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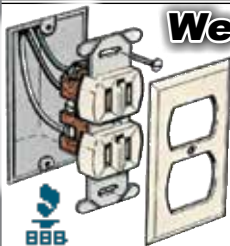


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Here's a charming anecdote about May:

In a small village in England, there was a long-standing tradition of celebrating May Day with a grand festival. Every year, the villagers would gather in the town square, where a tall maypole stood decorated with colorful ribbons. Children and adults alike would dance around the maypole, weaving intricate patterns with the ribbons as they moved.



One year, a young girl named Emily was chosen to be the May Queen. She was thrilled and spent weeks preparing her flower crown and practicing her speech. On the day of the festival, Emily stood proudly at the top of the hill, overlooking the village. As she was crowned with her flower wreath, she felt a sense of pride and joy that she had never experienced before.

The festival was a huge success, with laughter, music, and dancing filling the air. Emily's parents watched with tears of happiness as their daughter led the procession around the maypole. That evening, as the sun set and the bonfires were lit, Emily realized that this May Day would be a memory she would cherish forever.

This story captures the essence of May Day celebrations—community, joy, and the beauty of spring.

Here are some famous May festivals around the world:

1. **Cannes Film Festival (France):** Held from May 13-24, this prestigious film festival showcases new films of all genres and is attended by celebrities and filmmakers from around the globe.
2. **Vivid Sydney (Australia):** Running from May 23 to June 14, this festival transforms Sydney with stunning light installations, music performances, and creative discussions.
3. **Bergen International Festival (Norway):** From May 21 to June 4, this festival celebrates music, theatre, and dance, making it the largest arts festival in the Nordic countries.
4. **Hamamatsu Festival (Japan):** Held from May 3-5, this festival features kite flying and traditional music to celebrate the birth of firstborn sons.
5. **Cinco de Mayo (Mexico and USA):** Celebrated on May 5, this day commemorates the Mexican army's victory at the Battle of Puebla and is marked with parades, music, and traditional foods.
6. **Florence Nightingale's Birthday (UK):** Celebrated on May 12, this day honors the founder of modern nursing with various events and activities.
7. **Memorial Day (USA):** Observed on the last Monday of May, this day honors fallen military personnel with parades, ceremonies, and family gatherings.

These festivals offer a glimpse into the diverse cultural celebrations that take place in May.

Source:

<https://blog.raynatours.com/best-festivals-around-the-world-in-may/>

<https://wanderflorida.net/may-festivals-in-florida/>

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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, or the Fifth of May, is a celebration held on May 5th each year. It commemorates the Mexican army's victory over the French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This victory was significant because the Mexican forces were vastly outnumbered and less equipped, yet they managed to defeat a powerful European army.



While Cinco de Mayo is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, primarily celebrated in the state of Puebla, it has become a much larger celebration in the United States. In the U.S., it is often seen as a day to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage, especially in areas with large Mexican-American populations. Festivities typically include parades, music, dancing, traditional foods, and events highlighting Mexican traditions.

Here are some popular dishes for Cinco de Mayo:

1. **Tacos:** Soft or crispy tortillas filled with meats, beans, cheese, and various toppings.
2. **Enchiladas:** Tortillas rolled around a filling and covered with a savory sauce.
3. **Guacamole:** A creamy dip made from avocados, lime, onions, tomatoes, and cilantro.
4. **Tamales:** Masa (corn dough) filled with meats, cheeses, or chilies, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed.
5. **Chiles Rellenos:** Poblano peppers stuffed with cheese or meat, then battered and fried.
6. **Quesadillas:** Tortillas filled with cheese and other ingredients, then grilled or fried.
7. **Pozole:** A hearty soup made with hominy, meat (usually pork), and seasoned with chili peppers and other spices.
8. **Mole Poblano:** A rich, dark sauce made with chocolate, chili peppers, and spices, typically served over chicken.
9. **Sopes:** Thick corn tortillas topped with beans, meat, cheese, lettuce, and salsa.
10. **Horchata:** A sweet, creamy beverage made from rice, milk, vanilla, and cinnamon.



