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CORONAVIRUS: INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA

What is coronavirus?

Coronavirus causes a new illness (COVID-19) that can affect your lungs and airways. Coronavirus symptoms in most people will be mild – a bit like cold or flu. They include:

- a cough
- a high temperature
- difficulty with breathing (shortness of breath).

A few people will get worse symptoms and need medical attention. People aged over 70 and anyone living with a long-term health condition or weak immune system is more likely to get worse symptoms.

How is coronavirus spread? Coronavirus probably spreads in cough droplets. Because it's a new illness, we're still learning more about it.

- To help prevent it spreading, everyone should follow this advice:
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds use soap and water or a hand sanitiser
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue. If you don't have a tissue use your elbow, not your hands
- Put used tissues in the bin quickly
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus
- Only travel on public transport if you need to
- Work from home, if you can
- Avoid social activities going to pubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas
- Avoid events with large groups of people
- Use phone, online services, or apps to contact your GP surgery or other NHS services.

Don't touch your face unless your hands are clean. And **don't have visitors** to your home, including friends and family.

What should I do if I have coronavirus symptoms?

If you have a new, continuous cough or a high temperature (or both) you should stay at home.

Do not go to a GP, pharmacy (chemist) or hospital – this will help protect yourself and others.

- If you live alone, you need to stay at home for **7 days** from the start of your symptoms.
- If you live with others, you should stay at home for **14 days** from the start of the first person's symptoms.
- If you live with someone who is 70 or over, has a long-term condition, is pregnant or has a weakened immune system, try to find somewhere else for them to stay for 14 days.
 If you can't do this, try to keep away from each other as best you can.

Use the NHS 111 coronavirus service - visit this online or call 111 - if:

- you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home
- your condition gets worse
- your symptoms do not get better after 7 days

Will Dementia Support services remain open?

In light of the most recent Government guidance, we have made the decision to temporarily suspend all our face to face and group services with immediate effect. We are replacing these with telephone support, increasing this to ensure we support people's mental health through isolation.

Where can I get advice about dementia?

Dementia Support can answer your questions about dementia. We can also give you tips if you find it difficult to follow the NHS advice about coronavirus.

We cannot offer personalised medical advice.

But we will direct you towards other reliable sources.

Call us on 01243 888 691 or Visit https://www.dementia-support.org.uk/

Somebody I care about is living with dementia. What should I do about coronavirus?

If you're caring for a person living with dementia, you may be more worried about coronavirus. There are some things you can do to help prevent the person from catching any viruses. If you need to stay at home (self-isolate), there are also other ways to support the person with dementia.

- Check that they have hand-wash and hand sanitiser available maybe singing a song with them can encourage the person to wash their hands. Make sure that any visitors know to make use of sanitiser too
- Clean things that are handled a lot, such as remote controls, door handles and taps
- If the person or their primary carer is self-isolating, you might help with practical tasks. The
 person might need shopping dropped off, medicine collected, or some library books left
 outside the door for them ask how you can help. Many communities are also forming
 groups of volunteers to offer this kind of help
- Make sure the person has all the medication they need. You can speak to a GP or local pharmacist to make sure they will have a supply. Keep checking in to make sure they are continuing to take the right medication
- Check that they have a plan of what to do if they do get unwell leave the number(s) to call
 prominently displayed
- While the person is indoors, encourage them to stay active and consider gentle exercises. You can use your garden (if you have one). You can also go out to exercise once a day – just stay at least 2 metres away from other people
- Try to make sure the person has activities that they can engage in at home as well; reading, magazines, jigsaws, music, knitting, their favourite TV/radio programmes available.
- Keep in touch by phone, post, email or Skype. They may be anxious about the situation. Tell the person that you're thinking of them and encourage others to do so as well.
- Make sure that they have our phone number so that they know that we are here to help.

FREE TELEPHONE BE**FRIEND**ING SERVICE

Everybody gets lonely sometimes, some more than others. We recognise during Covid-19 you may need more support than ever. Open to all, people aged 65 and over.

A short half hour chat with a friendly voice, might just brighten up your day!

A chance to talk about your favourite soaps, hobbies, interests or just day to day chit chat.

If you are interested and want to book a time slot or want to find out more email us at info@dementia-support.org.uk or call 01243 888691.

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INDOOR WALKING



Do you really need to get out and walk and take your mind off the current situation or do you need an easy way to exercise indoors? It's a great way to travel to places you might have never been before.

You will need:

- A computer/smart TV/phone/ipad or tablet to access YouTube.
- Two tins of anything you have handy in your cupboard mine tends to be tinned peaches that I buy and never eat!!
- A chair that you can sit comfortably in and touch your feet on the floor.

What to do:

- Set up youtube and go to some of the links attached or search for walking in other locations. You can listen with or without the sound. (find walking links in the post below!)
- Sit upright in the chair you may feel safer with a chair with arms.
- Place one tin under each foot so that you can roll them backwards and forwards on the floor. You can do this to simulate walking.
- If you're new to exercise, you should start slowly and build up.
 Start with 5 minutes of walking and if you can build up to half an hour.
- If you prefer you can just sit back and watch the views.
- Don't forget to drink plenty of water after you exercise.

Not only is this a good way to exercise if you are not able to get out but it also gives you the opportunity to travel to places you've been on holidays and always wanted to see or for reminiscence about of holidays you have been on. You can get out some old photos ready to look at after exercising from places you have been.



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GUIDANCE

Supporting older people and people living with dementia during self-isolation

A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Covid-19 and finding the strength to cope: We keep being told that these are unprecedented times and it is true that as humans we have never encountered this new Corona virus (Covid-19). However, as individuals we have encountered adversities before and as a species we have evolved to be able to deal with all sorts of threats. So we have within us the skills that we need to get through. But what can be tricky is that when we are faced with overwhelming threat, we have natural responses such as fear, anger or feeling too overwhelmed to do anything. These responses can be really helpful in dealing with short term problems, but if we live with those kinds of feelings ruling the show for long, they have damaging effects on our mental health and even our immunity.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO INSTEAD?

Compassion focused therapy brings our attention to the strength we gain when we focus on the fact that 'we're all in the same boat'. And now really is a time in our lives, like no previous time, when we realise that across the globe we are sharing in this challenging period.

To come through this well, we need to have the courage to turn our attention to the challenges and difficulties we are facing... and then do something about them. And there are small things that we can do.

As well as the bad news, there are suddenly good news stories on the radio and television: People sharing their ideas about how we can be flexible, how we can hold in mind people that normally are not thought about, how we can pool our resources and skills and work together as communities.

We are having to tolerate that we may not be able have everything that we want, but we may be able to survive with what we need... especially if we adopt a sharing *lagom* philosophy. What really matters is coming into clearer focus.

And after many years of being used to helping others, we may be starting to realise that we need to open our hearts to receiving offers of help and kindness. Feeling gratitude for all the ways that people have already changed their lives for the greater good, like the children putting their schooling on hold to try to protect their elders.

There is no certainty about what tomorrow will bring but today we can start to give more air to our inner light, kindle our inner fire of courage to face this challenge with kindness for ourselves, empathy for others and a graceful calmness for the world around us.

MEETING THE PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA DURING SOCIAL-ISOLATION

Tom Kitwood (1997) defined the psychological needs of people living with dementia as; love, comfort, attachment, occupation, inclusion and identity. These are commonly displayed as the 'Kitwood Flower'.



