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# **Festivals and Celebrations**



#### **APRIL FOOLS' DAY- April 1**

We would be fools to think we knew precisely when April Fools' Day was originally celebrated.

April Fools Day shares similarities with other days full of fools, tricks and merry making.

Some believe the day is celebrated in honor of the trickery Mother Nature plays on us this time of year with her unpredictable weather.

The Indian tradition of Holi which is celebrated on March 31st has the same foolery as April Fools' day as does the Roman festival of Hilaria which was celebrated on March 25th.

The earliest known reference to April Fools' day is in Chaucer's 1392 Nun's Priest's Tale. Even so, the reference is so vague, and possibly not even occurring on the first of April, leaving doubt as to whether it is the first reference.

Other scholars point to the reformation of the calendar by Pope Gregory and the Gregorian

calendar we used today in the 1500s in France. The new year would take place in April, not January as it does now. The theory is that those who continued to celebrate the new year on April 1 were called Poisson d'Avril (April fish) and pranks would be played on them.

In 1582, France accepted the Gregorian calendar, but reforms had already been taking place.

In Britain in 1776, there is a clear and reliable reference to April foolishness in an article in Gentlemans Magazine. Reference to a custom in the kingdom of making fools of people on the first day of April. It addresses the day being the culmination of an eight-day feast and the beginning of a new year.

Newspapers, television, radio and social media have had their fun on April Fools' Day.



#### **WORLD HEALTH DAY - APRIL 7**

World Health Day is the global observance of health as a human right. From healthcare professionals to policymakers and individuals, families with young children or elderly, we all have a role to play in our personal health and the wellbeing of those around us.

As first-world resources emerge that continue to benefit the overall quality of life for the masses, one important factor to these advancements is the ability to have consistent access to them.

As science continuously is finding ways of extending the duration and quality of our lives, it's only right for us to want all people to have access to these advancements no matter where they live. Each year, thousands of lives are lost at the hand of preventable diseases simply based on geographical limitations.

Access to affordable healthcare means more people living meaningful, productive and disease -free lives. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), healthcare costs push about 100 million people into extreme poverty each year because of out-of-pocket spending.

The World Health Organization uses this observance as an opportunity to release the World Health Statistics Report. This report is an annual publication of health data covering a wide range of areas from newborn and child health to environmental risks. In addition, the report also provides data on the progression of universal health coverage.

Universal health coverage is the number one goal of the World Health Organization. Through achieving this, everyone would be given access to the care they need, when they need it. World Health Day is the opportune time to turn back to that aspiration. Like any great feat, the journey doesn't come without challenges. Today we invite everyone to celebrate the health they have and believe in an even healthier tomorrow for everyone.

#### **HISTORY**

The World Health Assembly inaugurated World Health Day in 1950 as a celebration to generate awareness for specific health themes. Every year a different primary focus of the World Health Organization is presented in conjunction with World Health Day.



# **INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY-April 22**

On April 22, people unite to celebrate International Mother Earth Day. The day is to focus on the responsibility to rebuild our troubled relationship with nature. It recognizes that "the Earth and its ecosystems are our home" and that "it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth."

The term Mother Earth is used because it "reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit."

The day is named International Mother Earth Day because Mother Earth, as it says in the resolution, is "a common expression for planet earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet we all inhabit."

#### **HISTORY**

International Mother Earth Day was established in 2009, by the United Nations General Assembly under Resolution A/RES/63/278. The Resolution was introduced by The Plurinational State of Bolivia and endorsed by over 50 member states.

This Day also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.



## BRITISH NATIONAL TEA DAY – APRIL 21

Behind every great country, there is an even greater beverage helping its people through the day. On April 21st, the United Kingdom celebrates National Tea Day, their drink of choice for the past two centuries.

National Tea Day is the time Britain takes to celebrate its longstanding relationship with the steeped drink. Their love for tea is so deep that collectively they consume more than 60 billion cups a year.



#### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY**

On April 23, English Language Day explores the development, history, and culture of the English tongue.

