

HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN

NEW YEAR

- New Year's Eve is a time for entertaining.
- Many people go to parties and masquerade balls, where, according to an old tradition, guests unmask at midnight. At one minute before midnight, a lighted ball drops slowly from the top of a pole on one of the buildings. When it reaches the bottom, bells ring, and shout "Happy New Year!" It is believed that everything done or not done on the opening day of the year would influence the succeeding twelve months.



HALLOWEEN

- Halloween is a festival that takes place on October. The main Halloween activity for children is trick-or-treating. Children dress in costumes and masks and go from door to door saying "trick or treat". The neighbors give children such treats as candy, fruit and pennies so that children do not play tricks on them. Today, people do not believe in ghosts and witches but they like to tell stories about them on Halloween.



MOTHER'S DAY MARCH OR APRIL

- Mother's Day comes on the second Sunday in May. A member of that church had the Sunday morning service to honour her own mother. More and more churches in cities started having a special day to honour mothers. Since 1914, the whole country has celebrated Mother's day. There is a tradition to wear a red or pink flower if one's mother is living and a white flower if one's mother is dead. This wonderful holiday is also celebrated in China, Japan, Canada and most of the European.

CHRISTMAS

- ◉ Christmas is Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. For millions of Christians throughout the world it is the happiest and the busiest time of the year. No one knows the exact date of Christ's birth but most Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25. The word Christmas comes from Christos masse, an early English phrase that means Mass of Christ.



ST VALENTINE'S DAY

- ◉ St Valentine's Day comes on February 14. It is not a legal or a national holiday. St Valentine is the patron of sweethearts. February 14 is the anniversary of his death. The day is the time to send little gifts to those you love. Flowers and candy are favourite presents which sweethearts send to each other. Valentines are special greeting cards. They are often coloured red, have red trimmings and pictures of hearts. Sometimes, a King and Queen of Hearts are chosen for the evening of dance.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

- International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 in many countries throughout the world. Historically this holiday started as political event expressing struggle for women's economic, political and social rights. But nowadays in many countries people celebrate March 8 as a holiday of respect, appreciation and love towards women.



EASTER

- Easter is one of the most important Christian holidays. The exact date of the holiday changes from year to year but it usually falls on April. Preparation for Easter starts the advent of Lent. The traditions of Easter celebration vary from country to country. In the evening people go to church for the Easter mass, which lasts all night. Sunday is the actual day of Easter. In English-speaking countries the official symbol of this holiday is Easter bunny. Children are especially fond of this day because they get lots of chocolate and fluffy bunnies as a present.



VICTORY DAY

- ◉ It is traditionally celebrated on the 9th of May. This patriotic holiday commemorates the victory of the USSR over the Nazi Germany. Every year in honour of this day in all cities across the country lots of cheerful parades and celebrations are held. May 9 is a sad day for the majority of our population. Many people have lost their loved ones and close relatives during this ruthless war. On this day we are grateful to our saviors, to those who sacrificed their lives for us. That's why we try to celebrate this day with honors.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

- ◉ St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17th in honor of Saint Patrick of Ireland. He was the patron of Ireland, and a saint who brought Christianity to the nation. Traditional activities include dressing up in green clothes, holding parades, arranging fireworks, singing and dancing in the streets, going to pubs, organizing fairs and festivals. Green is the official color of St. Patrick's Day. Another symbol of St. Patrick's Day is Leprechauns. They are little people who wear green clothes and carry the pot of gold.

WHAT HOLIDAYS IS IT ABOUT?

- 1. This is a holiday when people buy a tree and decorate it with ornaments, toys, lights and sweets.

Christmas

- 2. Everything and everybody is Irish on that day.

St Patrick's day

- 3. Friends & relatives come to you on that day and bring you presents.

Birthday

- ◉ 4. Ghosts and witches come on that day. The traditional colours of that holiday are orange & black.

Halloween

- ◉ 5. This holiday is celebrated in April. And the Bunny brings a basket of candy to children.

Easter

- ◉ 6. Red heart is the emblem of this day.

St Valentines day

- ◉ 7. We begin to celebrate this holiday in December & the end of this holiday in January is the beginning of the year.

New Year

MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE TRANSLATION

- Party стрела
- Sweetheart мороз
- Roast turkey чулки
- Arrow вечеринка
- Carols восхищаться
- Frost песнопения
- Stockings подарки
- Hide возлюбленный
- Gifts жареная индейка
- Admire прятать

MATCH THE ACTIVITIES TO THE HOLIDAYS.