In times of challenge, such as those we are currently facing, it is even more important that we think about the most effective ways to help people living with dementia to meet their psychological needs and promote wellbeing.

LOVE

Everybody needs love and acceptance. We can probably all think of times when we feel love whether this is loving a person, enjoying an activity, having a favourite meal or self-love. Having to self-isolate may make it harder for us to do the things that make us feel love or loved, as we can't see the people we usually see or access activities we usually engage in. You could think about making a photo album with pictures of all the people you care about so you can look at them whenever you want to. How about adding in stories of times you have enjoyed together? Make sure you look after yourself and maybe spoil yourself a bit; get your favourite food in; listen to your favourite music; sit in the garden and enjoy nature or watch a film you really enjoy.

COMFORT

We all need our basic needs met including our emotional need to not feel anxious. It is natural that with all the news about the Covid-19 virus and feelings of uncertainty we might feel more anxious than usual. There are lots of ways we can control our anxiety. It might be useful to limit the amount of time we spend watching the news – there are lots of confusing messages out there that can increase anxiety. Some people find that practicing mindfulness, or trying relaxation techniques help with anxiety. A lot of people now enjoy mindfulness colouring to give them something to focus on rather than thinking of what is going on in the world that we can't control!

ATTACHMENT

Attachment describes the connections we have in life. These attachments, or connections, are important in helping us feel safe and secure. Being in self-isolation is likely to mean we can't physically spend time with the people who make us feel safe. It might feel hard to be separated from these people but there are still ways to stay in touch. The telephone is a great way to stay in contact with people. It might be helpful to keep a list of telephone numbers for friends and family by the phones so you can find them easily. If you use a tablet, computer or smart phone you might consider video messaging. If you have never done this before there are some excellent guides produced specifically for people living with dementia. When people aren't around consider other things that make us feel secure like a pet or a favourite piece of clothing.

OCCUPATION

It is vital for our wellbeing that whilst we are self-isolating we still find meaningful and enjoyable thing to do. This might feel challenging at first but look around you and think of all the opportunities that are available to you. Routine and structure in your day are likely to help in maintaining activity during this time. If you have a garden try to get some fresh air each day. This is a great time to do all the tidying and sorting in the house that you have always meant to do. Dig out those jigsaw puzzles from the back of the cupboard or maybe listen to a play on the radio or an audiobook. It will be important to keep ourselves fit and well and so think about doing some exercise every day as well.

INCLUSION

Many people living with dementia get a lot of support from linking up with other people in a similar situation. It helps our wellbeing to feel that we are a part of something. At the current time many social groups will have stopped but maybe you could find other ways to stay connected. Think about writing a letter to a friend of family member. Some services are still offering groups by videoconferencing so you might be able to join one of these. The dementia engagement and empowerment project run the <u>dementia diaries</u> scheme where people living with dementia leave stories about their experiences. It might help to hear how others are doing at this time.

IDENTITY

A sense of identity helps us define and remember who we are as a person. The way other people treat us reinforces our beliefs about ourselves. During the time we are isolated it will be important to remind ourselves of all the things that are important to us. That might be by having things that are important to us, around us, such as a picture or photograph we like or playing music we have enjoyed. <u>Playlist for life</u> offer advice on putting together a list of your favourite music. Some people make a life story book where they put all the things that are important to them in one place.

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Please do ask for help. Contact your local <u>Alzheimer's Society</u> or <u>Age UK</u> for a conversation.

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BE ACTIVE

You may find during self-isolation that your confidence to try new things is reduced. You might believe that the way you feel is inevitable given your age and that there is very little you can do to change this. You may hold the view that you are powerless in the face of self-isolation and find that it impacts on every part of your day to day life as a result.

However, making conscious choices about our behaviour can boost our mood. As little as 10 minutes of exercise a day can make us feel better, both physically and emotionally. And activity that stimulates our brain can help us feel more alert. You may want to try the following during self-isolation:

- Exercise: There are lots of free exercise programmes/sessions available on the internet or on apps on your smartphone. You may want to ask for assistance to access these. You could try yoga, tai chi or other martial art practice, or increase your movements from your armchair. Other activities with mood-boosting effects include housework, gardening, using the stairs if it's safe to do so, dancing round the house and safely going for a walk.
- There are lots of ways you can stimulate your mind during self-isolation. Jigsaws, puzzle books or games, reading, colouring books for adults, painting or drawing, singing along to your favourite song, playing a musical instrument, sorting out your finances, cooking or baking and craft activities.

NOTICE

We tend to spend a lot of time dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. This can be tiring, and not very helpful. Instead, 'savouring the moment', often referred to as 'mindfulness', has been found to enhance wellbeing:

- Breathing or meditation exercises: You can find lots of free exercises on the internet or through apps on your smart phone e.g. apps like Calm and Headspace. Ask someone if they can provide you with some if you have difficulties accessing the internet.
- Self-care is important during self-isolation and provides a great opportunity for mindfulness: Shower or bath frequently and take time to notice the sounds, smells and sensation of the water on your skin; do hair and nails; use hand cream or body lotion to maintain suppleness and notice how it feels.
- Mindful eating: Lay the table or tray for your meal and focus on the sight, smell and taste of your food.
- Reflect using music, prayer, the outdoors, silence; take a few moments to be thankful, notice and appreciate beautiful things around you.

LEARN

Learning new skills can help lift your mood, boost your self-esteem and give a sense of purpose. Setting yourself goals can help you see even greater benefits. It is also helpful to have good information about the reason for your social isolation:

- Get advice from NHS and read public health guidance to gain facts and dispel fear;
- Research online something that you have always wanted to know more about;
- Learn new words/look up definitions in the dictionary;

- Create a book club with friends/loved ones and discuss books over the phone or video conferencing;
- Challenge yourself to complete new puzzles, crosswords etc.;
- Learn to play a musical instrument;
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GIVE

Giving has been linked with a sense of reward, purpose and self-worth. Those who give to others are more likely to rate themselves as happy. You might feel it is hard to give to others during self-isolation. However even giving a smile, encouragement, your time, a wish/prayer, thanks, and other 'random acts of kindness' has the power to boost your mood.

These 'five ways' help us build on our strengths and increase our resilience. By promoting our self-esteem, sense of being valued, and a positive attitude, they can help us 'bounce back' from challenges we encounter. There are already many examples of compassion in our communities during this crisis. Leaflet drops with offers of help, businesses changing their procedures to meet the needs of the isolated, online communities sharing information to support home schooling, medical students setting up relief initiatives to provide child care/grocery drops for NHS staff, websites and apps making their content free for the duration of the crisis, churches taking a central role in supporting communities, milkmen delivering groceries to the housebound... to name but a few. As we all experience restrictions on our movement, freedom and choice. We have an opportunity to emerge from this crisis with fewer divides and greater empathy.

FREE EXTENDED WAYFINDING SERVICE

We are available to talk to anyone who is worried or concerned about someone living with dementia at this time!

We recognise during Covid-19 you may need more support than ever, so, we are opening our popular Wayfinding service to brand new customers

Our Wayfinding service that supports people living with Dementia, their carers, family and friends is now extending its service hours from 7am - 7pm. And we will be open from 10am - 2pm at the weekend to calls.

