

Newspaper Fun



April Fool's Day is a time of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that is not really there! April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were bid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the "right day" to visit and give gifts.

News traveled slowly in those times, so many people kept April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called April Fools.

Today, on April 1st, you might hear people call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling him or her an April fish. That person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a time to share some laughter with friends and family.



What!
Snow in
April? No
way...
tulips
maybe.

Surely You Jest!

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Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. hurting
no one
2. trick, jest
3. new calendar
that replaced old one
4. chuckling
5. April Fool's Day
6. country where custom
may have started
7. a jester might _____
around to entertain crowds
8. court jester would entertain him

9. clown
10. an April fish
(French)
11. first day of
calendar
12. day of pranks
this month

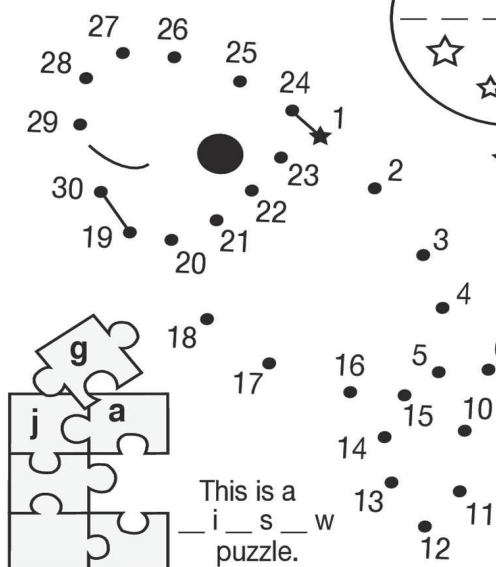
Gregorian
New Year
France
un poisson
d'Avril
jester

laughter
prank
king
travel
Hee! Hee!
Geesh! Now I'm playing tricks on myself.
Heel! Heel!

Synonyms are words that have almost the same meaning. Can you find and circle 3 or more synonyms for the word "prank"?

Easily Caught!

What takes the bait and is easily caught? **Connect the dots to find out:**

I like
a gag!An antic
too!

This fellow loves to entertain people. Can you unscramble the letters in each ball to spell the name of a person whose job it is to make people laugh?

Inwoc

reestj

olfo

This is a
i _ s _ w
puzzle.

Puzzles & Fun Words

A puzzle may be solved by thinking it out. Can you find and circle the different kinds of puzzles and fun words below?

C C D R G F U T X J P I H S P R Z M I
O W O S Z D Q X T F E W O V K J I A C
L G N I W Y J B L Y W L B U N T C Z O
O R P R A C T I C A L J O K E B B E M
R D G Y U Q L O F P L U E R L P R T E
I P J E S T O H O J F W A P Q B A T D
N R Q H S O T J K A R N F S R T I U Y
F I I D T A C R O S S W O R D C N P G
C J N D M E B R B M V O N P J I T I D
U C E Z D D I N R X P Q R Y O H E H P
D C M H K L P S K E U G M O K G A G K
Y W I Z V Q E E W G N A J X E M S T V
J R B W O R D S E A R C H I N T E T A
P F J I G S A W P R A N K W C I R I M

pun
gag
jest

word search
brain teaser
practical joke

joke
math
maze

prank
riddle
color-in

jigsaw
comedy
crossword