

Holidays

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Christmas

The most popular holiday in Great Britain and America

Christmas is a joyful religious holiday when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the 25 of December. The Christmas story comes from the Bible.





Celebration

For people all over the world Christmas is a season of giving and receiving presents. People go from house to house to sing Christmas carols.

American children believe that Santa Claus lives on the North Pole with his wife. The whole year he lists the names of children both those who have been good and those who have been bad. He decides what present to give to the good children.





And what about Russia?

In Russia Christmas isn't too much popular, for example, like in the USA. In our country the main holiday is New Year. We celebrate it on the 31st of December. Children wait for Ded Moroz and Snegurochka, who bring presents for them. And adults have fun!!!





Christmas tree



Christmas tree is a part and parcel of the holiday. It is believed that it brings good luck.



Let's
decorate
Christmas
Tree



Let's sing a song!

Jingle bells



Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way.

Jingle bells, jingle bells!
Jingle all the way
Oh! What fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh!

Bells on bob-tail ring
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Колокольчики звенят.
Колокольчики звенят, в рождество всех веселят.
Как приятно ехать в санках, запряженных лошадьми!
Колокольчики в дороге веселятся над людьми.
Мчимся мы сквозь снег и бурю на лошадке вороной.
Мчимся, весело смеясь, к Санта Клаусу домой!
Бубенцы, лошадка, сани,
Новый год встречай скорей!
И с волшебными дарами поздравляй своих друзей.



Let's read a poem about

Christmas

• **White Christmas**

• I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten
and children listen
To hear sleigh bells in the snow.

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be
white.

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Saint



Valentine's



Day





There are many holidays in Britain, on which different traditions are observed. One of such holidays is St. Valentine's day.

On that day the Englishmen send to people they love. Some people draw hearts, roses and Cupid with an arrow on them. But almost all of Valentine cards say "Be my Valentine".

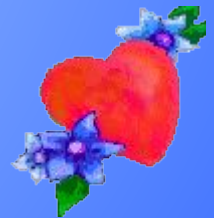


In Great Britain it is a holiday of love and friendship.

Valentine's Day Cards



A very good idea to celebrate this fabulous lovebirds' day is to gift your partner with colorful **valentines cards** with beautiful quotes written on it. These cards have the magical power to melt the stony hearts and fill the with love and the people who have already fallen for someone; valentine's cards can do wonders in touching the deepest emotions of their darling's heart.





Today, a valentine card is usually accompanied by the more elaborate gifts of candy, flowers and perfume.

Nevertheless, Valentine's Day Cards remain extremely popular and are manufactured on an enormous cards may be purchased for sweethearts, spouses, children, parents, teachers and even pets. In terms of the sheer numbers of greetings sent annually, February 14 ranks second only to Christmas.





Easter



mary.

Easter is a grand festival of Christians and is celebrated to honor the resurrection of Lord Jesus, the son of mother. It is a festivity of happiness and joy, as it was in the Easter springtime when people had witnessed Jesus' return to life.

In the morning, men and women dressed up in their special Easter outfits go to the church. Houses are decorated with beautiful lilies, candles are lit. Special dishes are prepared in the honor of Lord Jesus. Easter lamb is always on the table.

At certain places, carnivals and parades take place. In these parades, people wearing special costumes can be spotted. Mardi Gras parade held in North America is famous.

As a part of Easter customs, Easter egg painting competitions are held. Easter egg hunt is the favorite kids' fun time activity. eat hot cross buns and kids enjoy their jellybeans.





Easter Flowers



There is undoubtedly no better idea for Easter celebration than presenting our loved ones with beautiful Easter flower basket. The beautiful view of blooming flowers will shower its freshness and fill your life with golden charming moments.

Easter Symbols

Easter symbols are Easter eggs, cute little bunny rabbits, yummy hot cross buns, gorgeous white lilies, sacred Easter cross etc. Every symbol of Easter has its own significance, if one symbolizes purity, the other represents new life.



Easter Cross: cross is a symbol of the sacrifice that Jesus had made for the mankind. On the Easter day, the cross is decorated with fresh white lilies.



Easter Eggs signify fertility. During the Easter week, competitions are held on Easter egg painting. **Easter Bunnies:** Easter bunny owes its origin to the Anglo Saxon goddess called Eostre, who was always seen with her bunny. This bunny had laid the first colored eggs.