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Focus on ACE – Coping Strategies



DTP and Language Services by Sprig of Heather www.sprigofheather.co.uk

A = Acknowledge your thoughts and feelings

Silently and kindly acknowledge your thoughts, feelings, emotions memories, sensations, urges.

Take the stance of a curious scientist, observing what's going on in your inner world.

For example, "I am thinking that something bad is going to happen, which is making me feel scared and my tummy feels full of butterflies".

C = Come back into your body

You could try some or all of the following, or find your own methods:

- Slowly push your feet onto the floor
- Slowly straighten up your back and spine; if you're sitting, sit upright and forward in your chair
- Slowly press your fingertips together
- · Slowly stretch your arms or neck, shrugging your shoulders
- Slowly breathe in 1-2-3-4 and out 1-2-3-4



E = Engage in what you're doing

Get a sense of where you are and refocus your attention on the activity you are doing:

- Look around the room and notice 5 things you can see
- Notice 3 or 4 things you can hear
- Notice what you can smell or taste or sense in your nose and mouth





Try to have a go at this ACE guide slowly 3 or 4 times.

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HOW TO STICK TOGETHER, BY STAYING APART



Stay at home no unnecessary journeys or social contact



Or exercise once a day



Public gatherings of more than two people are banned excluding people you live with



Only leave home for **essential shopping** or **medical needs**



Or travelling to work if absolutely necessary



Police may be able to fine you if you dont follow the rules

CHAIR EXERCISES



20 Chest Expansions



10 Dives



Up to 2 minutes rest between sets



20 Side Arm Raises



10 Raised Arm Circle 5 Clockwise / 5 Counterclockwise



WE NEED TO WASH OUR HANDS A LOT AT THE MOMENT

Wash your hands with soap + water for at least 20 seconds. Follow the actions below:



USE SOAP



PALM TO PALM



BACK OF HANDS



INBETWEEN FINGERS



BASE OF THUMB



FINGERNAIL



WRISTS



RINSE HANDS



DRY HANDS

GETTING CHANGED



Take clothes off and put in wash basket



Put undergarments on



Put top and trousers



Put your shoes

MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES

Mindful breathing for one minute

Lower your eyes and notice where you feel your breath. That might be the air going in and out at your nostrils or the rise and fall of your chest or stomach. If you can't feel anything, place your hand on your stomach and notice how your hand gently rises and falls with your breath. If you like, you can just lengthen the in breath and the out breath or just breathe naturally. Your body knows how to breathe. Focus on your breath. When your mind wanders, as it will do, just bring your attention back to your breath. You might like to say 'thinking' when you notice your thoughts and just gently shepherd your attention back to your breath.

Loving-kindness meditation

For one minute, repeat 'May I be happy, may I be well, may I be filled with kindness and peace.' You can substitute "you" for "I" and think of someone you know and like, or just send love to all people.

Stroke your hands.

Lower or close your eyes. Take the index finger of your right hand and slowly move it up and down on the outside of your fingers. Once you have mindfully stroked your left hand, swap and let your left hand stroke the fingers of your right hand.

Yawn and stretch for 10 seconds every hour

Do a fake yawn if you have to. That will trigger real ones. Say "ahh" as you exhale. Notice how a yawn interrupts your thoughts and feelings. This brings you into the present. Then stretch really, really slowly for at least 10 seconds. Notice any tightness and say "ease" or just say hello to that place (being mindful — noticing without judgment). Take another 20 seconds to notice and then get back to what you were doing.

Just for today affirmations

Just for today, I will not anger Just for today, I will not worry Just for today, I will be grateful Just for today, I will do my work honestly Just for today, I will be kind to every living being, starting with myself

Repeat these three times

MINDFUL OBSERVATION

The exercise is designed to connect us with the beauty of the natural environment, something that is easily missed when we are rushing around in the car or hopping on and off trains on the way to work.

Choose a natural object from within your immediate environment and focus on watching it for a minute or two. This could be a flower or an insect, or even the clouds or the moon.

Don't do anything except notice the thing you are looking at.

Simply relax into watching for as long as your concentration allows.

Look at this object as if you are seeing it for the first time.

Visually explore every aspect of its formation and allow yourself to be consumed by its presence.

Allow yourself to connect with its energy and its purpose within the natural world.

What is mindfulness - a mental state achieved by focusing one's awareness on the present moment, while calmly acknowledging and accepting one's feelings, thoughts, and bodily sensations,

Grounding of self. 5 mins

Shoes, socks off.

Imagine that you are holding a ball of white light in a cupped hand. Cup the other hand over the top. Close your eyes.

Feel the white light in your hands – warmness radiating through your fingers, feel the weight of the light in your hands how heavy is the light ? some people might feel a tingling sensation as the light warms you. Place the light on the crown of your head and imagine that light is flowing down your head, over your shoulders, down your chest, arms down your whole body until it flows into your feet.

Feel your feet sinking into the floor and becoming one with the earth, imagine your feet are putting out roots that are twisting their way through the earth, going deep down into the earth's core. Visualise the core of the earth, a glowing ball and wrap your roots round that core and grounding yourself to the earth. Take 3 deep breathes and take a moment to think about how you are feeling. Allow yourself time to just be in this moment, this is your time.

Take another deep breath and when you are ready open your eyes

Moving and Looking – When I get older Beatles 4 mins

Yoga Nidra – 15 mins

Touch and smell – close your eyes, tracing round your hand as if you are drawing round them, add oil and breathe in the smell of the oil

Pay attention to how your hands feel, pay attention to the different fragrances – 3 mins

Listening - Affirmations Just for today – 2 mins







Wind and Winter

ACROSS

- 1 Soaked with water
- 3 Brief fall of rain
- 4 Cool, refreshing

6 Characterized by or having rain

9 Marked by bursts of wind or rain

11 Comes "In like a lion and goes out like a lamb"

13 Arc in the sky containing the colours of the visible spectrum

- 15 Covered with ice
- 16 Overcast
- 17 Freezing rain

DOWN

1 Transparent, tasteless, odourless liquid

2 Change from a solid to a liquid state

- 3 Having snowfall
- 4 Full or covered by fog
- 5 Slightly windy
- 7 Season of spring
- 8 Becoming unfrozen
- 10 Having much sunlight
- 11 Covered with mud

