

# All about April Fools' Day

## What Is April Fools' Day?

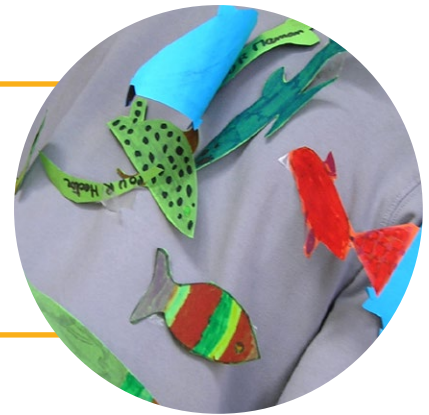
April Fools' Day is a day when people play tricks and jokes on each other.

## When Is April Fools' Day?

April Fools' Day in Britain is always celebrated on 1st April.

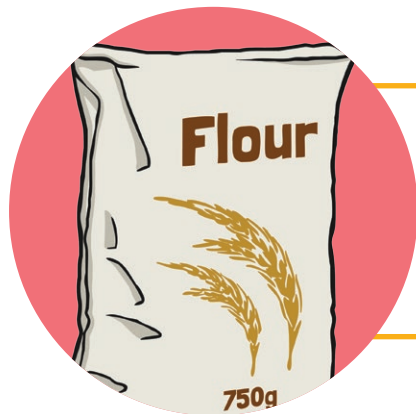
## April Fools' Day around the World

- In France, April Fools' Day is called 'Poisson d'Avril'.
- People tape paper fish onto each other.



## Did You Know?

In England, tricks can only be played in the morning. If you play a trick after 12 noon, the joke is on you!



- In Portugal, April Fools' Day is celebrated for two days.
- People throw flour at their friends.

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# 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. On which day is April Fools' Day celebrated 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 noon

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

- Joyeuses Pâques
- Poisson d'Avril
- Joyeux Noel

5. What do people do to celebrate April Fools' Day in Portugal? Tick one.

- throw flour at their friends
- do a special dance
- wear a fancy hat

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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 and people play tricks and jokes on each other.

## April Fools' Day around the World

### England

- People play tricks and jokes on their friends.
- Tricks must be played before 12 noon.



### France

- April Fools' Day is called 'Poisson d'Avril'.
- People tape paper fish onto their friends' backs.
- When the fish is found, people shout "Poisson d'Avril!"

### Portugal

- April Fools' Day is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before lent.
- People throw flour at their friends.



## A Famous Prank!

In 1957, the BBC played a famous prank on the public. They made a film showing people picking spaghetti from trees. Some people even asked how they could grow their own spaghetti tree!

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# Questions

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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?

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4. Name two other countries that celebrate April Fools' Day.

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a pink elephant

a spaghetti tree

a noodle bush

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April Day

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**April Fools' Day is celebrated on 1st April in Britain.**

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

**In England, you should stop playing tricks at 12 noon.**

4. Name two other countries that celebrate April Fools' Day.

**Two other countries that celebrate April Fools' Day are France and Portugal.**

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a noodle bush

# All about April Fools' Day

## What Is April Fools' Day?

April Fools' Day is sometimes called All Fools' Day. It is celebrated every year on 1st April. People play practical jokes on each other and spread hoaxes. Sometimes newspapers print hoax stories to trick people.

### Did You Know?

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

## April Fools' Day around the World

In England, people play tricks and jokes on their friends. They must do this before 12 noon. If you play a joke after this time, the joke is on you!

In France, April Fools' Day is called 'Poisson d'Avril'.

### Did You Know?

'Poisson d'Avril' translates to 'April fish'. It also means 'Happy April Fools' Day!'



People tape paper fish onto their friends' backs and shout "Poisson d'Avril!" when the fish is found.

## A Famous Prank!

In 1957, the BBC played a famous prank on the public. They made a film showing people picking spaghetti from trees. Some people even asked how they could grow their own spaghetti tree!

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

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# Questions

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2. Complete this sentence.

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

3. Why should you avoid playing a trick after 12 noon in England?

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4. What does 'Poisson d'Avril' mean? Can you find two answers?

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5. What famous prank happened in 1957?

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

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# Answers

1. What happens on April Fools' Day?

**People play tricks and jokes on each other. Sometimes newspapers print hoax stories to trick people.**

2. Complete this sentence.

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

3. Why should you avoid playing a trick after 12 noon in England?

**Because then the joke will be on you!**

4. What does 'Poisson d'Avril' mean? Can you find two answers?

**'Poisson d'Avril' means 'April fish' and 'Happy April Fools' Day'.**

5. What famous prank happened in 1957?

**The BBC played a famous prank on the public. They made a film showing people picking spaghetti from trees. This was a trick because spaghetti doesn't really grow on trees!**

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

**Expect various answers, such as:**

**Yes, because it is funny and it would make them laugh.**

**No, because it is unkind and it might make them scared or upset.**