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Edible Spring Traditions

People celebrate the arrival of spring with traditional foods that reflect their culture and joy. Let's take a look at some of these tasty traditions!



Butter Lambs (Russia, Slovenia, Poland): Traditional Easter table decorations made of butter, shaped like lambs. Handmade versions are still popular. Proper etiquette: start from the back, leave the head for last.

Chocolate Bilby (Australia):

Introduced to replace the Easter
Bunny and raise awareness for
bilby conservation. Now a
common Easter treat in
Australia.





Cimburijada (Bosnia): Known as the Festival of Scrambled Eggs, this Bosnian tradition marks spring with a feast of scrambled eggs cooked in giant pots at dawn.

Spring Festivals

Here are some festivals people celebrate in the spring!

Holi (India) – The Festival of Colors marks the arrival of spring with bonfires, dancing, sweets, and throwing colored powder.





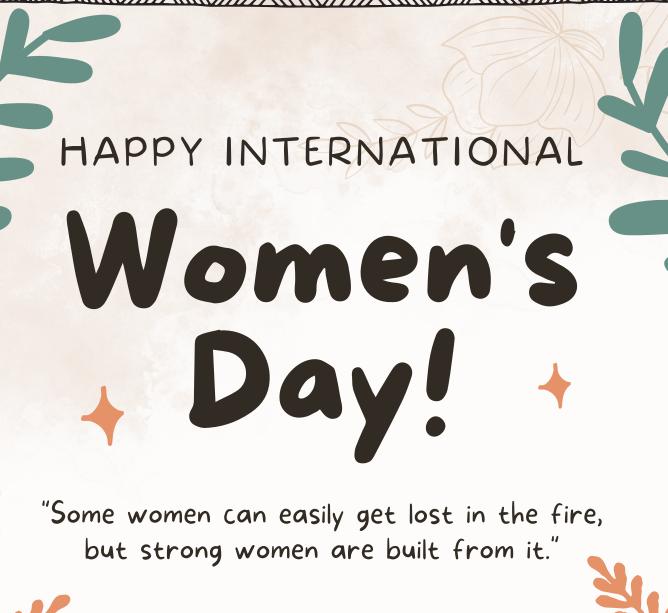
Songkran (Thailand) - Thai New Year celebration in April, featuring large-scale water fights symbolizing renewal.

Spring Equinox at Teotihuacan (Mexico) – People dressed in white climb the Pyramid of the Sun to absorb the equinox's positive energy.





Flower Parade (Holland) - A parade of elaborate floats covered in tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils travels from Noordwijk to Haarlem.



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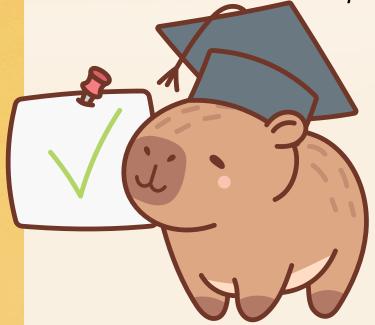
WORLD'S WOMEN'S DAY

- International Women's Day is celebrated every year on March 8th. This day honors the brave women who fought for equal rights and fair treatment. More than a century ago, women did not have the same opportunities as men. They worked hard to earn rights like voting, better working conditions, and equal treatment.
- In Turkey, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk made great changes for women's rights. He believed that women should have the same chances as men. Because of his reforms, Turkish women gained the right to vote and run for office. We can never thank him enough for giving women these important rights.
- Today, we celebrate the achievements of women in many areas such as education, science, sports, and art. International Women's Day reminds us that while we have made progress, we must continue to work together for true equality for





April 1st is the day dedicated to playful jokes and pranks.





The Tale of April Fools' Day:

In 1564, King Charles IX of France moved the New Year celebration from April 1 to January 1. Some individuals resisted this change and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1. To tease these people, April 1 was designated as a day for jokes and pranks.

Some April Fools Jokes That Are Made By Companies



McDonald's is launching a "glowin-the-dark burger."

Burger King is introducing "single fries."





Finally, Coca-Cola is introducing these exciting new flavors of their cola.

INTERVIEW WITH XAVIER, SPANISH TEACHER



What inspired you to become a Spanish teacher?