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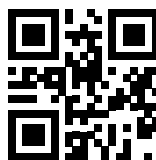
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“Put your sweater on; don’t you think I know when you’re cold?”
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“When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don’t come running to me.”
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... “If you don’t eat your vegetables, you’ll never grow up.”
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“How do you think you got here?”
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“You’re just like your father.”
 12. My mother taught me about my ROOTS ...
“Do you think you were born in a barn?”
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“When you get to be my age, you will understand.”
 14. And my all-time favorite ... JUSTICE ...
“One day you’ll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you ...
Then you’ll see what it’s like.”
- As told on AhaJokes.coms



On philosophy

I have a new philosophy: I'm only going to dread one day at a time.

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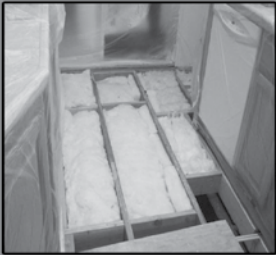
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May Day, celebrated on May 1st, is a holiday with ancient origins that marks the beginning of summer in many cultures. It is traditionally associated with various festivities, including dancing around the maypole, crowning a May Queen, and gathering flowers and greenery.

Historically, May Day has roots in agricultural celebrations and was a time to celebrate the sprouting of sown fields and the return of spring. In medieval Europe, it was also linked to the Gaelic festival of Beltane, which involved large bonfires and nighttime dancing.

In addition to these springtime traditions, May Day is also recognized as International Workers' Day in many countries, commemorating the struggles and achievements of the labor movement

Source:

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Here are some notable May Day traditions:

1. **Dancing Around the Maypole:** In many European countries, including the UK and Germany, people celebrate by dancing around a maypole decorated with ribbons and flowers.
 2. **Crowning the May Queen:** A young girl is chosen to be the May Queen and is crowned with flowers. This tradition is common in the UK and parts of Europe.
 3. **May Baskets:** In the United States, it's traditional to make small baskets filled with flowers or sweets and leave them anonymously on neighbors' doorsteps.
 4. **Beltane Fires:** In Ireland and Scotland, May Day coincides with the ancient festival of Beltane, which involves lighting bonfires to mark the beginning of summer.
 5. **Flower Wreaths:** In Greece, people create and wear flower wreaths to celebrate the arrival of spring.
 6. **Labor Day Celebrations:** In many countries, May Day is also International Workers' Day, marked by parades, demonstrations, and events honoring workers' rights and achievements.
 7. **Lei Day:** In Hawaii, May Day is celebrated as Lei Day, where people make and exchange leis (flower garlands) to celebrate Hawaiian culture.
- These diverse traditions highlight the rich cultural significance of May Day around the world.

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- **Cinco de Mayo** (May 5): Celebrates Mexican heritage and pride.
- **Mother's Day** (Second Sunday in May): Honors mothers and motherhood.
- **Memorial Day** (Last Monday in May): Commemorates U.S. military personnel who have died in service.

Notable Observances

- **Mental Health Awareness Month**: Focuses on mental health education and awareness.
- **National Wildflower Week** (First full week of May): Celebrates the beauty of wildflowers.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** (First full week of May): Recognizes the contributions of teachers.

Fun and Quirky Days

- **Star Wars Day** (May 4): "May the Fourth be with you!"
- **National Chocolate Chip Day** (May 15): A day to enjoy chocolate chip treats.
- **National Bike Month**: Encourages biking for health and the environment.

Daily Observances

- **May 1**: May Day, National Mother Goose Day
- **May 2**: International Harry Potter Day, National Brothers and Sisters Day
- **May 3**: National Garden Meditation Day, National Paranormal Day
- **May 4**: Bird Day, International Firefighters Day
- **May 5**: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Day of Reason

Source:

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On life

Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on.

— **Samuel Butler**

On originality

Do the common thing in an uncommon way.

— **Booker T. Washington**

On friends

The ornament of the house is the friends who frequent it.

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Did You Know?

April Fools' Day was started in France in the 1500s?

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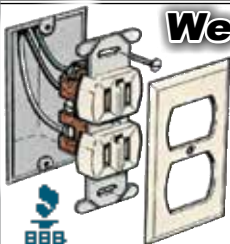
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Today, Memorial Day is marked by various activities, including parades, ceremonies, and moments of remembrance. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials to pay their respects. It's also considered the unofficial start of summer, with many families enjoying barbecues, picnics, and outdoor activities.

