebration. It was also a time of prayer, thanking God for a good crop. The

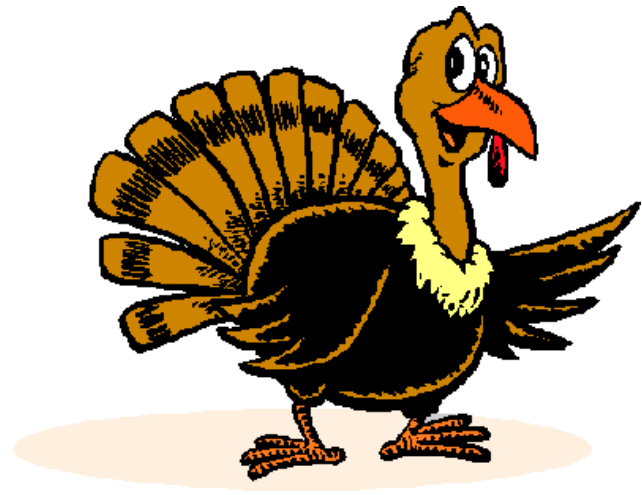
Pilgrims and the Indians created a huge feast including a wide variety of animals and fowl, as well as fruits and vegetables from the fall harvest. This early celebration was the start of today's holiday celebration. Like then, we celebrate with a huge feast.

Today, most of us enjoy Turkey with "all the trimming". The "trimming" include a wide variety of foods that are a tradition for your family. Those traditional foods often replicate the foods at the first Thanksgiving feast. While others, are traditional ethnic or religious groups recipe, or a special food item that your family always serves at Thanksgiving dinner. Then, to top it off, pumpkin pies, apple pies, an even mince meat pies are bountiful around the table.

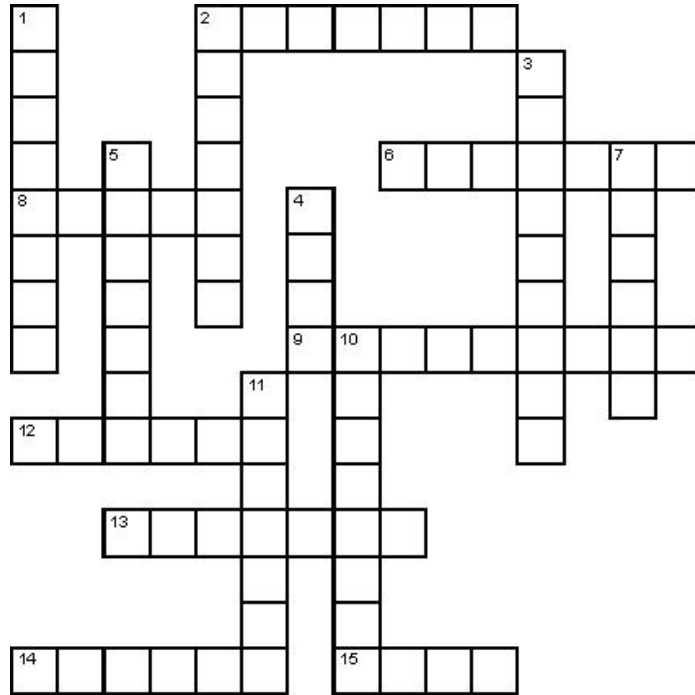
American Thanksgiving traditions revolve around a huge and lavish meal, usually with Turkey as the centerpiece. For those who do not like Turkey, a Roast or Prime Rib is common. As tradition has it in most families, a special prayer of thanks precedes the meal. In many homes, family members will each mention something they are very thankful for.

Did you know? Potatoes were not part of the first Thanksgiving. Irish immigrants had not yet brought them to North America.

After the first Thanksgiving, the observance was sporadic and almost forgotten until the early 1800's. It was usually celebrated in late September or October. In 1941, Congress made it a national holiday and set the date as the fourth Thursday in November.



The First Thanksgiving



Across

2. A large orange vegetable.
6. The name of the pilgrims' plantation.
8. A great dinner for celebrating.
9. The ship that brought the pilgrims to North America.
12. The season of Thanksgiving.
13. Where the pilgrims departed from.
14. A vegetable similar to a pumpkin.
15. Yellow vegetable that was grown by Native Americans.



