

What's up in March?

Name _____ Date _____



1. Alexander Bell was born on 3rd March 1847. He invented:
a) electric lights
b) the horseless carriage
c) the telephone
d) photography
2. A 30 mph speed limit in built up areas was introduced in March in which year?
a) 1935
b) 1953
c) 1972
d) 1964
3. On 23rd March 1891, what was used for the first time in English football?
a) studs on boots
b) a 28" ball
c) goal nets
d) a stadium holding 10,000
4. Heathrow Airport opened on 25th March in which year?
a) 1956
b) 1923
c) 1960
d) 1948
5. Coca-Cola was first sold in March 1886 in Atlanta, where sales in the first year were 9 servings per day. Today, worldwide daily servings are estimated at:
a) 1.9 billion
b) 2.4 million
c) 2.4 billion
d) 1.9 million
6. The Eiffel Tower was opened in Paris on 31st March 1889. It is 324m tall. How much is that in feet?
a) 900
b) 1,063
c) 2,014
d) 670
7. 17th March celebrates the patron saint of Ireland. This is:
a) St. David
b) St. George
c) St. Andrew
d) St. Patrick
8. Holi is a major festival, held in March, for which faith?
a) Islam
b) Judaism
c) Hinduism
d) Buddhism

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Answers and teaching notes

A starter or ice breaker featuring random facts about March. Includes some embedded maths and E&D (equality and diversity) and is suitable for all levels of Functional Skills.

To further extend the maths, you could ask learners to:

- discuss ordinal numbers (e.g. 17th) *Entry 1 upwards*
- write answers in figures (e.g. 2.4 million = 2 400 000) *Level 1+*
- calculate how long ago something happened (e.g. Heathrow Airport opened xx years ago) *Entry 3+*
- write large numbers as words (e.g. 1,063 = one thousand and sixty three) *Entry 3+*
- discuss other metric - Imperial conversions (e.g. 28" ball = ?? cm) *Level 2*

To embed and extend English, you could ask learners to:

- research the topic of any question on the web or a library (*E2 upwards*)
- discuss the topic of any question in further detail (*any level*)
- look at abbreviations (e.g. St., 28", mph) (*any level*)
- discuss the use of capital letters for proper nouns (religions, cities, months, countries, etc.) *E2+*
- write /spell years in words (e.g. 1964 = nineteen sixty four) *E2+*
- look at silent letters (e.g. photograph, telephone) *E3+*
- look at spelling patterns / suffixes in unusual / difficult / technical words (e.g. -ism, -illion) *Level 1+*

Answers

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| 1. The telephone | 3. Goal nets | 5. 1.9 billion | 7. St Patrick |
| 2. 1935 | 4. 1948 | 6. 1,063 | 8. Hinduism |