- ⦿ Have carnival
 - ⦿ Make wreaths
 - ⦿ Exchange gifts
 - ⦿ Wear costumes
 - ⦿ Eat traditional food
 - ⦿ Watch parades
 - ⦿ Watch a firework display
- Thanksgiving Day
 - Guy Fawkes Day
 - May Day
 - Valentine's Day
 - Halloween
 - Christmas
 - St Patrick's Day

MATCH HOLIDAYS AND DATES.

Thanksgiving Day	1st January
Guy Fawkes Day	9th May
May Day	31st October
Valentine's Day	8th March
Halloween	17th March
Christmas	14th February
St Patrick's Day	5th November
New Year's Day	25th December
April's Fool Day	4th Thursday of November
Easter	1st May
Victory Day	1st April
Mother's Day	March or April

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ITEM

- 1. We make colourful for Christmas day.
a. gifts b. displays c. decorations
- 2. In Britain, people love to watch the on Guy Fawkes Night.
a. preparations b. lamps c. fireworks
- 3. When we the house for Christmas, it looks really beautiful.
a. build b. decorate c. make
- 4. On Thanksgiving Day we have a big festive
a. meal b. festival c. game
- 5. It's exciting when you gifts. You never know what you are going to get!
a. have b. exchange c. wrap

TEST

1. WE CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY
ON THE 1-ST OF JANUARY. IT
IS...

- a) New Year
- b) Mother's Day
- c) Christmas
- d) Easter

○ **New Year**

2. THE SYMBOL OF THIS HOLIDAY IS VALENTINE CARD. IT IS...

- a) St.Patrick's Day
- b) St.Nicholas Day
- c) St.Valentine's Day
- d) St.Mark's Day

○ **St.Valentine's Day**

3. THE ENGLISH PEOPLE HAVE THEIR TRADITIONAL DINNER WITH STUFFED TURKEY AND PUDDING ON...

- ⦿ a) Mother's Day
- ⦿ b) New Year
- ⦿ c) Father's Day
- ⦿ d) Christmas

⦿ **Christmas**

4. WE CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY ON THE 1-ST OF APRIL. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) St.Patrick's Day
- ⦿ b) April Fool's Day
- ⦿ c) St.Valentine's Day
- ⦿ d) Halloween

⦿ **April Fool's Day**

5. ON THIS HOLIDAY CHILDREN GO FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE IN FUNNY CLOTHES AND SAY „TRICK OR TREAT”. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) Halloween
- ⦿ b) Mother’s Day
- ⦿ c) Easter
- ⦿ d) Father’s Day

⦿ **Halloween**

6. THE SYMBOLS OF THIS SPRING HOLIDAY ARE CHOCOLATE EGGS, RABBITS. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) New Year
- ⦿ b) Easter
- ⦿ c) Christmas
- ⦿ d) Birthday

⦿ **Easter**

7. FATHER FROST AND SNOW MAIDEN COME ON THE HOLIDAY OF...

- ⦿ a) Christmas
- ⦿ b) April Fool's Day
- ⦿ c) New Year
- ⦿ d) Easter

⦿ **New Year**

8. ON THIS HOLIDAY PEOPLE
DECORATE THE FIR-TREE. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) April Fool's Day
- ⦿ b) Halloween
- ⦿ c) New Year
- ⦿ d) Father's Day

⦿ **New Year**

9. ON THIS HOLIDAY GIRLS USUALLY BAKE THE COOKIES AND PUT THE PAPERS WITH THEIR WISHES FOR THE BOYS INTO THE COOKIES. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) Mother's Day
- ⦿ b) St.Valentine's Day
- ⦿ c) Father's Day
- ⦿ d) St.Patrick's Day

⦿ **St.Valentine's Day**

10. ON THIS HOLIDAY PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY TRY TO LET THEIR MOTHER HAVE A REST. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) Mother's Day
- ⦿ b) New Year
- ⦿ c) Father's Day
- ⦿ d) Christmas

⦿ **Mother's Day**

11. ON THIS HOLIDAY PEOPLE LIKE
TO PLAY JOKES ON OTHER PEOPLE.
IT IS...

- ⦿ a) Halloween
- ⦿ b) Easter
- ⦿ c) April Fool's Day
- ⦿ d) New Year

⦿ **April Fool's Day**

12. ON THIS HOLIDAY CHILDREN
SPEND THE DAY WITH THEIR
FATHERS. IT IS...

- ⦿ a) Mother's Day
- ⦿ b) Halloween
- ⦿ c) Father's Day
- ⦿ d) Christmas

⦿ **Father's Day**

THE END