

“British holidays, customs and traditions”

I. Underline bank holidays. - Перевести

Hallowe'en, Christmas Day, St. Valentine's Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Pancake Day, Good Friday, May Day Bank Holiday, Guy Fawkes' Night, Easter Monday, April fool's Day, Spring Bank Holiday, Remembrance Day, Mother's Day, Summer Bank Holiday.

II. Complete the sentences. - Сопоставить

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| 1) The 25 th of December is | a) New Year's Day |
| 2) The first Monday after May 1 is | b) Guy Fawkes' Night |
| 3) The 1 st of January is | c) Summer Bank Holiday |
| 4) The last Monday in August is | d) April fool's Day |
| 5) The 14 th of February is | e) Christmas Day |
| 6) The 26 th of December is | f) Hallowe'en |
| 7) The 5 th of November is | g) May Day |
| 8) The 1 st of April is | h) St. Valentine's Day |
| 9) The last Monday in May is | i) Spring Bank Holiday |
| 10) The 31 st of October is | j) Boxing Day |

III. Match. - Сопоставить

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| 1) Hallowe'en | a) joke |
| 2) Easter | b) heart |
| 3) May Day | c) visit friends |
| 4) Guy Fawkes' Night | d) kilt |
| 5) Christmas | e) pumpkin |
| 6) April fool's Day | f) bonfires |
| 7) St. Valentine's Day | g) Hogmanay |
| 8) The Highland Games | h) carols |
| 9) Boxing Day | i) maypole |
| 10) New Year | j) egg |

IV. Guess the holiday and cross out the odd word. – Угадать праздник

- 1) Fir tree, pantomime, Santa Claus, pumpkin, stockings, coloured lights and decorations, cards
- 2) Shrove Tuesday, Maundy Thursday, maypole, making pancakes, going to church, egg-rolling, an ancient symbol of new life
- 3) Trafalgar Square, first footing, Hogmanay, fir tree, Morris dance
- 4) “Penny for a guy”, “trick or treat”, jack-o’lanterns, ghosts, horrible faces, pumpkin
- 5) Joke, tricks, a pint of pigeon’s milk, laugh, autumn
- 6) Love, flowers, summer, cards, winter
- 7) Gunpowder Plot, bonfires, the Houses of Parliament, “Penny for a guy”, jack-o’lanterns
- 8) Jump, witches, kilts, toss, bagpipes, Scotland
- 9) Garlands of flowers, ribbons, Morris dance, the maypole, egg- rolling

V. Complete the sentences with words traditionally associated with Christmas. – Подставить слова

apples	cards	charity	holly	Germany
carols	evergreens	a cracker	Eve	Rome
mistletoe	pudding	presents/gifts	chimney	candles

- 1) The tradition of singing _____, or Christmas songs, at Christmas is older than Christmas itself.
- 2) According to popular custom, any girl or woman caught standing under the _____ may be kissed without her permission.
- 3) Long before Christianity was introduced, _____ were worshipped as symbols of undying life, and used in magical rituals.
- 4) Just before Christmas dinner people often pull _____. It usually makes a sharp noise and releases a toy and a piece of paper with a joke.
- 5) Traditionally people decorate their trees on Christmas _____ — that's December 24.
- 6) A traditional Christmas _____ usually has a piece of holly on the top.
- 7) On Christmas Day everyone gives and receives _____.
- 8) Christmas trees are often decorated with _____ symbolizing Christ as “Light of the World”.
- 9) Christmas _____ often show the pictures of Nativity.
- 10) The _____, with its green leaves and red berries, is often used to make attractive Christmas wreaths.
- 11) The celebration of Christ’s birth on December 25 began in _____ in the fourth century.
- 12) The Christmas tree came originally from _____.
- 13) Santa Claus visits houses by climbing down the _____.
- 14) Carol-singers usually collect money for _____.
- 15) In medieval Germany an evergreen hung with _____ was part of a traditional Christmas performance.

VI. True or false (T/F)? – Правда или ложь?

- 1) All holidays in GB are movable.
- 2) A female first-foot is thought to be a disaster.
- 3) Royal Eisteddfod is a singing and dancing competition.
- 4) The banks don't close on the public holidays in GB.
- 5) In Britain a lot of people make New Year Resolutions on the evening of December 31st.
- 6) At Easter people organize bonfires.
- 7) Children dress up as witches on Guy Fawkes' Night.
- 8) On the Queen's official birthday, there is a traditional ceremony called the Lord Mayor's Show.
- 9) Oxford Street and Regent Street always have beautiful decorations at the New Year and Christmas.
- 10) Hallowe'en is a public holiday.
- 11) "Auld Lang Syne" is sung not only on New Year's Eve and at the close of reunions but also at many other social gatherings.
- 12) Morris is often danced round the Maypole.
- 13) Hogmanay is celebrated in March.
- 14) The Queen's real birthday is on April 21st.
- 15) In England, they do not celebrate the New Year as widely as Christmas.
- 16) The spectacular ceremony of Changing the Guard takes place at Buckingham Palace.
- 17) The ceremony of the keys takes place every morning.
- 18) "The Englishman's home isn't his castle" is the saying known all over the world.
- 19) Gardening is one of the most popular hobbies in the country.
- 20) Animals in GB are not only loved but protected by law.