

May Day

May Day is 1st May. Monday 5th May 2008 is a bank holiday. Many towns and villages have May Day fairs. Some choose a May Queen.



A recent May Queen of Brentham, England, Eleanor Teasdale, on her throne.

Sometimes there is Morris dancing.

Morris dancing on May Day,
Oxford 2004.



Sometimes people dance with ribbons around a Maypole.



Villagers & Morris-men dancing beside the
Maypole on Ickwell Green, Bedfordshire.
Dawn on 1st May 2005.

Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_Day accessed 21/4/08

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- Put these words in the right order so the sentence makes sense.

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- Read the text and answer the questions.

1) When is May Day?

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2) When is the May Day bank holiday?

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3) What sort of dancing might you see at a May Day fair?

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- Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

4) What is the name of the May Queen?

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5) Where are the Morris dancers performing?

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6) When was the maypole dance?

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➤ Now answer these questions.

1) Match the words.

Draw a line from the lower case word to the upper case word.

dance	RIBBON
ribbon	HOLIDAY
queen	DANCE
holiday	QUEEN

2) Circle the word which does not rhyme.

May	day	say	dance
queen	been	choose	seen

3) Put these words into alphabetical order.

May ribbon day is

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May Day Sentences

Where are the sentences?

➤ Add full stops and capital letters to these passages to show the sentences.

1) Kate is going to the May fair she is too young to be a May Queen she wants to watch the dancing.

2) James and Jack are Morris men the Morris men meet in the village hall every Wednesday they can do lots of dances they will dance at the May Day fair.

3) Dean and April go to the village school they will dance round the maypole at the May fair.



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Shipton Primary School
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1 May 2008

Dear Parents

I am writing to remind you that the school will be closed next Monday 5th May for the bank holiday.

I hope to see you at the village fair. Races for Key Stage 1 children will take place on the Green at 10.30am. Children who are dancing round the maypole must meet on the Green at 2pm. The May Queen will be chosen in the village hall at 3pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

F Brown
Headmaster

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May Day Letter

➤ Read the letter then answer these questions.

- 1) Who wrote this letter?
- 2) Who will read it?
- 3) When will the school be closed?
- 4) Where will the children have races?
- 5) When do the dancers have to meet?
- 6) What will happen at 3pm?
- 7) How many syllables are there in these words?

closed
bank
children
holiday
headmaster

8) Put these words into alphabetical order.

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Village Fair

Monday 5th May



Come and join in the fun.

**Children's races
Maypole dancing
May Queen competition**

**All day on the Green
from 10am.**

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May						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5 May Day Holiday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Spring Holiday	27	28	29	30	31	