Becoming a Spanish teacher was somewhat of a coincidence in my life. Before coming to Turkey, I lived in England for over ten years, where I initially worked as a Spanish teacher. Over time, I started teaching online, which I really enjoyed. This experience opened up new opportunities for me, and I eventually decided to study and pursue teaching professionally. I've now been a Spanish teacher for four years, teaching Spanish to nonnative speakers, and it has been a truly rewarding experience.

What do you enjoy most about teaching Spanish?

Teaching my own language is very important to me because it's part of my heritage, my country, and my identity. What I enjoy the most, though, is seeing my students' enthusiasm. Even if just one student is excited about learning Spanish, it makes my day. In addition to teaching the language, I also try to introduce my students to Spanish culture, so they get to experience both the language and the traditions that come with it.

What are some common misconceptions about the Spanish language or culture?

One of the most common misconceptions is that all Spaniards love football and dance flamenco. People often ask me, "Are you from Barcelona or Madrid?" or "Do you dance flamenco?" But the truth is, not everyone in Spain loves football, and not everyone knows how to dance flamenco. Personally, I do enjoy football, but I'm more into rock and roll than flamenco dancing! That being said, I do enjoy watching flamenco performances, but dancing is a different story.

Which aspect of Spanish culture do you like the most?

Spanish culture is rich and diverse, but what stands out the most is our approach to life. We believe in making the most of every moment and staying positive, even in difficult situations. There's a saying in Spanish: poco a poco–which means "little by little"–reminding us to take things one step at a time. We know life is short, so we try to enjoy it as much as possible while maintaining a positive outlook.

Why do you think it's important to learn Spanish?

Learning Spanish is important for many reasons. Did you know that over 550 million people speak Spanish worldwide? It is the second most spoken language after Chinese. While English remains the dominant global language for business and communication, Spanish is quickly gaining importance. In fact, Spanish is in close competition with English in many regions, and who knows—maybe one day it will surpass it!

For students, knowing multiple languages opens countless opportunities. If you already speak Turkish and English, adding Spanish to your skillset will give you an even greater advantage. It can lead to new career paths, international experiences, and the ability to connect with more people around the world.

FASHION

What to Wear in Graduation Ceremony



For Boys

Color: Shades of gray, black, or dark blue. Top: A tailored jacket paired with a fashionable t-shirt or shirt. Bottom: A sophisticated pair of trousers or

chinos.

Shoes: Choose loafers or contemporary leather footwear.



For Girls

Color: Bordeaux, black, or similar shades.

Top: A long dress or a mini skirt paired with a formal jacket in the same color as the skirt.

Shoes: Choose formal or glittery high heels.

JEWELRY



BRACELET

RECOMMEND THE BRAND
"PANDORA" FOR
BRACELETS.

NECKLACE

I RECOMMEND THE BRAND "SWAROVSKI" FOR NECKLACES.



EARRINGS



I RECOMMEND THE BRAND
"PIER SILVER." WHICH
YOU CAN ALSO FIND IN
ADANA.

Special Days In February

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science, organized annually by UNESCO and UN Women, aims to promote women's roles in science and celebrate their successes. This initiative involves collaboration with governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, universities, and corporations.



World Chocolate Day

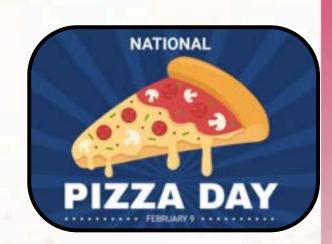


World Chocolate Day is celebrated every year on July 7th, honoring the introduction of chocolate to Europe in the 16th century. This day is a global celebration of chocolate in all its forms, from dark to milk, bars to truffles, and everything in hetween

National Pizza Day

National Pizza Day on February 9th celebrates one of America's all-time favorite foods.

Whether it is thin crust, Chicago-style, deep dish, or anything in between, pizza is an American favorite.





FEBRUARY 14, VALENTINE'S DAY, IS AN IMPORTANT AND LOVING DAY FOR MOST COUPLES. MOST PEOPLE EXPRESS THEIR LOVE FOR THE OTHER PERSON THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS, AND AFTER A WHILE, THIS TRANSFORMS INTO WORDS, LEADING TO TWO PEOPLE DECLARING THEIR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY, COUPLES GIVE EACH OTHER GIFTS LIKE CHOCOLATES, STUFFED ANIMALS, BRACELETS, AND MORE.







