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3 Kathy Gregory	13 Lillian Cranston	23 Bob Carpenter
4 Jacquie Halker	13 Judy Richardson	23 Judy Klima
4 Candy Naro	14 Norma Alexander	24 Dan Gorseth
4 Carol Swartout	15 Robin Myers	24 Carol Tracy
5 Sara Noel	15 Bob Raiger	25 Julie Rogers
5 LaDonna Perrin	15 Carole Wallet	26 Danny MacPhee
6 Tammy Ferriero	16 Paula Trice	28 Elaine Herchock
6 Bill Hood	17 Erwin Kejwal	29 Lorraine Bedard
6 John Lipa	17 Char McGunnigle	29 Lisa Brand
6 Kurt Wertheimer	18 Vince DelleChiaie	29 Bill Summers
7 Nancy Arzner	18 Heather Wiseman	30 Jamie Evanish
7 Robert Sanphy	19 Paul Patterson	30 Barbara Picard
8 Charles Cool	19 Michael Swisher	30 Tina Provost
8 Pat LeBoeuf	20 Ricki Burk	30 Elizabeth Pumo
8 George Mahar	20 Linda Koller	31 Susan Kasper
11 Curt Brandt	20 Diane Leal	31 John London
11 Janet Keedwell	21 Sue Hood	31 Ellen Pszeny
11 Ruby Moore	21 Constantine Papadakos	
11 Vernon Perry		

Happy Birthday

May Anniversaries

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4 Dan & Jeannie Korcsog	2013	17 Iain & Marg MacIver	1969
4 Marvin & Alfreda MacPhee	1991	18 Paul & Brenda Kaufman	2013
4 Richard & Barbara Payne	1968	19 Bryan & Doreen Marshman	1973
7 Gary & Lisa Jaenicke	1983	21 Greg & Carol Cloutier	1983
9 Byron & Kathleen Boyle	1970	21 Mike & Tammy Deicken	2011
10 Kevin & Lorie Digilio	2003	21 Chris & Kathy Gregory	
10 Brian & Valerie Knox	1975	22 Dan & Debbie Ranieri	1983
15 Carl & Connie Pethtel	1999	23 Dan & Debbie Bauman	2003
16 Mike & Pat Crimmins	1981	26 Jeff & Patti Schwartzlow	1984



Wednesday Cribbage

2/5/2025		
Debbie MacKenzie	6	107
Glenn Gifford	6	214
Simone Dawson	6	199

2/12/2025		
Debbie MacKenzie	6	201
Joanne Lavigne	6	166
Kate Golden	5	326

2/19/2025		
Lois Bruzek	6	236
Debbie MacKenzie	6	225
Denise Foster	5	320

2/26/2025		
Simone Dawson	6	167
Deb Slack	5	309
Ruby Moore	5	309

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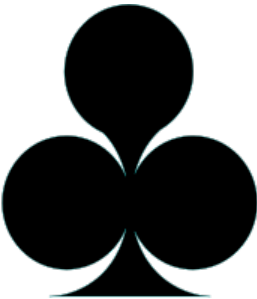
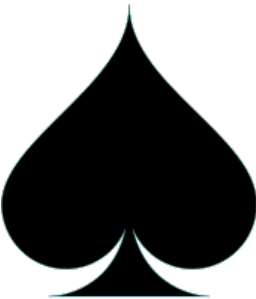
3/5/2025		
Glenn Gifford	7	110
Mort Mortenson	6	200
Chuck Davis	5	336

3/12/2025		
Joe Dawson	7	117
Claudette Morency	6	192
Marie Pelletier	5	305

3/19/2025		
Chuck Davis	7	79
Bill Westerman	6	212
Ruth Sproule	6	193

3/26/2025		
Bill Westerman	6	193
Deb Slack	6	191
Glenn Gifford	5	350

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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:

<https://www.today.com/life/holidays/may-holidays-and-observances-rcna76128>

<https://www.thespruce.com/special-days-and-observances-in-may-4176574>

<https://www.rd.com/article/may-holidays/>

On life

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Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States, observed on the last Monday of May. It honors and remembers the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began after the Civil War to commemorate fallen soldiers by decorating their graves with flowers.