Down

1. The governor of the pilgrims.
2. The religious group that many of the pilgrims belonged to.
3. The Native American tribe that shared the first Thanksgiving feast.
4. A place where food is grown.
5. The name of the first Native American who met the pilgrims.
7. Bird eaten at Thanksgiving.
10. Ocean that the pilgrims crossed.
11. The nationality of the pilgrims.

Thanksgiving Feast



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| apple sauce | dinner roll |
| baked potatoes | grapes |
| beet | gravy |
| broccoli | mashed potatoes |
| butter | onion |
| carrot | pumpkin pie |
| cauliflower | squash |
| corn on the cob | sweet potatoes |
| cornucopia | turkey |
| cranberries | yam |

Thanks for All Things

Thanks for the fire,
That keeps me warm.
Thanks for my family,
Keep them from harm.

Thanks for the corn,
Cobs stacked in a heap,
Thanks for the squash,
And the crops that we reap.

Thanks for the grains,
They'll feed us till spring.
Thanks for the cows,
And the milk that they bring.

Thanks for the stars,
And the sun and the moon.
Thanks for the snow,
That's coming here soon.

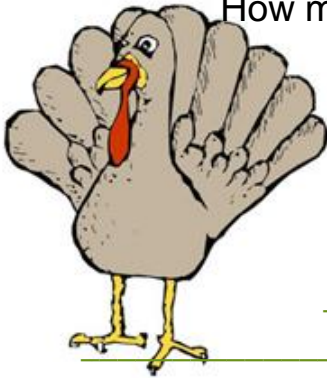
Thanks for the rivers,
The lakes and the seas.
Thanks for the mountains.
Covered in trees.

Thanks for all life.
And last, but not least,
Thanks for the turkey
We'll have at our feast.



Write a paragraph or a poem on what you are thankful for.

Thanksgiving Turkey



How many words can you make out of

THANKSGIVING TURKEY?

**T H A N K S G I V I N G
T U R K E Y**

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Did you find?

Go fast.

Something to open doors with.

Something on your finger.

Fuel for your car.

Painting and sculpting.

The home of clouds.

A kind of transportation.

Begin.

Receive.

A war machine.

The opposite of floated.

Smelled bad.



Discussion Topics

- What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving season?
 - Who are some of the people you are most thankful for? Why are you thankful?



- Why should people take time to give thanks?
- Today, many Americans celebrate Thanksgiving by fixing a huge meal, complete with turkey, stuffing, cranberry, pumpkin pie, and all the works. But on that first Thanksgiving, diners hardly enjoyed such rich foods. We call the customs that have developed around the holiday "traditions." How do you think these traditions came into existence? What Thanksgiving traditions would an American family have?
- Tell how your family would celebrate Thanksgiving in America.
- Why is it important for people to give thanks?
- Thanksgiving is a special day set aside for giving thanks. But each person has things to be thankful for all year long. What are some ways you can show your thanks on days other than Thanksgiving?
- Do you think the first Pilgrims would be pleased to see how Americans celebrate Thanksgiving today? Why or why not?
- Some people have called Thanksgiving "America's first holiday." Why might it have been given this title? Do you believe this is an appropriate way to describe the holiday? Why or why not?
- If you are not originally from the United States, does your homeland have a holiday similar to Thanksgiving? If so, when is it celebrated? How is it like the American Thanksgiving? How does it differ?



Let's be Thankful for this Day

to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars"

Let's be thankful for this day,
For our friends and our play.
Let's be thankful, let's be glad,
For our food and the things we have.
Let's give thanks for you and me,
And our home and family.

Halloween

I went trick-or-treating with my best friends _____, _____, and _____. Our pillowcases were full of candy, and it was getting late, so my friends wanted to go home.



I wanted a few more chocolate bars so I turned to my friends and said, "Let's knock on a few more doors and then head for home."

They were worried because they thought it was already too late. "Let's go home now," they said to me. I told them not to worry because we could take a shortcut through the old forest.

So after a few more houses, I took my friends to the path that went through the forest. We walked about 20 minutes, and then, suddenly, I felt very strange. I couldn't remember the way! It was dark and foggy. We were lost. And to make matters worse, it started to rain. And then, it started to pour. Lightning lit up the sky and thunder rang in our ears. We wandered around in the rain for over two hours. We were very wet and very cold. And then, at about midnight, I saw an old abandoned house on a hill.

"I think we'll have to spend the night in that old house and wait till morning," I said.