MANY PEOPLE HIDE THEIR LOVE BECAUSE THEY FEEL ASHAMED, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD TELL THE PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT HOW WE FEEL. IF WE KEEP OUR LOVE A SECRET, IT MIGHT STAY WITH US FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES, LEAVING A MARK THAT SHOWS HOW MUCH WE LOVED THEM.

I BELIEVE VALENTINE'S DAY IS A WONDERFULLY SWEET AND SIGNIFICANT OCCASION, AS LOVE AND HEARTS ARE IN THE AIR ALL AROUND US.





INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT TABLE TENNIS

Table tennis is a fun sport enjoyed by people all around the world. It started in England as a simple indoor game where people used everyday items like small boxes for paddles and cork pieces for balls. The game was once called "whiff-whaff" because of the unique sounds the ball made when it hit the paddle and the table.

In the 1950s, players began using paddles with a soft sponge layer, which allowed the ball to spin more. This change made the game faster and even more exciting. Table tennis became an official Olympic sport in 1988, and many countries have since competed and earned medals in this fast-paced game.

Interestingly, from about 1930 to 1950, table tennis was banned in the Soviet Union because the government believed it might hurt people's eyesight. Today, China is known as one of the strongest countries in table tennis, with many of the world's best players coming from there.





Manneken Pis Dutch, meaning 'Little Angry Man', is an iconic 55.5cm bronze fountain sculpture in the center of Brussels, depicting a puer mingens; A little boy urinating in a fountain.



What to eat?



Tourists visiting Brussels now make it a must-stop destination to savor freshly prepared waffles. Indeed, the popularity of Brussels waffles has transcended Belgium's borders, becoming an internationally recognized delicacy.

What to buy?

Leonidas is highly regarded for its quality and variety, making it a solid choice for those looking for Belgian chocolate without breaking the bank.







Healthy Snacks

Apple and Peanut Butter

The apple and peanut butter combo is a classic snack that's delicious and nutritious.

Both apples and peanuts are loaded with nutrients that promote your health in a variety of ways.



Vegies and Hummus

A hummus and veggie plate is a great way to contribute to your daily intake of everything vegetables have to offer! Vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals, and fiber.



Cheese and Crackers

Cheese and crackers can be a nutritious snack when combined carefully: Portion Size Matters: A small serving of cheese and a handful of whole-grain crackers can be a good snack that won't disrupt your diet.



Berry Yogurt

Berries are a healthy addtion to yogurt as most are high in antioxidants, fiber, Vitamin C and other essential nutrients.

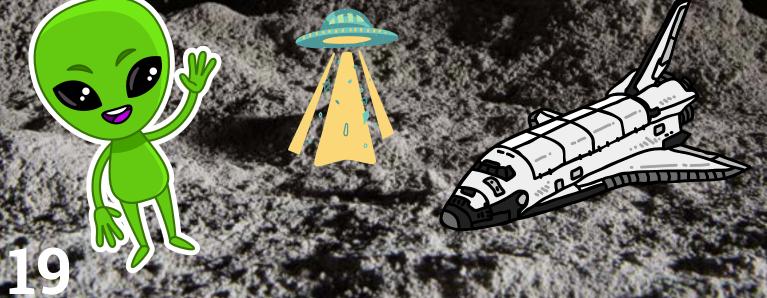


FAMOUS FALSE ALARM

Scientists are usually very cautious when discussing the possibility of extraterrestrial life. However, an incident in August 1996 caused excitement when a NASA team claimed to have found evidence of primitive life from Mars' early history.

A meteorite, which had traveled from Mars to Antarctica over 15 million years, was analyzed under a microscope. Structures resembling tiny fossils of bacteria-like organisms were discovered, and this finding was supported by the presence of some organic molecules and mineral formations associated with biological activity.

However, over time, scientists found simpler, non-biological explanations for these features, making the biological claims less likely.





Mars

Although Mars isn't able to support life today, almost billion years ago it was very similar to Earth. The probability to find fossils are really high.