12 Having or emitting moderate heat

14 Having an excessive amount of wind

16 Producing an uncomfortably cool sensation



Family and Friends

ACROSS

2 Female sibling

3 Living in outdoor tents or shelters

5 Father

6 Informal outdoor meal

10 Group consisting of parents and their children

11 People closely attached to each other by affection

13 Place where one lives

14 Center of population larger than a village but smaller than a city

16 Journey, voyage, or excursion

18 Open area next to a house

DOWN

1 Mother

2 Move through water by means of bodily motions

3 Skill in making things by hand

4 Father or mother of one's parent

- 7 Recreation
- 8 Bicycle
- 9 Male sibling
- 12 Small retail store
- 15 Stroll

17 Area of public land set aside for rest and relaxation



Father's Day

ACROSS

3 Helpful

6 Person who guards against harm or danger

9 A person's male child

11 Person that is the source for or supplier of what is needed

12 Woman to whom a man is married

15 Group made up of parents and their children

18 Man who is married

19 Instructor

20 Having understanding and good judgment about what is true or good

21 Willing to give or share

DOWN

1 Gathering of people to celebrate or have fun

2 Having a great ability to reason and understand

4 A person's female child

5 Truthful

7 Worry or concern

8 Brother of one's father or mother

10 Cheerful, friendly, and merry

13 Person whom you know well and like and who likes you

14 Expression of mirth

16 Capacity to do something

17 Dad



Gardening

ACROSS

1 Bright light of the sun

4 Decomposed plant matter in soil

6 Period between sunset and sunrise

10 Any young tree or plant

- 12 To sprout
- 14 Become larger
- 15 Precipitation
- 16 Blossom

17 Transparent, tasteless, and odourless liquid

18 Period between sunrise and sunset

19 Perennial woody plant consisting of roots, trunk, and branches

DOWN

1 Earth

2 Bush

3 Tool used to trim hedges

5 Long-handled scoop used for digging

7 Garden tool with flat crosswise blade and long handle

8 Plant that completes life cycle in one year

9 Having a life cycle of more than two years

11 Hand tool with broad curved blade used for scooping dirt

13 green plant with narrow flat leaves and jointed stems

14 Area of land used for cultivating plants and flowers

16 Edible plant product


Halloween

ACROSS

4 Night flying mammal

5 Spirit of someone who has died

6 Something done to deceive, cheat, or outwit someone

10 Tenth month of the Gregorian calendar year

12 Something children ask for on Halloween

13 Hours of darkness between sunset and dawn

16 Small carnivorous furry mammal

18 Causing fear; frightening

20 Covering for all or part of the face

21 Eerie and mysterious

22 Inner framework of bones in vertebrate animals

DOWN

1 October 31, the eve of All Saints' Day

2 Clothing worn to resemble some other person, animal, or thing

3 Make the sharp broken cry of a hen

7 Expression used unexpectedly to frighten or startle someone

8 Woman who practices occult magic

9 Earth's natural satellite

11 Confection made with sugar

14 Stone placed as a marker at a person's grave

15 Darkest color, which absorbs but does not reflect light

17 Large, gourdlike orange fruit

19 Rest in Peace



Happy Holidays

ACROSS

1 Circular band of flowers or foliage

3 Parents and their children

6 Birthday of Jesus Christ

9 Frozen form of precipitation that falls as ice crystals formed into flakes

10 New Year's

11 Light horse-drawn cart

13 Heavenly body visible from earth as point of light

15 Hollow brick structure for passing smoke from a fire into the open air

17 African-american festival celebrating family, community, and culture

18 Confection made with sugar, flavourings, and fillings

19 Metal objects that make pleasant sounds when hit

21 Present

22 Great love or devotion

DOWN

2 Used in play by children

4 Parasitic plant with green leaves, white berries, and yellow flowers

5 Eight-day festival celebrated by lighting the menorah

7 Shrub with shiny dark green leaves, and berries

8 Pine

12 Day on which ordinary business activity is suspended

14 Long piece of wax with a wick that is burned for light

15 Pieces of stiff paper used to send greetings

16 Tall pottery drinking cup with a handle

18 Christmas hymn

20 Holiday decoration with illuminated bulbs



Happy New Year

ACROSS

2 Twelve o'clock at night

6 Group consisting of parents and their children

8 Mechanical or electrical device for indicating time

9 Public procession of people or things

13 First month of the year

14 New Year's Day

15 Small pieces of colored paper

16 White wine with bubbles

19 Promise to change something in the future

20 Sound that has rhythm, melody, and harmony

DOWN

1 Father

3 Move feet and body to music

4 Feeling of joy

5 Devices that explode to produce noise or bright light

7 Unit of time equal to 365 days

8 Act of counting in reverse in preparation for some event

10 Call on other people to drink in honor of someone

11 Party favor

12 Chart of the days, weeks, and months

16 Happiness or gaiety

17 Social gathering or event

18 Press with lips as a sign of love



Harvest Festival

ACROSS

1 Brilliant in color

4 Having a great amount of wind

5 Fruit with downy skin and large pit

6 First color on the spectrum

7 Smooth-skinned juicy fruit that grows in clusters on a vine

- 11 Metallic yellow color
- 12 Preserving food in cans or jars

15 Color of soil

- 16 Small, juicy fruits without pits
- 19 Gourdlike fruit

20 Green flat parts of a plant that grow from a stem

DOWN

1 Juice pressed from apples used for drinking or making vinegar

2 Tool consisting of a long handle and a row of tines

3 Perennial woody plants consisting of roots, a trunk and branches

8 Fruit of the oak tree

9 Large gourdlike orange fruit

10 Be on fire

13 Firm round fruit with succulent white flesh and red, green or yellow skin

14 Gathering of ripe crops

15 Dry measure equal to four pecks

17 White covering of dew frozen into ice crystals

18 Autumn



General Knowledge Quiz

If someone is descending are the going up or down? Down What is the Italian word for pie? Pizza By what title is the Bishop of Rome known as? The Pope Who wrote the Wind in the Willows? Kenneth Grahame What does a Frogman wear on his feet? Flippers What is the name of the largest castle in the capitol of Scotland? Edinburgh Castle What is the name of the sweet liquid collected by Bees? Nector What 3 letter word is the name of a fox's home? Den Do Reptiles have cold or warm blood? Cold What sea creature has 3 hearts and 8 arms? An Octopus. What is the national flower of Wales? Daffodil How many teeth does an Aardvark have? None Name the largest member of the cat family. Tiger. How many humps does a Bactrian Camel have? 2 What part of the body is treated by an Optician? Eves. The star sign of Leo is what animal? Lion. Nag is a slang word for what animal? A Horse.

What are the tall poles carved by Native American Indians called? Totem Poles.

General Knowledge Quiz

Which alcoholic drink is also the name given to the left side of a ship? Port.

What type of weapon is a Cutlass? A short-curved sword.

In the nursery rhythm who lost her sheep? Little Bo-Peep.

What type of food is a Cock-a-leekie? Soup.

What kind of animal was Disney's Dumbo? Elephant.

In the fairytale who climbed the beanstalk and fought with a giant? Jack.

In Greek mythology who's face was said to launch a thousand ships? Helen of Troy.

> In what year did World War 2 start? 1939.

What were the followers of Oliver Cromwell called? Roundheads.

Which British Queen died in 1901? Queen Victoria.

What country shares its name with a bird that is traditionally eaten at Christmas and Thanksgiving? Turkey.

In sea going terms, what is the opposite of port? Starboard.

What is the name given to the tombs of the Pharaohs in Ancient Egypt? The Pyramids.

What is the 4 letter word given to a Ballerinas skirt starting with the letter T? Tutu.

What is found at the end of Noddys hat? A bell.

How many lives is a Cat said to have?

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Which famous Detective was known to say, Elementary my dear Watson? Sherlock Holmes.

Childhood Stories Quiz

Questions

- 1. Who wrote The Three Musketeers?
- 2. Which book starts with this opening line: All children, except one, grow up?
- 3. In which story does a man say:

Oh, man of the sea!

Come and listen to me

For Alice my wife

The Plague of my life

Hath sent me to beg a gift of thee!

4. Name the book that features Ebenezer Scrooge

5. What sort of transport was used in Around the World in Eighty Days?

6. The authors of Rapunzel and Hansel and Gretel were two brothers from Germany. What were they known as?

- 7. Where did Dorothy from The Wonderful Wizard of Oz come from?
- 8. Who goes down the rabbit hole?
- 9. In The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe who first discovers the magical wardrobe?
- 10. Who was the fifth member of The Famous Five (hint: it wasn't a person)?

