

All About April Fools' Day



April Fools' Day Around the World



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What Is April Fools' Day?

April Fools' Day is a day when people play tricks and jokes on each other.



When Is April Fools' Day?

April Fools' Day in Britain always takes place on 1st April.



Tricks can only be played in the morning in England. The joke is on you if you play a trick after 12 o'clock!

Remember to plan April Fools' Day jokes and tricks that don't hurt people's feelings.



April Fools' Day is celebrated on 1st April in Portugal.

People throw flour at their friends.

Questions

1. What do people do on April Fools' Day? Tick one.

- do a special dance
- eat a special meal
- play tricks and jokes on each other

2. When does April Fools' Day take place in Britain? Tick one.

- 25th December
- 1st April
- 3rd March

3. What time should you stop playing tricks in England? Tick one.

- 10 o'clock
- 11 o'clock
- 12 o'clock

4. What is April Fools' Day called in France? Tick one.

- Joyeuses Pâques
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What Is April Fools' Day?

April Fools' Day is sometimes called All Fools' Day. It is celebrated every year on 1st April in Britain and people play tricks and jokes on each other.

Sometimes people tell hoax stories to trick people.

Did You Know...?

A hoax is when you trick somebody into believing something that isn't true.

Remember to plan April Fools' Day jokes and tricks that don't hurt people's feelings.

England



- People play tricks and jokes on their friends.
- Tricks must be played before 12 o'clock. The joke is on you if you play a trick after 12 o'clock!

France



- April Fools' Day is called 'Poisson d'Avril'.
- People tape paper fish onto their friends' backs.
- People shout "Poisson d'Avril!" when their friends find the fish. 'Poisson d'Avril' is 'April Fish' in English.

Portugal



- April Fools' Day is celebrated on 1st April.
- People throw flour at their friends.

A Famous Prank!

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- All Fools' Day
 April Day
 Joking Day

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3. What time should you stop playing tricks in England?

4. Draw **three** lines to match the parts of the sentences.

People throw flour...

on their friends
in England.

People play tricks...

on their friends
backs in France.

People tape
paper fish...

at their friends
in Portugal.

5. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

On April Fools' Day in 1957, the BBC made a film showing _____.

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 a spaghetti tree
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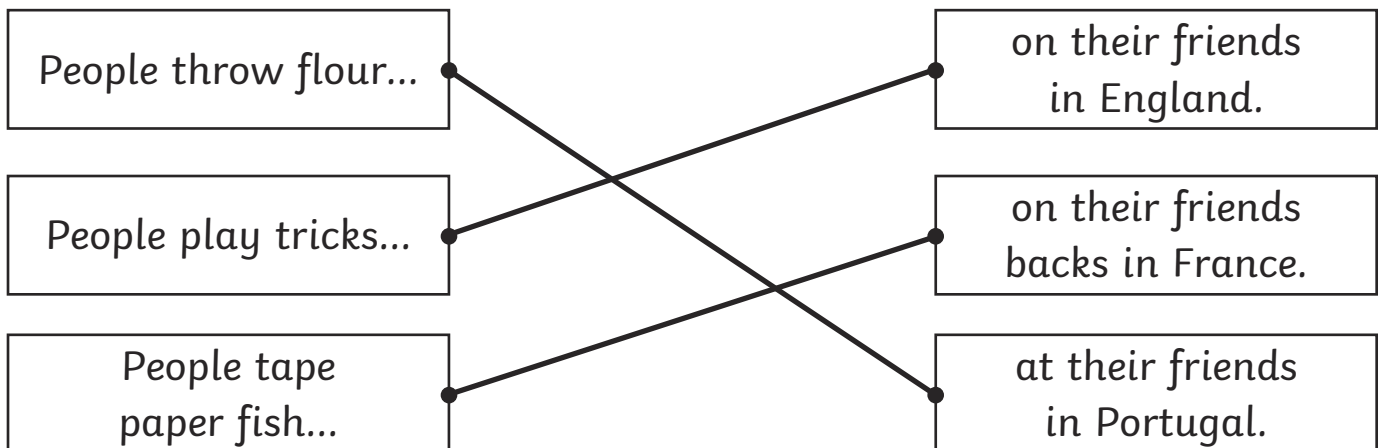
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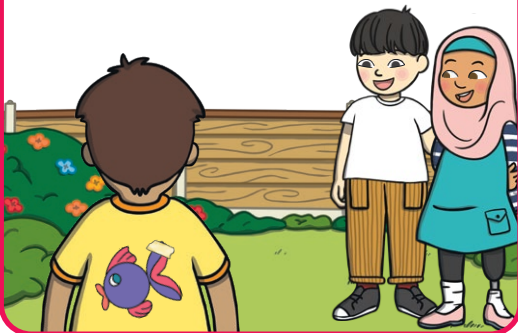
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The traditions of April Fools' Day last for two days on the Sunday and Monday before Lent in Portugal.