Europa

Many scientists consider Jupiter's moon Europa (specifically its vast underground ocean) to be the most likely place in the Solar System to host alien life, apart from Earth.

TRAPPIST-1 System

The most promising planetary system found to date. It consists of seven Earth-sized planets orbiting the star TRAPPIST-1. Four of these planets are within the habitable zone, making this system a strong candidate for life.

<u>Proxima Centauri B</u>

A potentially habitable planet orbiting a red dwarf star. Since it is only 4 light-years away and the closest exoplanet to us, the possibility of life there is very exciting.



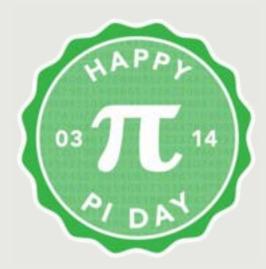
Pi Day

Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π . Pi Day is observed on March 14 since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of π , and was first celebrated in the United States. It was founded in 1988 by Larry Shaw, an employee of a science museum in San Francisco, the Exploratorium.

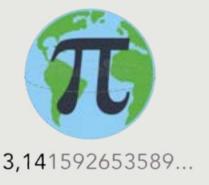
Interesting Facts About Pi Day

Since the exact value of pi can never be calculated, we can never find the accurate area or circumference of a circle

Physicist Larry Shaw started celebrating 14 March as Pi day at San Francisco's Exploratorium science museum. There he is known as the Prince of Pi.



International Π Day



How We Celebrated Pi Day



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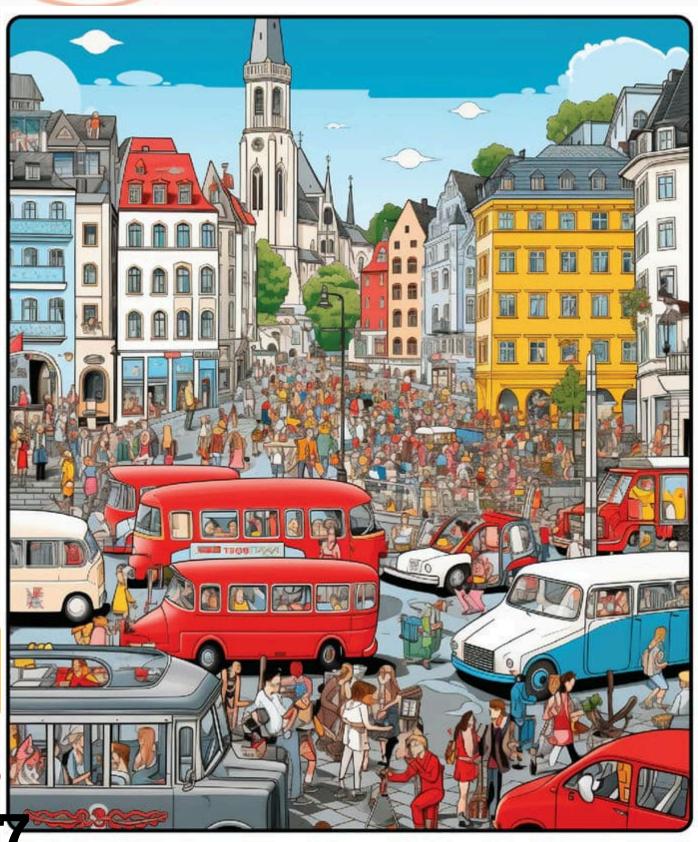