Easter Lilies signify purity and therefore, it is also associated with mother Mary. The churches are decorated with white lilies.

Other symbols are **Easter candles** and **hot cross buns**. It is believed by people, that buns keep away the evil spirits. All the symbols of Easter have a religious significance.



During the Easter springtime kids love to sing in various singing competitions.
The most famous Easter song is called **Easter Bunny** - by **M. Josephine Todd**
Let's sing it.

There's a story quite funny,
About a toy bunny,
And the wonderful things she can do;
Every bright Easter morning,
Without warning,
She colors eggs, red, green, or blue.

Some she covers with spots,
Some with quaint little dots,
And some with strange mixed colors, too
Red and green, blue and yellow,
But each unlike his fellow
Are eggs of every hue.

And it's odd, as folks say,
That on no other day
In all of the whole year through,
Does this wonderful bunny,
So busy and funny,
Color eggs of every hue.





Mothers' day is a day exclusively dedicated to mothers. A mother is a special person in the life of any human being. This day is a real special one. There are different ways to express how dear your mother is to you .

As a part of mother's day celebration, make a nice handmade card. Accompany it with a set of beautiful flowers. Do small special things for her like reading poems. Make her feel like a queen. Express what she means to you and thank her for everything that she has done for you.



Let' sing a song for your mother.

Moms

Where would we be without Moms?
Where would we be without those ladies?
Helping us all year long
And the love you give is just amazing.



Growing up
Getting up
Feeling good each day
Is easy to do.

Helping hands
Understand
Showing us the way
We tip our hats to you.



Oh, oh, Moms, Moms, where would we be?
Oh Moms, there's no debate,
Mom, Moms, where would we be?
Oh Moms, we think you're great.

Let's read a poem for your mother!

Mother's Day Song

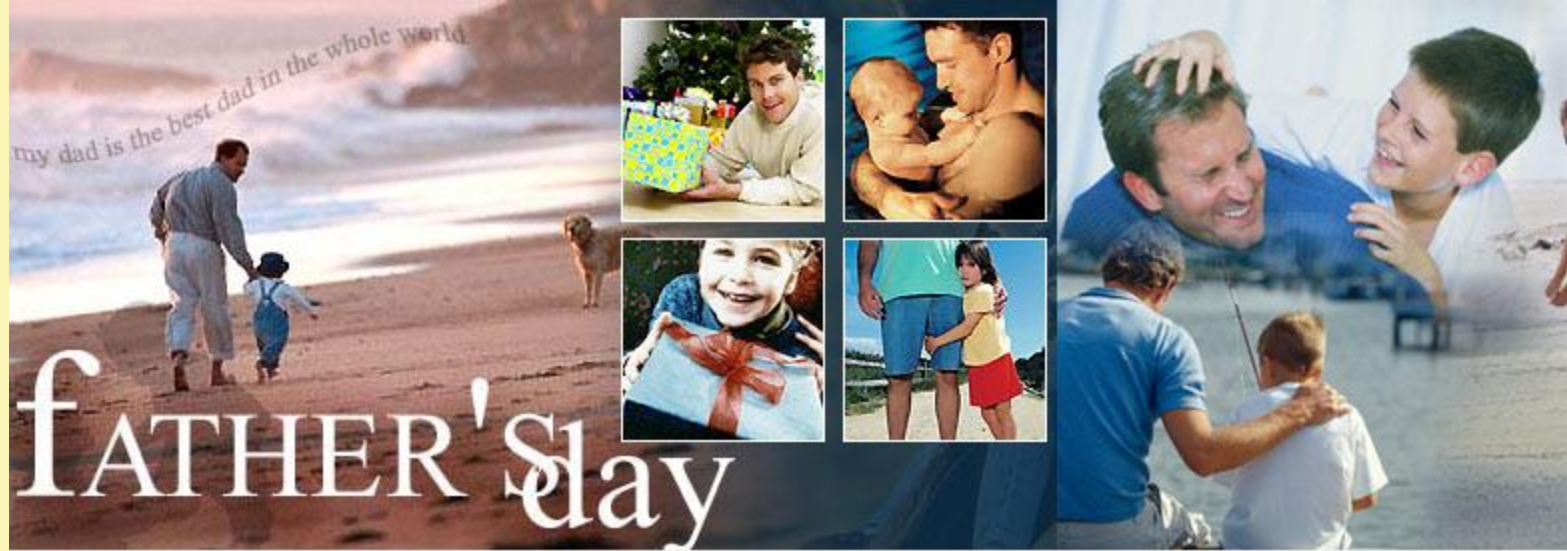
I don't remember much about when I was
born

But I know you took care of me all day long
I see photos of me making mess after mess
Mother, when ever did you get any rest?