11. Which book beings like this: "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents" grumbled Jo, lying on the rug.

- 12. Name the book where you will find Mary Lennox.
- 13. In the book The Wind and the Willows, what does Toad dress up as to escape prison?
- 14. In which book does Huckleberry Finn first appear?
- 15. The author of Black Beauty never published another novel. What was her name?
- 16. What was the name of the pig in Charlotte's Web?
- 17. How many Dalmatians were there?

18. Which book beings like this: In an old house in Paris that was covered with vines. Lived twelve little girls in two straight lines.

19. In which book does Willy Wonka feature?

20. Who is the only human in Winnie the Pooh?



Spring Quiz

Spring Quiz 2020 (part 1)

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1	In Britain we call it Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) what is it called in France?	
2	Easter Island belongs to which country?	
3	Which university term begins after Easter?	
4	Some months have 31 days,others have 30 days. How many have 28 days?	
5	What is known as Osterhase in Germany?	
6	In1873, which company introduce the first chocolate Easter egg in Britain?	
7	Who was the first person to have seen Jesus alive on the first Easter Sunday?	
8	Name the wife of Roger Rabbit in the animated film 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit" 1988?	
9	In which Beatles song will you find the lines "I am the egg man, they are the egg men"?	
10	Which Australian Supermodel was born on Easter Sunday, 1964?	
11	Name the novel by Richard Adams that features a group of rabbits, including Fiver, Hazel and Bigwig?	
12	Which Scottish side plays football at Easter Road?	
13	What can't be used until it's broken?	
14	Which British Monarch decreed that hot cross buns could no longer be sold on any day except for Good Friday, Christmas	
	or for burials?	
15	Name the cartoon character known for this quote? "Be ve-wy,ve-wy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits".	

16	What decides the date of Easter Sunday?	
17	The Good Friday agreement, signed on Good Friday 1998,is also known as what?	
18	Nick Easter is a former professional in which sport?	
19	What is the name of the fruitcake traditionally eaten at Easter?	
20	Decipher this anagram of an Easter character, Heath Charmer?	
21	In 2004 who directed the controversial biblical film, 'The Passion of the Christ?	
22	Often used to decorate Church altars and a religious symbol of Easter, also commonly gifted on Easter Sunday, name the flower .	
23	Released in 2000, who sang "Sweet like Chocolate"	
24	Who is known as the artist of the painting 'The Last Supper'?	
25	How was Jesus described on the plaque that was placed above his head on the cross?	
26	Complete the name of the English post –punk band, Echo and the ?	
27	At Easter time Pysanka is the art of what?	
28	What colour eggs does "Sam I am " not like in the Dr Seuss book?	
29	What was the name of the murder released instead of Jesus by Pontius Pilot?	
30	Name the song ""No, you wont stop talkin, why don't you give it a rest?"	

Spring Quiz 2020 (part 2)

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31	Name the Aesop's fable whose moral is 'slow and steady wins the race'?	
32	Which British actress (also associated with Harry Potter) provided the voice for the Cadbury's Caramel Bunny?	
33	Decipher this anagram of an Easter character, Hitter With Babe?	
34	In what book are the first spoken words "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"?	
35	Between 1958 -1963, which Berkshire village was the focus of an annual Easter protest march?	
36	In which of William Shakespeare's plays is the poem known as 'Spring' (entitled 'Ver') sung at the end?	
37	The WW1 German attacks called Kaiser's Battle were also known as what?	
38	Which character in The Wind in the Willows said, "Bother? And O' blow! And also 'Hang Spring-cleaning?	
39	'Primavera', or 'Spring', is a famous painting by which celebrated artist?	
40	What is the name of the Roman Goddess of Spring?	
41	I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no rocks. I have water, but no fish. What am I?	
42	What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?	
43	Who coined the term "Hope springs eternal"?	
44	"June is Busting Out All Over" is a song from which musical comedy?	
45	Name the six foot rabbit in the film starring James Stewart in 1950	

How many silver coins did Judas Iscariot received in payment to betray Jesus?	
Name the musical film featuring (among others) the songs " Steppin' out with my Baby " & "We're a couple of swells "	
In a game somewhat similar to conkers, egg fighting is an traditional annual event in which country ? Originally held on Boxing day, the Super League match between Wigan Warriors and St Helens is now held on what day ?	
Who wrote 4 novels about Harry 'Rabbit' Angstrom ?	
Often found in computer software , a secret message , joke or sceen is known as a what ?	
Start with the number of days in Lent	
A Faberge Imperial egg and a whispered word from Orson Wells , what is it ?	
Scottish comedian and actor , Charles Thomas McKinnon Murray was better known as ?	
Name the Junior Health Minister at the centre of the eggs and salmonella scandal in 1988, who resigned as a result.	

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FUNNY SHORT STORIES

The Policeman

Late one night a man is driving down the road, speeding quite a bit. A policeman notices how fast he is going and pulls him over. He says to the man, "Are you aware of how fast you were going?"

The man replies, "Yes I am. I'm trying to escape a robbery."

The policeman gives him a sceptical look and says, "Were you the one being robbed?"

The man casually replies, "No, I committed the robbery."

The policeman looks shocked that the man admitted this. "So you're telling me you were speeding...AND you committed a robbery?"

"Yes," the man calmly says. "I have the loot in the back."

The policeman begins to get angry. "Sir, I'm afraid you have to come with me." He reaches into the window to take the car keys out of the ignition.

"Don't do that!" the man yells fearfully. "I'm scared you will find the gun in my glove compartment!" At this point the policeman decides to call for backup.

Soon policemen, cars, and helicopters are flooding the area. The man is cuffed quickly and taken to a police car. However, before he gets in, another policeman walks up to him and says, while pointing to the policeman that pulled him over, "Sir, this officer informed us that you had committed a robbery, had stolen loot in the trunk of your car, and had a loaded gun in your glove compartment. However, we found none of these things in your car."

The man replies, "Yeah, and I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"

The Poacher

A Game Warden is walking along a beach one morning when he spots a man with a bucket of lobsters. The Warden walks up to the man, flashes his badge and says, "You're in big trouble, buddy. Poaching lobsters is a serious offence."

The man answers, "You've got it all wrong, these lobsters are my pets! Every morning I take them out for some exercise. I let them swim around in the ocean for a few minutes and then whistle them back in."

The Warden looks at the man sceptically and says, "Okay then, prove it."

The man proceeds to throw the lobsters into the ocean and both he and the Warden stand there waiting. After a couple of minutes the Warden looks at the man and says, "That's long enough, now whistle your lobsters back in."

The man turns to the Warden and says "Lobsters? What lobsters?"

Senior Special

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'Senior Special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \pounds 4.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said, "but I don't want the eggs."

"Then I'll have to charge you ± 5.49 because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay more for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously. "Yes," said the waitress.

"I'll take the special, then," my wife said.

"How do you want your eggs?" the waitress asked.

"Raw and in the shell," my wife replied.

She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.



FUNNY SHORT STORIES

Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

How many gorillas can fit into a car? Eight.

How many chickens can fit into the car? None, the car is already full of gorillas.

She: I have a doctor's appointment today but I really don't want to go...

He: Just call in sick then.

