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FOOLS' DAY  
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April 1, celebrated in various countries, including the United States and Great Britain, and marked by the playing of practical jokes.



Also called All Fools' Day.

In the Middle Ages, New Year's Day was celebrated on 25 March in most European towns. In some areas of France, New Year's was a week-long holiday ending on 1 April. Some writers suggest that April Fools' originated because those who celebrated on 1 January made fun of those who celebrated on other dates.



Playing jokes on 1 April is still normal in English-speaking countries today. In the UK, an April Fool joke is revealed by shouting "April fool!" at the recipient, who becomes the "April fool"





News programmes enjoy the fun too! Here are two of the most famous jokes from the British TV channels, BBC.



# Scotland

In Scotland, April Fools' Day was traditionally called 'Huntigowk Day', although this name has fallen into disuse. The name is a corruption of 'Hunt the Gowk' "gowk" being Scots for a cuckoo.



# Ireland

In Ireland it was traditional to entrust the victim with an "important letter" to be given to a named person. That person would then ask the victim to take it to someone else, and so on. The letter when finally opened contained the words "send the



# USA

Americans play small tricks on friends and strangers alike on the first of April. One common trick on April Fool's Day, or All Fool's Day, is pointing down to a friend's shoe and saying, "Your shoelace is untied."





# In the other countries









Thanks for watching!