A Germanic language that began to develop during the 5th and 6th centuries when Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain, English is also influenced by French, Latin, and many other languages. While English is the most spoken language in the world, it is the native tongue for only one-quarter of those who speak it (Source: Statista 2017). Or more impressively, for three-quarters of those who speak English, it is at least their second language if not a third or fourth.

#### HISTORY

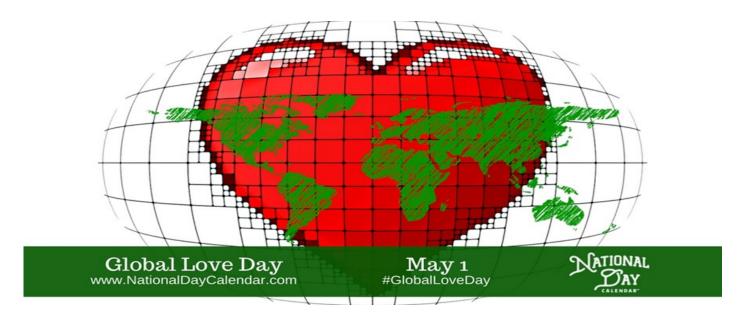
In 2010, the United Nations named six language days in recognition of the six official languages of the U.N. and to bring attention to the history, culture, and achievements of each of the languages. The U.N. selected April 23 for English Language Day commemorating the celebrated English playwright and poet, William Shakespeare, whose death is recorded on the same date in 1616. The six days recognized include French Language Day on March 20, Chinese Language Day on April 20, English Language Day on April 23, Spanish Language Day on April 23 Russian Language Day on June 6, and Arabic Language Day on December 18. The U.N. also celebrates International Mother Language Day on February 21 and International Translation Day on September 30.



#### INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

International Dance Day on April 29th is an annual celebration of how dancing positively impacts our lives. The human body's ability to move, groove, pop, and lock has captivated the way we interact with music and express ourselves artistically.

This day was created to allow the world to recognize dance as a professional art form. Dancing gives us the ability to communicate emotions frequently deeper than our own language. International Dance Day is a tribute to millions of people across generations who have dedicated their lives to this craft of enchantment.



#### **GLOBAL LOVE DAY**

They say that love is the universal force that binds us all. With such a powerful impact, it's only right to dedicate an entire day to all the positivity that love brings. Global Love Day is just that occasion.

This annual celebration is carried out on May 1st, to remind humanity that anything can be achieved when we attune our minds to the frequency of unconditional love.

Unconditional love can be described as showing love without boundaries. No matter how others may transgress us, unconditional love approaches every situation with forgiveness and understanding.

Love is a force so powerful that it inspires the spirit of healing and transformation. By attuning to this frequency, we can turn the tides of anything in the world that is less than love.

The overall message of Global Love Day is simple. The Love Foundation crafted a flyer in over 19 language that reads:

We are one humanity on this planet.

All life is interconnected and interdependent.

All share in the Universal bond of love.

Love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness.

With tolerance and compassion, we embrace diversity.

Together we can make a difference through love.



#### WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY

Every year, May 3 is when the world celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom. It's a day to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession. At the core of the date is a reminder that it can be suicide to become a journalist. Publications and the people who work with them are harassed, attacked, murdered. Publications are censored, fined and closed down. It is an opportunity to:

- celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom;
- assess the state of press freedom throughout the world;
- defend the media from attacks on their independence;
- and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

In the United States, over the last 15 years, the number of reporters, editors, photographers, and other U.S. newsroom employees fell by 45 percent. It's expected that more newsrooms will follow suit as news business models continue to be in flux. There are now some 1,500 "ghost papers," where skeleton staffs are offering little to no local news coverage. And, in some places, access to news has dried up entirely: More than 1,400 communities across the country lost a newspaper over this period.



#### TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONCILIATION

May 8 and May 9 have been designated as "The Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War." The days are set aside to urge non-governmental organizations and individuals' to pay tribute to the victims of World War II. It begins on May 8, the anniversary of the date when the World War II Allies accepted the unconditional surrender of the armed forces of Nazi Germany and the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

World War II began in 1939 and ended in 1945, though there were conflicts before that which led to the world war. Nearly all nations at the time were divided into two warring factions, the Allies and the Axis. Allies included United Kingdom, U.S.S.R, the United States and others. The Axis included several nations including Germany, Italy, and Japan. It was fought in Europe, in Russia, North Africa and in Asia.

#### Did you know:

- Civilians deaths totaled 50 to 55 million.
- 70 million people fought in WWII.
- The Soviet Union lost 7.5 million soldiers.
- The U.S. lost 400,000.
- Great Britain lost 330,000.
- China lost 2.2 million.
- Among the Axis powers, the German army saw 3.5 million casualties.
- Italy lost 77,000.
- Japan lost 1.2 million.
- Only one out of every four men serving on U-boats survived.
- The mortality rate for POWs in Russian camps was 85%.
- Only 20% of the males born in the Soviet Union in 1923 survived the war.

**What to do**: Watch for Articles about remembering World War II victims that may be published in magazines, newspaper, or online.Follow on Facebook.

#### **History**

It is an annual international day of remembrance designated by the United Nations General Assembly on November 22, 2004.



#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. In many countries, this day is an opportunity to highlight different areas of interest and importance to families.

"A happy family is but an earlier heaven." —George Bernard Shaw

"Family is a life jacket in the stormy sea of life." - J.K. Rowling

#### What to do:

Invite your family to work together on a project. Decide together what should be that project, the timeline, and details.

Celebrate your family with your family trivia

- 1. How many generations are in our family, alive and well today?
- 2. Who is the longest living family member with us today? (If female, give her a rose, if male, give him a family reunion hat or koozie.)
- 3. Who is the newest family member here today? (Could be a baby or a new marriage.)
- 4. Who are the newest newlyweds?
- 5. How many states does our family live in?
- 6. Who recently retired?
- 7. How many military members are in the family? (Give them each a little flag to recognize.)
- 8. In what year did our family make it over to the United States?
- 9. What is our family's native language?
- 10. How many people are in our family total?
- 11. Who plays what musical instruments?
- 12. Who has traveled to the most countries? The most states?

#### **History**

Beginning in the 1980s, the United Nations started to focus attention on the issues related to the family.

1983 – Secretary-General moved to enhance awareness among decision-makers and the public of the problems and needs of the family.



### **WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is a United Nations sanctioned international holiday for the promotion of diversity issues. It is currently held on
 May 21.

Diversity Day, officially known as "The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development," is an opportunity to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. This day was created as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues in Afghanistan in 2001.

#### What to do:

- Visit an art exhibition or a museum dedicated to other cultures
- Learn about another religion
- Run an international film show
- Listen to a musical tradition from a different culture
- Play a sport related to a different culture (Karate, Criquet)
- Cook traditional food from different cultures
- Learn about traditional celebrations from other cultures
- Volunteer with an organization working for diversity and inclusion
- Learn another language

#### **HISTORY**

In December 2002, the UN General Assembly declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.



#### **Journalism and Protests**

Russia is definitely not the safest country for journalists – people say that 58 reporters have been killed in the country since 1992.

Most recently, Ivan Golunov, an investigative reporter for the news site Meduza, was arrested on June 6. He was known for his exposés on local government corruption in Moscow.

The police said that he had drugs which he was going to sell, which could lead to up 20 years in prison, but his supporters said that the police planted the drugs. His arrest led to demonstrations which pushed Russian authorities to set the journalist free. However, the demonstrations continued until last Wednesday, ever after charges against Golunov were dropped.

Police responded to the demonstrations, arresting more than 500 people, which included a leading opposition politician. On Thursday, the Kremlin got involved and fired two police major generals in Moscow and the city's drug control chief for their roles in opening a criminal case against Golunov.

#### **Protests in Hong Kong**

Hong Kong's central government plans to let China request that people in Hong Kong accused of certain crimes be sent to mainland China for trial.

This comes in the context of a murder case in Taiwan – the criminal ended up in Hong Kong's court system. Hong Kong's head of government wants to put a stop to this, so that criminals cannot take refuge in the city.