One of the main traditional pranks is to throw flour at your friends.



April Fools' Day is called 'Hunt the Gowk' in Scotland. 'Gowk' is a Scottish word that means 'cuckoo'. It is a day to send someone on a fool's errand.

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Some people even asked how they could grow their own spaghetti tree!

Remember, it is important to make sure that it doesn't hurt anyone's feelings when playing an April Fools' Day trick.

This means that you send someone to look for something that doesn't exist, such as chickens with teeth.



April Fools' Day is called Dia das Mentiras or Dia dos Bobos in Brazil.

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Dia das Mentiras means day of the lie. Dia dos Bobos means day of fools.

Questions

1. What happens on April Fools' Day?

2. Fill in the missing word.

Sometimes people tell _____ stories to trick people.

3. Why should you avoid playing a trick after 12 o'clock in England?

4. What does 'Poisson d'Avril' mean? Tick **two**.

- April Fish
- Happy Fish
- Happy April Fools' Day

5. Draw **three** lines to match the country to the April Fools' Day tradition.

In Scotland,...

people throw flour at their friends.

In France,...

people are sent on a fool's errand.

In Portugal,...

people tape paper fish to their friends backs.

6. Would you play an April Fools' trick on your friends and family?
Explain your answer.

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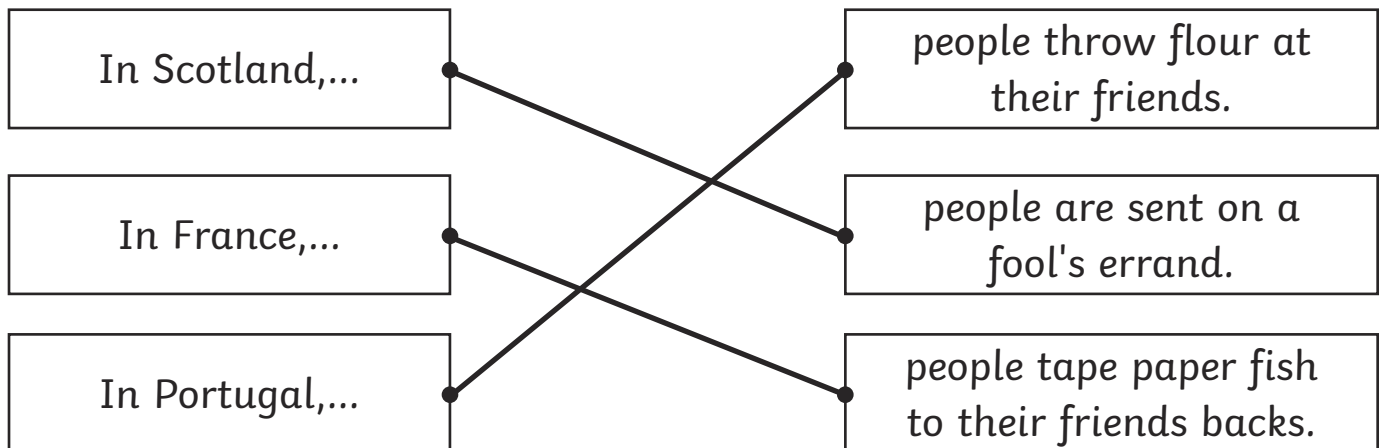
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If you play a trick after 12 o'clock then, the joke will be on you!

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes I would play an April Fools' trick because it is funny and it would make my family and friends laugh.