

# April IQ

Dry off from those April showers and test your April IQ.

- Which April event occurred most recently?
  - Daffy Duck debuted in his first cartoon.
  - Paul McCartney announced the breakup of the Beatles.
  - The World's Fair Expo 67 in Montreal began.
  - Jackie Robinson made his Major League Baseball debut.
- True or false? April's birthstone is the diamond.
- Before April 8, 1904, what was the name of New York's Times Square?
  - Rittenhouse Square
  - Longacre Square
  - Herald Square
  - The Red Square
- Which of April's birth flowers signifies innocence, loyalty, love, and purity?
  - Daisy
  - Marigold
  - Sweet pea
  - Holly
- Barbra Streisand was born on April 24, 1942. She won the Academy Award for Best Actress when she portrayed Fanny Brice in what film?

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- Born on April 23, 1939, who plays Colonel Steve Austin in the 1970s TV show *The Six Million Dollar Man*?
  - Alan Alda
  - Ricardo Montalban
  - Lee Majors
  - Telly Savalas
- What song includes these lyrics: "So if it's raining have no regrets, Because it isn't raining rain you know, it's raining violets"?

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8. True or false? April begins with April Fools' Day and ends with National Honesty Day.
9. In what decade did the U.S. celebrate the first Earth Day?
- A. 1970s
  - B. 1940s
  - C. 1960s
  - D. 1980s
10. What is the name of the full moon in April?
- A. Buck moon
  - B. Harvest moon
  - C. Pink moon
  - D. Wolf moon
11. Born on April 7, 1939, who directed *The Godfather*?
- A. Martin Scorsese
  - B. Francis Ford Coppola
  - C. Stanley Kubrick
  - D. Stephen Spielberg
12. What zodiac sign ends on April 19?
- A. Taurus
  - B. Pisces
  - C. Sagittarius
  - D. Aries
13. Born on April 15, 1452, what Renaissance man is known for painting *The Last Supper* and *Mona Lisa*?
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14. True or false? April was the fourth month of the Roman calendar.
15. On April 17, 1982, Canada gained full political independence from what country?
- A. France
  - B. The United States
  - C. Spain
  - D. The United Kingdom

# Answers

1. (B) Paul McCartney announced the breakup of the Beatles on April 10, 1970. The World's Fair Expo 67 in Montreal began on April 28, 1967. Jackie Robinson made his major league baseball debut on April 15, 1947. Daffy Duck debuted in his first cartoon on April 17, 1937.
2. True. **Fun fact:** The diamond is the hardest gemstone and is made of only one element—carbon.
3. (B) Longacre Square. Times Square had originally been named after Long Acre Square in London.
4. (A) Daisy. The daisy is sometimes given to a friend as a promise to keep a secret; it is meant to convey the message "I'll never tell."
5. *Funny Girl*. Streisand has been nominated for five Oscars and won two. In 1977, she won the award for Best Original Song (shared with Paul Williams) for "Evergreen (Love Theme from *A Star Is Born*)."
6. (C) Lee Majors. The show centers around a severely injured test pilot who is rebuilt with bionic limbs and implants and goes on to serve as an intelligence agent.
7. "April Showers." The song has been covered by many popular singers, including Bing Crosby, Cab Calloway, and Judy Garland. It debuted in 1921 when Al Jolson sang it in the Broadway musical *Bombo*.
8. True. April Fools' Day is April 1, and National Honesty Day is April 30.
9. (A) 1970s. It was celebrated first on April 22, 1970. Many say that it was Rachel Carson's 1962 book *Silent Spring* that began the modern environmental movement. The book exposed the effects of pesticides.
10. (C) Pink moon. The full pink moon was named after wild ground phlox, which is pink in color and one of the first plants to flower in April.
11. (B) Francis Ford Coppola. He also wrote the movie's screenplay with Mario Puzo. They won an Oscar for their collaboration.
12. (D) Aries. Aries is March 21 to April 19. Taurus is April 20 to May 20.
13. Leonardo da Vinci. Da Vinci was a polymath (someone with wide-ranging knowledge). In addition to being a painter, he was also a sculptor, architect, inventor, engineer, and draftsman.
14. False. There were 10 months in the original Roman calendar, and April was the second.
15. (D) The United Kingdom. The Proclamation of the Constitution Act was signed by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.