In Englewood, Florida, you can attend the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Gulf Pines Memorial Park, which includes a 21-gun salute and a special guest speaker.

There are also various events and activities throughout Florida, such as concerts, festivals, and fireworks

Source:

<https://www.EnglewoodChamber.com/events-news/events/2022-05-30-memorial-day-ceremony>

<https://www.floridahipster.com/memorial-day-weekend-in-florida/>

Here are some traditional favorite Memorial Day foods:

1. **Burgers and Hot Dogs:** Grilled to perfection and served with all the classic toppings.
2. **Barbecue Ribs:** Slow-cooked and smothered in tangy barbecue sauce.
3. **Grilled Chicken:** Marinated and grilled, often with a smoky or spicy rub.
4. **Potato Salad:** A creamy, tangy side dish made with potatoes, mayonnaise, mustard, and various add-ins like eggs and pickles.
5. **Coleslaw:** A refreshing salad made from shredded cabbage and carrots, dressed in a tangy or creamy sauce.
6. **Corn on the Cob:** Grilled or boiled, often served with butter and a sprinkle of salt.
7. **Baked Beans:** Slow-cooked beans in a sweet and savory sauce.
8. **Watermelon:** A juicy and refreshing fruit that's perfect for hot weather.
9. **Pasta Salad:** A cold salad made with pasta, vegetables, and a tangy dressing.
10. **Lemonade and Iced Tea:** Classic summer beverages to keep everyone cool and refreshed.



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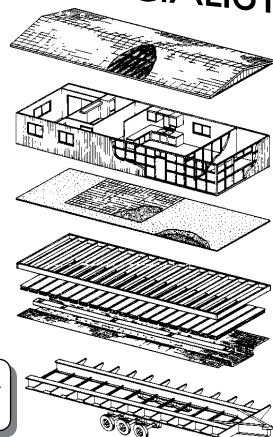
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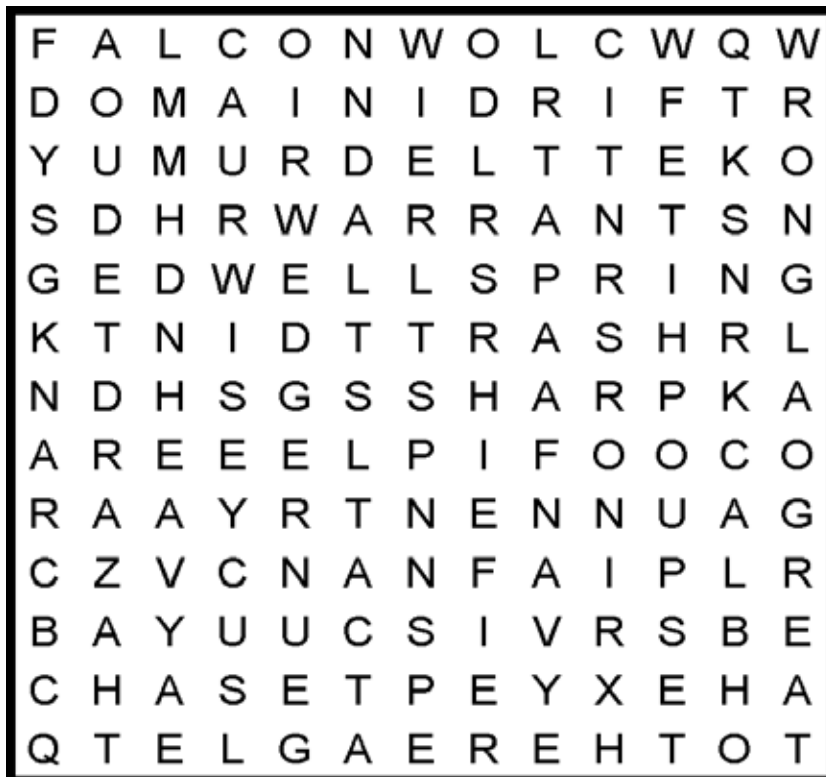
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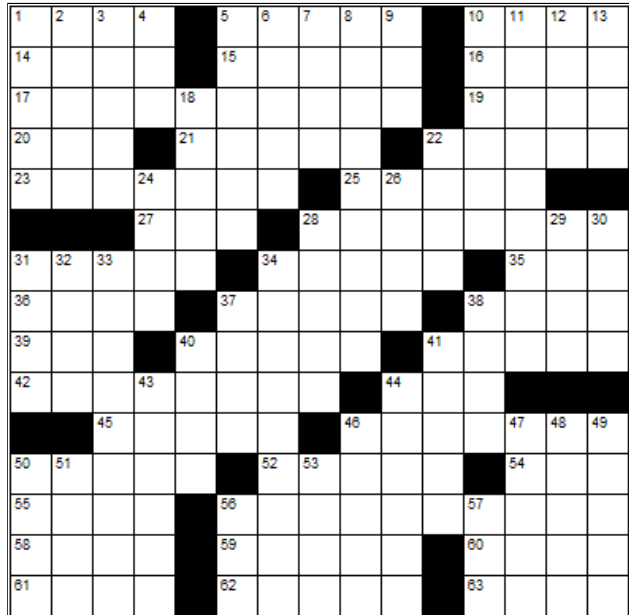
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20. Permit
21. British biscuit
22. Off-white
23. Stalker
25. Funeral piles
27. "I agree"
28. Water removal
31. Adjust again
34. Sneaks a look
35. Wetland
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37. Squeeze
38. Online journal



