April Fool's Day

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April Fool’s Day is the first day in April.

This custom originated in France. When the French first adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1582, some people continued to use the old calendar and to celebrate the New Year's Day on April 1. These people were called April fools.

In France April Fool's Day is known as Poison d'Avril (April Fish Day). Children will sometimes make a paper fish and try to attach it to the back of the coat or dress of grown-up, and then dance along behind out, "See the April Fish!"

The fun of April Fool’s Day is to play silly but harmless jokes on family members, co-workers and friends.

Here are some typical pranks:

- Calling the zoo and asking to Mr. Lion
- Putting salt in the sugar bowl
- Setting the clock back an hour
- Saying to a friend, “Oh, my! Your have four big holes in your coat…Button-holes.”
- Crying out to someone that their shoelace was undone
- Sending somebody upon a false errand

Fast Legs!

by Lenore Hetrick

April Fool's Day is a lot of good fun!
But, of course, you have to be able to run!
After you've played a sly joke or two,
Running is quite the best thing you can do.

Ringing doorbells is a joke that I like a lot!
And putting pepper in candy to make it taste hot!
Also, telephone calls that are only a trick!
Oh, there's all kinds of nonsense, so just take your pick.

But one thing you need for April Fool's fun!
You need two fast legs – for you're certain to run!
After you've played a good trick or two,
Running is quite the best thing you can do!

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Are you an April Fool?

Which jokes are true and which ones are April Fool's jokes?

- The Queen of England has got two birthdays?
- Next year British money is changing. Robbie Williams is on all notes.
- David Beckham pays £300 for a haircut.
- In London they are building a new Big Ben clock with a digital watch face.
- In Scotland the national food is sheep's stomach.
- In England you can buy chocolate crisps

Can you guess riddles?

- There are six of us in every family? But only four in the town, what are we?
- Which month has 28 days?
- What can live on paper, but will die on water?
- I have cities but no houses, forests but no trees; rivers without water, what am I?

Answer the following questions

1. Is April Fool's Day an English or an international tradition?
2. Do you ever play tricks on your friends?
3. Do children enjoy All Fool's Day?
4. What has always been the favourite trick of all children in the world?
5. Did anybody ever send you upon a false errand?
6. Is it easy to play a trick on somebody?

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How many words can you make out of APRIL FOOL'S DAY?

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Happy April Fool's Day!