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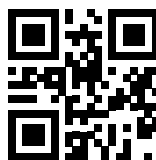
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May Day, celebrated on May 1st, is a holiday with ancient origins that marks the beginning of summer in many cultures. It is traditionally associated with various festivities, including dancing around the maypole, crowning a May Queen, and gathering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

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

<https://www.almanac.com/content/what-may-day>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/May-Day-international-observance>

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.

Source:

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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.
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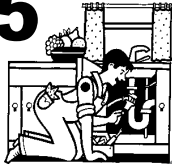
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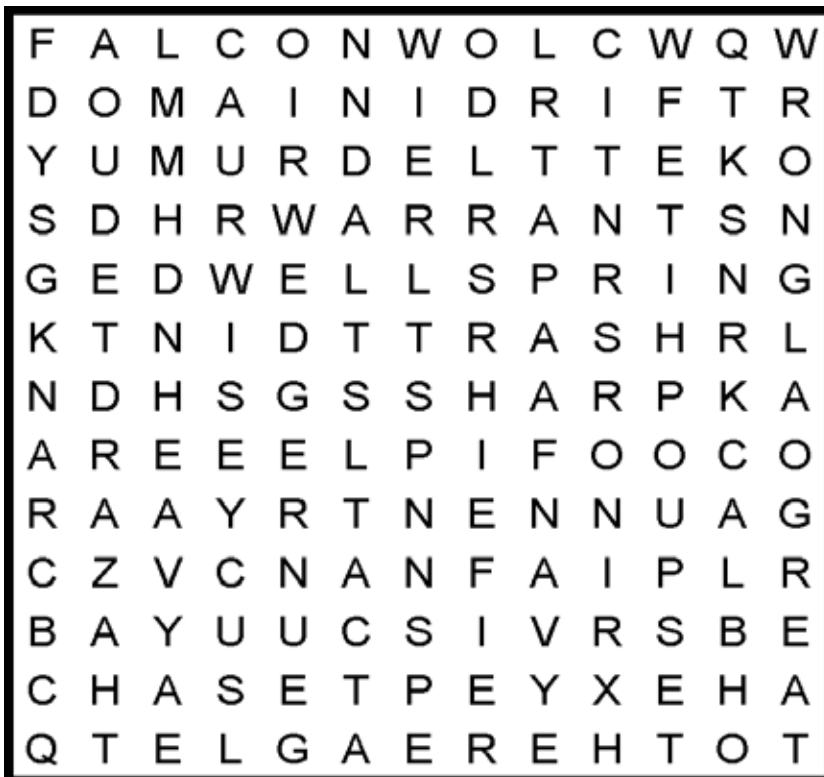
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Cinco de Mayo



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.
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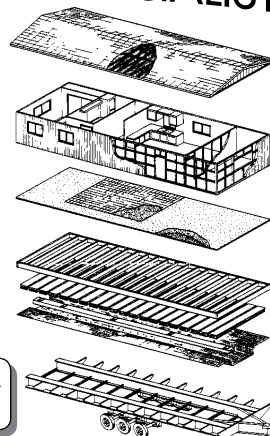
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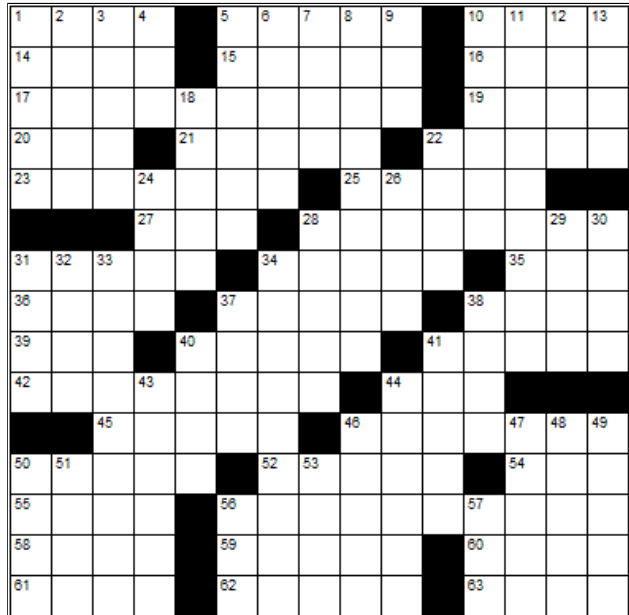


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Here's a charming anecdote about May:

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.

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