

APRIL FOOLS TRIVIA QUIZ

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1> In Scotland, April Fool's Day is often called "Hunt the Gowk Day". What is a gowk?

- a. A wild pig
- b. A witch
- c. A fairy
- d. A bird

2> "April, April, you stupid herring, I can fool you to wherever I want." In which country would the joker recite this to their victim?

- a. Mexico
- b. France
- c. Canada
- d. Sweden

3> What long-lived soap opera made its debut on the first of April 1963?

- a. The Days of Our Lives
- b. General Hospital
- c. Coronation Street
- d. The Young and the Restless

4> As a prank in 2009, where did Expedia say travelers could go?

- a. Mars
- b. The moon
- c. Orion's Belt
- d. Pluto

5> One of the greatest pranks of all time was the Spaghetti Tree Prank. In which country were Spaghetti trees said to be growing?

- a. Mexico
- b. Russia
- c. Switzerland
- d. America

6> In 1996, on April Fool's Day, what historical treasure did Taco Bell claim they had purchased?

- a. The Statue of Liberty
- b. The Liberty Bell
- c. The Empire state building
- d. The Declaration of Independence

7> According to tradition, what time should all pranks cease?

- a. Midnight
- b. 3pm
- c. Sunset
- d. Noon

8> The French often stick cutouts of what kind of creature onto people's backs on April first?

- a. Goats
- b. Monkeys
- c. Fish
- d. Pigs

9> Which famous celebrity was shot on April 1st, 1984?

- a. Marvin Gaye
- b. Akon
- c. Sam Cooke
- d. John Lennon

10> What island was hit by a tsunami on the First of April, 1946?

- a. Madagascar
- b. Sicily
- c. Hawaii
- d. Japan

11> The Iranians celebrate a day of pranks, on or about the First of April. What do they call this day of pranks?

- a. Sizdah Bedar
- b. Prima Aprils
- c. Pesce D'Aprile
- d. Maj-Kat

12> Which of these novels has the earliest recorded association between foolishness and April First?

- a. Canterbury Tales
- b. A Midsummer's Night Dream
- c. A Tale of Two Cities
- d. Oliver Twist

13> One theory states that the origin of April Fool's Day goes back to which biblical figure?

- a. Judas
- b. Moses
- c. Noah
- d. Cain

14> Many believe that the origin of April Fools deals with the adoption of which new calendar?

- a. Romanian
- b. Solar
- c. Georgian
- d. Julian

15> Which handy kitchen appliance went on sale on the first of April, 1889?

- a. Blender
- b. Percolator
- c. Toaster
- d. Dishwasher

Answers:

- 1> A bird - The word gowk translates to mean a cuckoo.
- 2> Sweden - People in Sweden play jokes on both April 1 and May 1.
- 3> General Hospital - General Hospital was created by Doris and Frank Hursley.
- 4> Mars - The price of the flight was listed at \$99. The site stated the buyer would save 3 trillion dollars.
- 5> Switzerland - This prank, created by the BBC showed farmers in Switzerland harvesting spaghetti off trees.
- 6> The Liberty Bell - Taco Bell claimed that they had bought the Bell to help pay off the national debt.
- 7> Noon - This tradition is slowly losing favor and pranks are being carried out throughout the day.
- 8> Fish - This symbol is used because the French often refer to this day as Poisson D'Avril. In French, a poisson is a fish.
- 9> Marvin Gaye - Marvin was shot by his father, with a revolver.
- 10> Hawaii - This tsunami killed 159 people. Many people on the Island thought the warning was an April Fool's Day joke.
- 11> Sizdah Bedar - The day is said to date back to the year 536 BC.
- 12> Canterbury Tales - Chaucer wrote this classic piece of work in 1392.
- 13> Noah - The theory relates to Noah releasing the dove from the ark.
- 14> Georgian - This calendar, which was adopted in 1582, changed the date of the New Year to January First. People who forgot this change were mocked by their friends.
- 15> Dishwasher - Josephine Cochrane is credited with inventing the dishwasher. The first public viewing of the appliance was at the World's Fair.