A boy breaks an old vase at a rich uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good that it wasn't new."

Knock, knock! Who's there? Tomato. Tomato who? Tomatoes don't have last names, silly.

Knock, knock! Who's there? Tank. Tank Who? You're welcome. Knock, knock! Who's there? Who-Who. Who-Who Who? Are you an owl?!

Knock knock. Who's there? An extraterrestrial. Extraterrestrial who? What – how many extra-terrestrials do you know?

Why did the donut visit the dentist? To get a new filling.

What do you call a nut that sneezes? A cashew.

Why did the bee marry? He's finally found his honey.





ST PATRICKS

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Bagpipe Blarney Cover Emerald Fairy Gold Green

Harp Irish Isle Jig Leprechaun Lucky Mischief Parade Pinch Rainbow Shamrock Shillelagh Tricky Vanish

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Airplane Auto Bicycle Bus Camera Cruise Itinerary Map Passenger Passport Port Road Ship Souvenir Ticket Tour Trail Train Travel Vacation Walking

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Baby Calendar Champagne Cheer Clock Confetti Dance Family Fireworks First Football Happy Hat January

Kiss Midnight Music Parade Party Resolution Year

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Colorful	Peaches
Fall	Pumpkin
Frost	Rake
Gold	Red
Grapes	Squash
Harvest	Trees
Leaves	Windy
	Fall Frost Gold Grapes Harvest

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Angel Candle Candy Cards Eggnog Family Gifts Holly Ivy Joy Laughter Lights Mistletoe Music Peace Reindeer Santa Sleigh Star Toys Tree

MOTHER'S DAY

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Bouquet Card Care Children Daughter Dinner Family Friends Gift Home Husband Love May Memories

Mother Pride Sister Telephone Travel Wife Wisdom

NEW YEARS EVE

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Baby Balloons Calendar Celebration Champagne Cheers Clock Confetti Countdown Dancing Holiday Hourglass Kiss Memories

Music New Old Streamers Time Toast Tradition

SCHOOL DAYS

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Art Calculator Calendar Classroom Computer Desk History Homework Library Lunch Math Music Pen Pencil Quiz Read

Recess School Science Sports Student Teacher Textbook Write

SPRING

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions



Birds Birth Blossom Breeze Buds Butterfly Clouds Daylight Eggs Flowers Grass Grow Hatch Nest Rain Rainbow Spring Sprout Sunshine Thaw Wind



Colouring Drawings
















Tongue Twisters for Fun

Make several copies and highlight two or three sentences for each participant.

If possible use a microphone so everybody can be amused when participants get tangled up in the words.

- **1.** How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?
- **2.** I saw Susie sitting in a shoeshine shop.
- **3.** I saw a kitten eating chicken in the kitchen!
- **4.** Tom threw Tim three thumbtacks.
- 5. Nine nice night nurses nursing nicely.
- 6. How many yaks could a yak pack if a yak could pack yaks?
- **7.** We surely shall see the sun shine soon.
- 8. Fred fed Ted bread, and Ted fed Fred bread.
- **9.** I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, upon a slitted sheet I sit.
- **10.** Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.
- **11.** He thrusts his fists against the posts and still insists he sees the ghosts.
- 12. I wish I were what I was when I wished I were what I am.
- **13.** Six silly sisters sitting sadly sawing six silk sacks.
- **14.** The bleak breeze blights the bright blue blossoms.
- **15.** A purely rural duel plural is better than a purely plural duel rural.
- **16.** Five fine Florida florists fried fresh flat flounder fish fillet.
- **17.** Sam's shop stocks short spotted socks.
- **18.** A tutor who tooted the flute tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
- **19.** Leaping lizards like to lick lovely lemon lollipops for lunch.
- **20.** I'm not a fig plucker, nor the fig plucker's son, but I'll pluck figs till the fig plucker comes.

Say an item and see how quickly your opponent can find it **ITEMS TO FIND**



NAME THE DOG

How many dogs can you name?

A



Place where people live that is smaller than a city					
	hamlet		town		village
<u>A pe</u>	erson, place or	thing	<u>g in a sentence</u>	<u>9</u>	
	noun		subject		verb
The	colour of mud				
	black		brown		red
<u> Opp</u>	<u>osite of open</u>				
	close		shut		slam
<u>Som</u>	ething you us	e to v	vater the gard	en	
	bucket		can		hose
A flower usually given on Valentine's Day					
	daisy		lily		rose
An opening for something					
	exit		gap		hole
<u>A po</u>	oint scored in s	occei	r		
	advantage		goal		shot
A small, furry animal that tunnels underground					
	gopher		mole		rabbit

Three strikes in baseball					
	foul	out		walk	
<u>Some</u>	ething you do	when you do not g	<u>get yo</u>	our way	
	frown	pout		sulk	
<u>A pla</u>	nt that starts	to grow from a see	d		
	alfalfa	shoot		sprout	
<u>A drir</u>	nk made from	milk and ice crear	<u>n</u>		
	float	malt		shake	
<u>An ec</u>	arth tremble				
	quake	tsunami		volcano	
<u>To dis</u>	sturb someon	e's sleep			
	rouse	stir		wake	
<u>Yellov</u>	wstone and Ye	<u>osemite</u>			
	bears	minerals		parks	
<u>A dog</u>	g does this to	get attention			
	barks	paws		whines	
Flashes of light caused by static electricity					
	flares	sparks		twinkles	

I Love You in different languages

FrenchJe t'aimeBrazilian PortugueseTe amoItalianTi Voglio beneSpanishTe quieroCroatianVolim teDutchIk hou van jouGreekS'agapoJapaneseAishiteruPolishKocham cieTurkishSeni seviyorumYiddishIkh hob dikhRussianYa tebya liubliuMandarinWo ai niCreoleMi aime jouFarsiTora dost daram
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Maori E aroha ana ahau ki a koe



Song list



Pretty Woman

Roy Orbison

Pretty woman, walking down the street Pretty woman, the kind I like to meet Pretty woman I don't believe you, you're not the truth No one could look as good as you

Mercy

Pretty woman, won't you pardon me? Pretty woman, I couldn't help but see Pretty woman That you look lovely as can be Are you lonely just like me?

Wow

Pretty woman, stop a while Pretty woman, talk a while Pretty woman, give your smile to me Pretty woman, yeah, yeah, yeah Pretty woman, look my way Pretty woman, say you'll stay with me 'Cause I need you, I'll treat you right Come with me baby, be mine tonight

Pretty woman, don't walk on by Pretty woman, don't make me cry Pretty woman, don't walk away, hey... OK

If that's the way it must be, OK I guess I'll go on home, it's late There'll be tomorrow night, but wait What do I see?