I'm glad you're my mother and I'm glad I'm
your child

I'm sorry if sometimes I act way too wild
but I know you wouldn't have it any other way
I love you, Mom. Happy Mother's Day





Father's Day is celebrated to honor the fathers-for their selfless love, sacrifice and everything they do for us. It is a token of expression of our love and affection towards them.

In USA, UK, Canada and most parts of the world father's day is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Father's Day 2008 is falling on 15th June.

Halloween



The celebration of All Saints Day or just Halloween takes place on October 31st. The tradition of Halloween began in the fifth century B.C. This day the Irish Celts celebrated their New year at that time, because they organized their year according to the agricultural calendar and marked the transition from one year to the next on October 31. In the year 835 A.D. the Roman Catholic Church made November 1st a church holiday to honor all the saints. This day is called All Saint's Day. Since that time many years have passed. Some traditions are gone, new traditions appeared.

The most popular customs of Halloween.

The most known customs is the tradition of dressing costume. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their houses. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people wore masks so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, people placed bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter their home.



Fire has always played an important part in Halloween. In the old days people lit bonfires to ward away evil spirits and some places they used to jump over the fire to bring good luck.



Today, we light candles in pumpkin and then put them outside our homes to ward of evil spirits.



Trick or Treat was first known as mischief Night. Halloween was a time for making mischief - many parts of England still recognize this dare as Mischief Night - when children would knock on doors demanding a treat (Trick or Treat) and people would disguise themselves as witches or ghosts, in order to obtain food and money from nervous householders.

Halloween was sometimes called Nut crack Night or Snap Apple Night in England. Families would sit by the fire and tell stories while they ate apples and nuts.



Halloween's theme is spooky or scary things particularly involving death, magic, or mythical monsters. Halloween characters include ghosts, ghouls, witches, bats, black cats, owls, spiders, goblins, zombies, skeletons and demons, as well as Dracula and Frankenstein's monster. Homes are often decorated with these symbols around Halloween.

Black and orange are the traditional colors of Halloween.

Elements of the autumn season, such as pumpkins and scarecrows, are also symbols of Halloween. The jack-o'-lantern, is one of Halloween's most prominent symbols. Many families carve a pumpkin into a frightening face and place it on their home's doorstep after dark. The practice was intended to frighten away evil spirits or monsters.



HALLOWEEN



's costumes



HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

A witch in a black robe and hat, holding a broom, with a large orange pumpkin in the foreground.

My door is gone.
My windows cracked.
Ghosts float through
walls
And then float back.
You hear strange noises:
Bam, bang, and whack!

I grew on a vine,
Right on the ground.
I have a big smile,
My face is round

I fly at night,
I hunt by sound,
I live in a cave,
And sleep upside down.
People are scared,
They shouldn't be.
I eat mice and bugs.
Please, don't hurt me

Like to stay
Just out of sight.
If you see me,
I might be white.
I float through
houses
In the black of
night...

My eyes are gold,
My fur is black,
I hiss and spit,
And arch my back.
My claws are sharp.
I might attack!

My hat is black,
My face is green,
My laugh is mean.
I ride a broom
On Halloween.
Who am I?



On this day children enjoy singing songs. Let's sing the most popular Halloween song!

The pumpkin in the patch (на грядке)

The pumpkin in the patch

Hi-ho on Halloween,

the pumpking in the patch

The pumpkin calls a witch (зовёт)

The witch calls a bat

The bat calla a ghost

The

ghost scares us all (пугает нас) We all

scare the ghost

Enjoy the poem.

What Night Would It Be?

If the moon shines
On the black pines,
And an owl flies,
And a ghost cries,
And the hairs rise
on the back
on the back
on the back of your
neck

-If you look quick
At the moon-slick
On the black air
And what goes there
Rides a broom-stick,
And if things pick
at the back
at the back, at the
back of your neck

You know what I mean-
That it's- Halloween!



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