

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text about April Fool's Day and do the exercises.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to have a laugh | a. a silly person |
| 2..... to get in trouble | b. to do something funny |
| 3..... a national hoax | c. it's not a problem for me |
| 4..... a fool | d. very enjoyable |
| 5..... I don't mind | e. to enjoy yourself and have a good time |
| 6..... to play a trick | f. to be punished for doing something wrong |
| 7..... a day off | g. a joke or trick on the entire country |
| 8..... really good fun | h. a day when you don't go to work or school |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. April Fool's Day is on 13 April. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. You can play tricks on people all day on April Fool's Day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. An April Fool is a person who plays a joke on someone after midday. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. The media and international companies invent stories to trick people on April Fool's Day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. People play tricks on their friends and family on April Fool's Day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Most people don't like April Fool's Day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

planets	burgers	insects	paper
penguin	invention	sportsperson	dogs

1. A fast-food chain advertised _____ for left-handed people.
2. A man pretended to be an extra-large _____ at a Japanese zoo.
3. A TV programme told children about an _____ which can make you more intelligent.
4. Radio listeners were worried about _____ in New Zealand.
5. An astronomer said that the position of the _____ would change gravity.
6. A shop told customers about a special piece of furniture for _____.
7. A London newspaper told readers that their news was printed on edible _____.
8. The British media said that Portugal sold a top _____ to solve the country's financial problems.

Discussion

Do you have a day similar to April Fool's Day in your country? When is it?

Can you remember any funny jokes or tricks from the past?

Can you think of a good trick or joke to play on someone next year?

Do you think it's funny or cruel to play tricks on people for April Fool's Day?