Spot The Difference Game

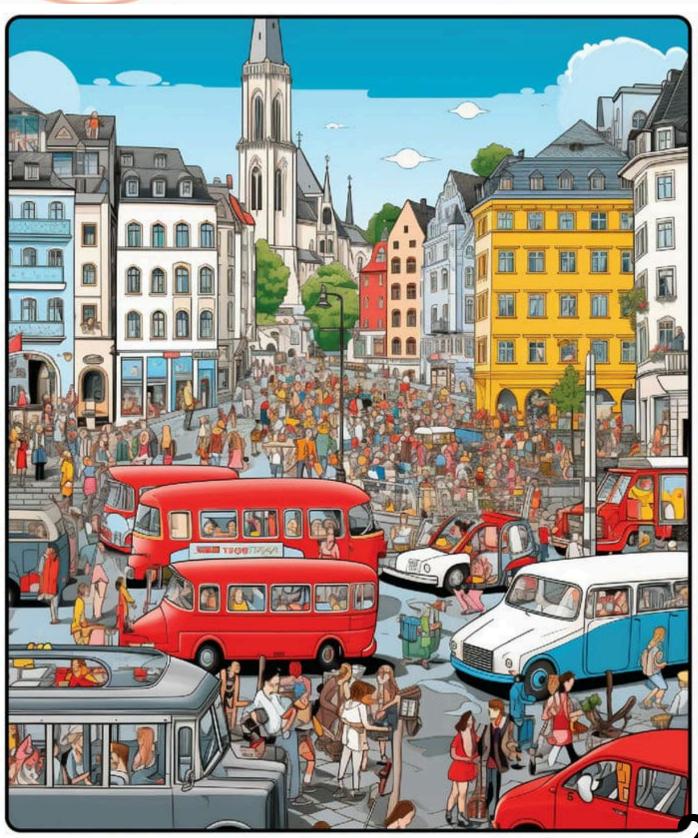
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Spot The Difference Game

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Biodiversity Museum













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TRADITIONAL TURKISH

CHILDREN'S GAMES

Türkiye's culture features traditional children's games that vary by region but share similarities. These games, which can include sticks, pebbles, balls, or knuckle-bones, may be active or involve riddles, rhymes, or songs. The belief is that all countries share these game experiences.



Skipping Rope

This game is usually played by a group of girls. The rope is made from looped elastic rubber, which becomes a very long rope.



Hide-and-Seek

Hide-and-seek, old and popular children's game in which one player closes his or her eyes for a brief period (often counting to 100) while the other players hide.



The handmade kite is made from a bamboo frame covered with special paper. It has various shapes and colors, so they fly beautifully in the sky.





Marbles

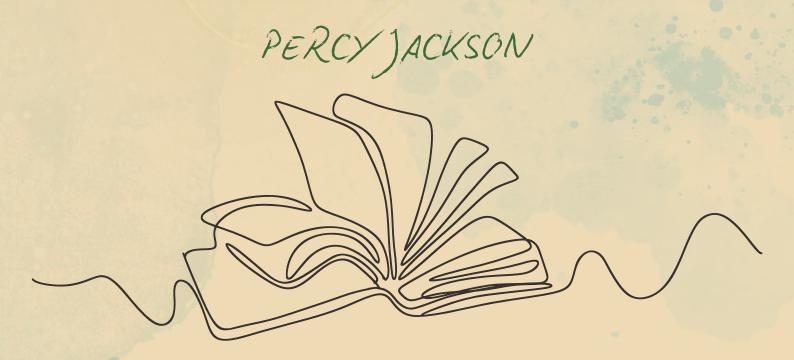
Playing marbles is a popular game among boys. Commonly, they use a circle mark on the ground and compile their marbles within it.



Spinning Top

Topaç is similar to a spinning top, but it is made from bamboo. The game is also the same; they try to knock down each other's top.

BOOK RECOMENDATION





Percy JACKSON was not a regular teenager. As the son of Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea, his life was full of unexpected adventures and mythical challenges. He lived at Camp Half-Blood, a safe place for demigods like him. There, Percy learned to use his special abilities, such as controlling water and talking to sea creatures. His journey was about more than just learning his powers; it was also about finding the true meaning of friendship, courage, and identity. With his loyal friends Annabeth and Grover, Percy went on exciting quests, each one more dangerous than the last, trying to protect both the mortal and immortal worlds from coming threats.

Movie Recommendation



CARMEN SANDIEGO 2019

genre ANIMATED SERIES directed by JOS HUMPHREY MIKE WEST KENNY PARK produced by DUANNE CAPIZZI BRODERBUND

starring GINA RODRIGUEZ FINN WOLFHARD ABBY TROTT
MICHAEL HAWLEY MICHAEL GOLDSMITH PAUL NAKAUCHI



Carmen Sandiego is a young "criminal" woman who fights against to an organization called VILE

Guess what? She also developed her skills at this school for villains!



I recommend joining her adventures to discover some geography along the way!