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1. Anagram of "Clasp"
2. Change
3. Slogan
4. Estimated time of arrival
5. Social events
6. Hearsay
7. Gulf port
8. Juice extraction device
9. Excluding
10. Paradise
11. Like human thumbs
12. Ale or lager
13. Alluring
14. He built the ark
15. Perception
16. Develop into
17. Swap
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The modern Mother's Day was first celebrated in the early 20th century, largely due to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her own mother and all mothers for their sacrifices. The day is often marked by giving gifts, cards, flowers, and spending quality time with mothers.

Here are some thoughtful gift ideas for Mother's Day:

1. **Personalized Jewelry:** A necklace or bracelet with her initials, name, or a special date engraved.
2. **Spa Day:** Treat her to a relaxing day at a spa or a gift basket with spa essentials for an at-home experience.
3. **Custom Photo Book:** Create a photo book filled with cherished memories and family photos.
4. **Cooking or Baking Class:** If she loves to cook or bake, a class can be a fun and enriching experience.
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7. **Plants or Flowers:** A beautiful bouquet or a potted plant that she can nurture and enjoy.
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The celebration began as a grassroots movement among fans and has since been embraced by Lucasfilm and the Walt Disney Company. Fans around the world celebrate with movie marathons, costume contests, themed parties, and various Star Wars-related activities.

In addition to the fun and festivities, many retailers offer special deals on Star Wars merchandise, and new Star Wars content is often released or announced on this day.

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Star_Wars_Day

<https://www.starwars.com/star-wars-day>

Here are some of the most notable iconic characters:

1. **Luke Skywalker:** The central hero of the original trilogy, a farm boy who becomes a Jedi Knight and plays a crucial role in defeating the Empire.
2. **Princess Leia:** A brave and resourceful leader of the Rebel Alliance, known for her intelligence, diplomacy, and combat skills.
3. **Han Solo:** A charming and roguish smuggler who becomes a key figure in the Rebel Alliance and a close friend to Luke and Leia.
4. **Darth Vader:** Once a Jedi named Anakin Skywalker, he turns to the dark side and becomes one of the most feared villains in the galaxy.
5. **Yoda:** A wise and powerful Jedi Master who trains Luke Skywalker and offers guidance to the Jedi Order.
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7. **Chewbacca:** Han Solo's loyal Wookiee co-pilot and friend, known for his strength and bravery.
8. **R2-D2 and C-3PO:** Two droids who provide comic relief and essential support throughout the series, often finding themselves in the middle of key events.
9. **Emperor Palpatine:** The sinister mastermind behind the rise of the Galactic Empire, manipulating events from behind the scenes.
10. **Rey:** The central character of the sequel trilogy, a scavenger who discovers her connection to the Force and her role in the fight against the First Order.

These characters, among many others, contribute to the rich tapestry of the Star Wars saga.

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