However, pro-democracy activists fear that the new extradition law is another example of China trying to control Hong Kong. People filled the streets to show that they are against the law.

Although Hong Kong is a Chinese city, it is different from the rest of China because it was a British colony. In 1997, Britain handed the territory back under a special agreement with China known as 'one cou-

ntry, two system'. Hong Kong's autonomy is supposed to last until 2047, but China has signalled that it might not be willing to wait that long.





Bee venom is important, as people use it to make medicines and research dementia. However, traditional methods to collect the venom could harm the bees, which are already under attack from habitat loss, diseases, and pesticides.

An Australian researcher found a new way to harvest bee venom without hurting the bees. He gives them a glass plate to sting which does not give them anywhere to get hooked into.



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# This Japanese Invention Lets You Speak 43 Languages Instantly. The Idea? Genius.

Let's face it, with the large number of companies doing business aboard today the ability to communicate in a foreign language is probably the number one skill you can have. It's without a doubt a skill that's in high demand!

Whether you're doing international business, social aid work, or just vacationing, the ability to effectively engage and communicate with anyone in their own language is priceless.

# **Not Multilingual?**

Using cutting edge AI technology, two famous Japanese inventors took language translation to the next level. They created an instant translator called <u>MUAMA Enence</u>. It can flawlessly translate real-time speech into over 40 languages using only a few finger-taps.

This breakthrough device allows you to communicate in 40 different languages effortlessly, with the press of a button. No more headache and miscommunication because of language barriers!





# If the crown fits:stunning royal women

Kate Middleton may have made headlines as the hottest commoner to become a member of England's royal family, but all over the world there are other beautiful crowned women who go largely unacknowledged. Style, poise and impeccable taste in fashion set these ladies apart — jewels or no jewels on their heads.

Others on this list are known for exactly the opposite of Kate's class and elegance... some of these royal women have indulged in pretty salacious behavior! Just because Kate might be more famous doesn't mean she's the most scandalous or controversial.

# Sirivannavari Of Thailand

Princess Sirivannavari of Thailand was ranked among the 20 hottest royals by Forbes in 2009.

Raised in the UK with her mother, she now resides in Thailand with her father and grandfather, the King. At 30 years old, she is an arts and sports enthusiast who is an active participant in the world of high fashion.



# APRIL/MAY MOVIES

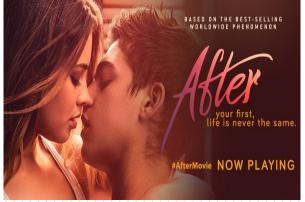
#### Shazam! (Friday, April 5) -

A preteen-aged boy is granted magical powers that allow him to transform into a superhero known as Shazam (Zachary Levi). The next installment in the DC Extended Universe.



# : After (Friday, April 12) -

A young woman falls in love with a mysterious young man with a dark secret. Based on the novel by Anna Todd, which began as fan-fiction about One Direction's Harry Styles.



#### .The Sun Is Also a Star (Friday, May 17) -

Two teenagers in New York City meet and fall in love over the course of a day in this film adaptation of Nicola Yoon's 2016 novel.



#### Ad Astra (Friday, May 24) -

An Army Corps engineer (Brad Pitt) travels to outer space in the hope of finding out what happened to his father (Tommy Lee Jones), who left on a mission to Neptune twenty years earlier.





# Summer Word Search

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# Summer Word Search





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Pelican Sailboat Sandals Sand Castle Scuba Seagull Seashell Sunglasses

Surfboard Tropical Vacation Waves



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#### SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

Find all seven differences in the pictures.









# ComParrot Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?





Solution: 1. Shovel handle removed. 2. Line on right shall removed. 3. Seem in boy's hat removed. 4. Girt's chin missing. 5. Girt's chin missing. 5. Girt's chin missing. 5. Girt's chin moved. 10. Window in castle moved. 6. Portion of girt's hair ribbon removed. 7. Pail of water colored in. 8. Umbrella top colored in. 9. Boy's button moved. 12. Flaggode longer.