Is she walking back to me? Yeah, she's walking back to me Oh, oh, pretty woman **Summer Nights** Olivia Newton - John, John Travolta

Summer lovin', had me a blast (Summer lovin', happened so fast) Met a girl crazy for me (Met a boy cute as can be) Summer days drifting away To, uh oh, those summer nights Well-a, well-a, well-a, uh! Tell me more, tell me more Did you get very far? (Tell me more, tell me more) (Like does he have a car?) She swam by me, she got a cramp He ran by me, got my suit damp Saved her life, she nearly drowned He showed off splashing around Summer sun, something's begun But, uh oh, those summer nights Well-a, well-a, well-a, uh! (Tell me more, tell me more) (Was it love at first sight?) (Tell me more, tell me more) (Did she put up a fight?) Took her bowling in the arcade We went strolling, drank lemonade We made out under the dock We stayed out till ten o'clock Summer fling don't mean a thing But, uh oh, those summer nights (Tell me more, tell me more) (But you don't gotta brag) (Tell me more, tell me more) ('Cause he sounds like a drag) He got friendly holding my hand Well, she got friendly down in the sand He was sweet, just turned eighteen Well, she was good, you know what I mean Summer heat, boy and girl meet But, uh oh, those summer nights (Tell me more, tell me more) (How much dough did he spend?) (Tell me more, tell me more) (Could she get me a friend?) It turned colder: that's where it ends So I told her we'd still be friends Then we made our true love vow Wonder what she's doin' now Summer dreams ripped at the seams But, oh, those summer nights (Tell me more, tell me more) More, More

If I only had a brain From Wizard of Oz

[SCARECROW]

I could while away the hours Conferrin' with the flowers Consultin' with the rain And my head, I'd be scratchin' While my thoughts were busy hatchin' If I only had a brain

> I'd unravel every riddle For any individ'le In trouble or in pain

[DOROTHY]

With the thoughts you'd be thinkin' You could be another Lincoln If you only had a brain

[SCARECROW]

Oh, I would tell you why The ocean's near the shore I could think of things I never thunk before And then I'd sit and think some more

> I would not be just a nuffin' My head all full of stuffin' My heart all full of pain I would dance and be merry Life would be a ding-a-derry If I only had a brain

INSTRUMENTAL

Gosh, it would be awful pleasin' To reason out the reason For things I can't explain

Then perhaps I'll deserve ya And be even worthy of ya If I only had a brain

We're off to see the Wizard

We're off to see the Wizard The wonderful Wizard of Oz We hear he is a whiz of a wiz If ever a wiz there was If ever, oh ever a wiz there was The Wizard of Oz is one because Because, because, because, because Because of the wonderful things he does We're off to see the Wizard The wonderful Wizard of Oz

Singing in the Rain Gene Kelly

I'm singin' in the rain, just singin' in the rain What a glorious feeling I'm happy again I'm laughing at clouds so dark above The sun's in my heart and I'm ready for love Let the stormy clouds chase everyone from the place Come on with the rain, I've a smile on my face I'll walk down the lane with a happy refrain And singin' just singin' in the rain

I'm dancing in the rain,

I'm happy again

I'm singing and dancing in the rain

INSTRUMENTAL

Dancing and Singing in the rain

Swing on a Star Bing Crosby

Would you like to swing on a star Carry moonbeams home in a jar And be better off than you are Or would you rather be a mule?

A mule is an animal with long funny ears Kicks up at anything he hears His back is brawny but his brain is weak He's just plain stupid with a stubborn streak And by the way, if you hate to go to school You may grow up to be a mule

Or would you like to swing on a star Carry moonbeams home in a jar And be better off than you are Or would you rather be a pig?

A pig is an animal with dirt on his face His shoes are a terrible disgrace He has no manners when he eats his food He's fat 'n lazy and extremely rude But if you don't care a feather or a fig You may grow up to be a pig

Or would you like to swing on a star Carry moonbeams home in a jar And be better off than you are Or would you rather be a fish?

A fish won't do anything, but swim in a brook He can't write his name or read a book To fool the people is his only thought And though he's slippery, he still gets caught But then if that sort of life is what you wish You may grow up to be a fish A new kind of jumped-up slippery fish

And all the monkeys aren't in the zoo Everyday you'll meet quite a few So you see it's all up to you You can be better than you are You could be swingin' on a star

Love me Tender Elvis

Love me tender Love me sweet Never let me go You have made my life complete And I love you so Love me tender Love me true All my dreams fulfilled For my darlin' I love you And I always will

> Love me tender Love me long Take me to your heart For it's there that I belong And we'll never part Love me tender Love me true All my dreams fulfilled For my darlin' I love you And I always will

Love me tender Love me dear Tell me you are mine I'll be yours through all the years Till the end of time Love me tender Love me true All my dreams fulfilled For my darlin' I love you And I always will

Raindrops Keep Fallin on my Head B.J. Thomas

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head, An' just like the guy who's feet are too big for his bed, Nothin' seems to fit, Those raindrops are fallin' on my head, They keep fallin'...

So i just did me some talkin' to the sun, And i said i didn't like the way he got things done, Sleepin' on the job, Those raindrops are fallin' on my head, They keep fallin', but there's one thing, i know, The blues they send to meet me, Won't defeat me, It won't be long 'till happiness Steps up to greet me...

Raindrops keep fallin' on my head, But that doesn't mean my eyes will soon be turnin' red, Cryin's not for me, 'cause, i'm never gonna stop the rain by complainin' Because I'm free, Nothin's worryin' me Nothin's worryin' me... It won't be long till happiness steps up to greet me.

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I'm forever blowing bubbles

I'm forever blowing bubbles Pretty bubbles in the air They fly so high, nearly reach the sky Then like my dreams they fade and die Fortune's always hiding I've looked everywhere I'm forever blowing bubbles Pretty bubbles in the air I'm f-f-forever b-b-blowing bubbles Pretty bubbles in the air They f-f-fly so high, nearly reach the sky Then in my d-d-dreams they fade and d-d-die Fortune's always hiding I've looked everywhere I'm f-f-forever b-b-blowing bubbles Pretty bubbles in the air

Living Doll - Cliff Richard

Got myself a cryin' talkin' sleepin' walkin' livin' doll Got to do the best to please her just 'cause she's a living doll Got a rovin' eye and that is why she satisfies my soul Got the one and only walkin' talkin' livin' doll

Take a look at her hair it's real if you don't believe what I say just feel Gonna' lock her up in a trunk so no big hunk can steal her away from me

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Mamma Mia

I've been cheated by you, since I don't know when So I made up my mind, it must come to an end Look at me now, will I ever learn? I don't know how but I suddenly lose control There's a fire within my soul Just one look and I can hear a bell ring One more look and I forget everything, oh oh Mamma mia, here I go again My my, how can I resist you? Mamma mia, does it show again? My my, just how much I've missed you Yes, I've been broken hearted Blue since the day we parted Why, why did I ever let you go? Mamma mia, now I really know My my, I could never let you go

I been angry inside by things that you do I can't count all the times that I told you were through And when you go, when you slam the door I think you know. That you won't be away too long, You know that I'm not that strong Just one look and I can hear a bell ring One more look and I forget everything, oh oh Mamma mia, here I go again My my, how can I resist you? Mamma mia, does it show again? My my, just how much I've missed you Yes, I've been broken hearted Blue since the day we parted Why, why did I ever let you go

> Mamma mia even if I say My my, leave me now or never Mamma mia, it's a game we play My, my doesn't mean forever Mamma mia here I go again My my, how can I resist you? Mamma mia, does it show again? my, my just how much I missed ya! Yes, I've been broken hearted Blue since the day we parted Why, why did I ever let you go Mamma mia, now I really know My my, I could've never let you go

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Bury	A precious stone	
Sore	A flower	
Soil	A tower to store grain in farms	
Late	A story	
Save	A container for flowers	
Ocean	A narrow boat propelled by paddles	
Coral	Christmas song	
Dairy	A journal	
Flier	Agun	
Satin	A virtuous person, holy	
Rinse	Warning sound from an ambulance	