My friends didn't think it was a good idea, but they were cold and wet, so they agreed. We walked up the old wooden steps to the front door. The door creaked open and we went inside, sat down, and started to eat a chocolate bar, when . . .

Halloween

Reading Comprehension:

What is happening at the beginning of the story?

Why did the writer want to go to a few more houses?

Why didn't the writer worry because it was getting late?

What happened in the forest?

What was the weather like in the forest?

Did the writer's friend think it was a good idea to stay in the house?

Why did the friends agree to stay at the house?

What did they do as soon as they went into the house?



Match the following words with their definition:

abandoned	wander	shortcut	pour
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_____ A quicker way to get somewhere.

_____ Go from place to place.

_____ Rain very hard.

_____ Empty with no one living there.

Finish writing the story using all the phrases in the box below.

Creative Writing Box	screamed	cobwebs
heard a noise	saw a light	heard footsteps
dawn	ran down the hall	hid under the bed

ARE YOU A WITCH?

Would you like to find out?

There are several simple tests that you can use to determine if you are a witch.



- * Do you enjoy cooking especially soups and stews?
- * Do you have a fondness for black cats?
- * Do you have an exceptionally long nose?
- * Do you have problems with warts?
- * Do you tend to wear black clothes?
- * Do you think black pointy hats are fashionable?
- * Are you fascinated by toads, snakes, bats, lizards, or mice?
- * Do you put mushrooms, onions, or garlic on everything you eat?
- * Do you have a large collection of brooms in your cupboard?
- * Do you dream of flying?
- * Do strange and nasty things mysteriously happen to people you are angry with?
 - * Do you like to walk through graveyards?
 - * Do you cackle when you hear jokes?
 - * Are you happiest around midnight?
 - * Do you like to talk in rhymes?
 - * Do you get cravings for chocolate covered eye-of-newt or candied bat wing?



If you have any of these symptoms, you may wish to consult your family physician (not that they'll help you or anything).

SCRAMBLED PUMPKINS

Unscramble these pumpkins to figure out the hidden message:



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17 10 15 20 3

5 12



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What do monsters have for breakfast on Halloween morning?

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

HALLOWEEN RHYMES

A witch's pet that rhymes with rat:

**A scary thing that rhymes with
toast:**

**A bony monster that rhymes with
sun:**

A monster that rhymes with wire:

A monster that rhymes with tummy:

**A funny person that rhymes with
down:**

What a witch rides that rhymes with room:

What kids say that rhymes with meat:

A scary pumpkin that rhymes with burn:

**Where kids keep candy that rhymes
with face:**

**A monster with stitches that rhymes
with mine.**

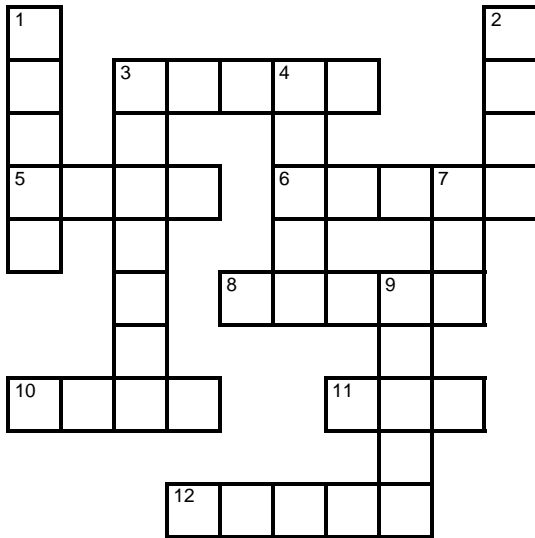
**A person who steals treasure that
rhymes with sit:**

**A skeleton's home that rhymes with
slave:**

**Who makes a web and rhymes with
wider:**



Halloween



Across

3. A funny costume.
5. What do you wear on your face?
6. _____-or-treat!
8. Scary thing that says boo.
10. Roasted pumpkin _____.
11. Small black animal that can fly.
12. Kids get lots of this.



Down

1. A monster with many bandages.
2. _____-o'-lantern
3. What do you wear on Halloween?
4. A woman with a pointy black hat.
7. A witch's pet.
9. spooky

Name that monster:

A _____ is a monster that changes shape during the full moon.

A _____ is a monster that is made from bones.