Solutions



ST. PATRICK'S DAY



SUMMER VACATION



HAPPY NEW YEAR



HARVEST FESTIVAL



MERRY CHRISTMAS



MOTHER'S DAY



NEW YEAR'S EVE



SCHOOL DAYS



SPRING



Childhood Stories Quiz

Solution

Answers:

- 1. Alexandre Dumas
- 2. Peter Pan
- 3. The Fisherman and His Wife
- 4. A Christmas Carol
- 5. A balloon
- 6.Brothers Grimm
- 7. Kansas
- 8. Alice
- 9. Lucy, the youngest sibling
- 10. Timmy, the dog
- 11. Little Women
- 12. The Secret Garden
- 13. A washer woman
- 14. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- 15. Anna Sewell
- 16. Wilbur
- 17. 101
- 18. Madeline
- 19. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- 20. Christopher Robin

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Crosswords



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Happy New Year **T** ⁴**H** 5 2 3 M G Т F D Ν 6 7 Y F Α Μ Μ L Α Α Ν Ε Ρ R Ε 9 8 Ċ С Κ L Ο Ρ Ε Α R Α D Α W Ο Y R Ε 10 T ¹¹ **H** U Ο ¹²**C** 13 Ν Ν U R Y J Α Α Ο Т Т K Α Α ¹⁴ F S S Т D L R ¹⁵C F 0 Ν Ε Т Т W Ν Ν D ¹⁶C ¹⁷**P** Ε Μ G Н Α Α Ν ¹⁸ K Н R Α ¹⁹ Ε Ε S U Т Ο Ν L Ο S Т Ε ²⁰ S С R U Y

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1	In Britain we call it Shrove Tuesday (pancake day) what is it called in France?	Mardi Gras
2	Easter Island belongs to which country?	Chile
3	Which university term begins after Easter?	Trinity
4	Some months have 31 days,others have 30 days. How many have 28 days?	All months have 28 days.
5	What is known as Osterhase in Germany?	The Easter hare
6	In1873, which company introduce the first chocolate Easter egg in Britain?	J.S Fry of Bristol, Cadbury launched its version two years later
7	Who was the first person to have seen Jesus alive on the first Easter Sunday?	Mary Magdalene
8	Name the wife of Roger Rabbit in the animated film 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit" 1988?	Jessica, voice of Kathleen Turner
9	In which Beatles song will you find the lines "I am the egg man, they are the egg men"?	I am the Walrus
10	Which Australian Supermodel was born on Easter Sunday, 1964?	Elle Macpherson
11	Name the novel by Richard Adams that features a group of rabbits, including Fiver, Hazel and Bigwig?	Watership Down
12	Which Scottish side plays football at Easter Road?	Hibernian FC
13	What can't be used until it's broken?	An Egg
14	Which British Monarch decreed that hot cross buns could no longer be sold on any day except for Good Friday, Christmas or for burials?	In 1592, Queen Elizabeth
15	Name the cartoon character known for this quote? "Be ve-wy,ve-wy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits".	Elmer Fudd

16	What decides the date of Easter Sunday?	The Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox
17	The Good Friday agreement, signed on Good Friday 1998,is also known as what?	The Belfast Agreement, it was reached on 10th April 1998
18	Nick Easter is a former professional in which sport?	Rugby Union
19	What is the name of the fruitcake traditionally eaten at Easter?	Simnel Cake
20	Decipher this anagram of an Easter character, Heath Charmer?	The March hare.
21	In 2004 who directed the controversial biblical film, 'The Passion of the Christ?	Mel Gibson
22	Often used to decorate Church altars and a religious symbol of Easter, also commonly gifted on Easter Sunday, name the flower .	Easter Lily
23	Released in 2000, who sang "Sweet like Chocolate"	Shanks & Bigfoot
24	Who is known as the artist of the painting 'The Last Supper'?	Leonardo Da Vinci, 1495
25	How was Jesus described on the plaque that was placed above his head on the cross?	Jesus the Nazarine, King of the Jews.
26	Complete the name of the English post –punk band, Echo and the ?	Bunny Men
27	At Easter time Pysanka is the art of what?	Easter egg painting.
28	What colour eggs does "Sam I am " not like in the Dr Seuss book?	Green
29	What was the name of the murder released instead of Jesus by Pontius Pilot?	Barabbas
30	Name the song ""No, you wont stop talkin, why don't you give it a rest?"	Rabbit (Chas & Dave)

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31	Name the Aesop's fable whose moral is 'slow and steady wins the race'?	The Tortoise and the Hare.
32	Which British actress (also associated with Harry Potter) provided the voice for the Cadbury's Caramel Bunny?	Miriam Margolyes
33	Decipher this anagram of an Easter character, Hitter With Babe?	The White Rabbit
34	In what book are the first spoken words "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!"?	The White Rabbit says that in Alices' Adventures in Wonderland .
35	Between 1958 -1963, which Berkshire village was the focus of an annual Easter protest march?	Aldermaston
36	In which of William Shakespeare's plays is the poem known as 'Spring' (entitled 'Ver') sung at the end?	Love Labours Lost
37	The WW1 German attacks called Kaiser's Battle were also known as what?	The 1918 Spring Offensive, or Kaiserschlacht
38	Which character in The Wind in the Willows said, "Bother? And O' blow! And also 'Hang Spring-cleaning?	Mole
39	'Primavera', or 'Spring', is a famous painting by which celebrated artist?	Sandro Botticelli, 15th Century
40	What is the name of the Roman Goddess of Spring?	Flora
41	I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no rocks. I have water, but no fish. What am I?	А Мар
42	What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?	The Letter R
43	Who coined the term "Hope springs eternal"?	This expression was coined by Alexander Pope
44	"June is Busting Out All Over" is a song from which musical comedy?	Carousel Roger's and Hammerstein 1945
45	Name the six foot rabbit in the film starring James Stewart in 1950	Harvey

46	How many silver coins did Judas Iscariot received in payment to betray Jesus?	30
47	Name the musical film featuring (among others) the songs " Steppin' out with my Baby " & "We're a couple of swells "	Easter Parade : Fred Astaire & Judy Garland
48	In a game somewhat similar to conkers, egg fighting is an traditional annual event in which country ?	Bulgaria
49	Originally held on Boxing day, the Super League match between Wigan Warriors and St Helens is now held on what day ?	Good Friday , moved in 1996 when the Rugby League
50	Who wrote 4 novels about Harry 'Rabbit' Angstrom ?	John Updyke
51	Often found in computer software , a secret message , joke or sceen is known as a what ?	An Easter Egg
52	Start with the number of days in Lent	$40 \\ 14 = 54 \\ 13 = 41 \\ 92 = 133 (1) \\ 010 \\ $
53	A Faberge Imperial egg and a whispered word from Orson Wells , what is it ?	7 = 126 (2) Rosebud (3)
54	Scottish comedian and actor , Charles Thomas McKinnon Murray was better known as ?	Chic Murray
55	Name the Junior Health Minister at the centre of the eggs and salmonella scandal in 1988, who resigned as a result.	Edwina Curry

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NAME THE DOG

How many dogs can you name?

ANSWERS

- 1. Chow Chow
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Satin	A virtuous person, holy	Saint
Rinse	Warning sound from an ambulance	Siren

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