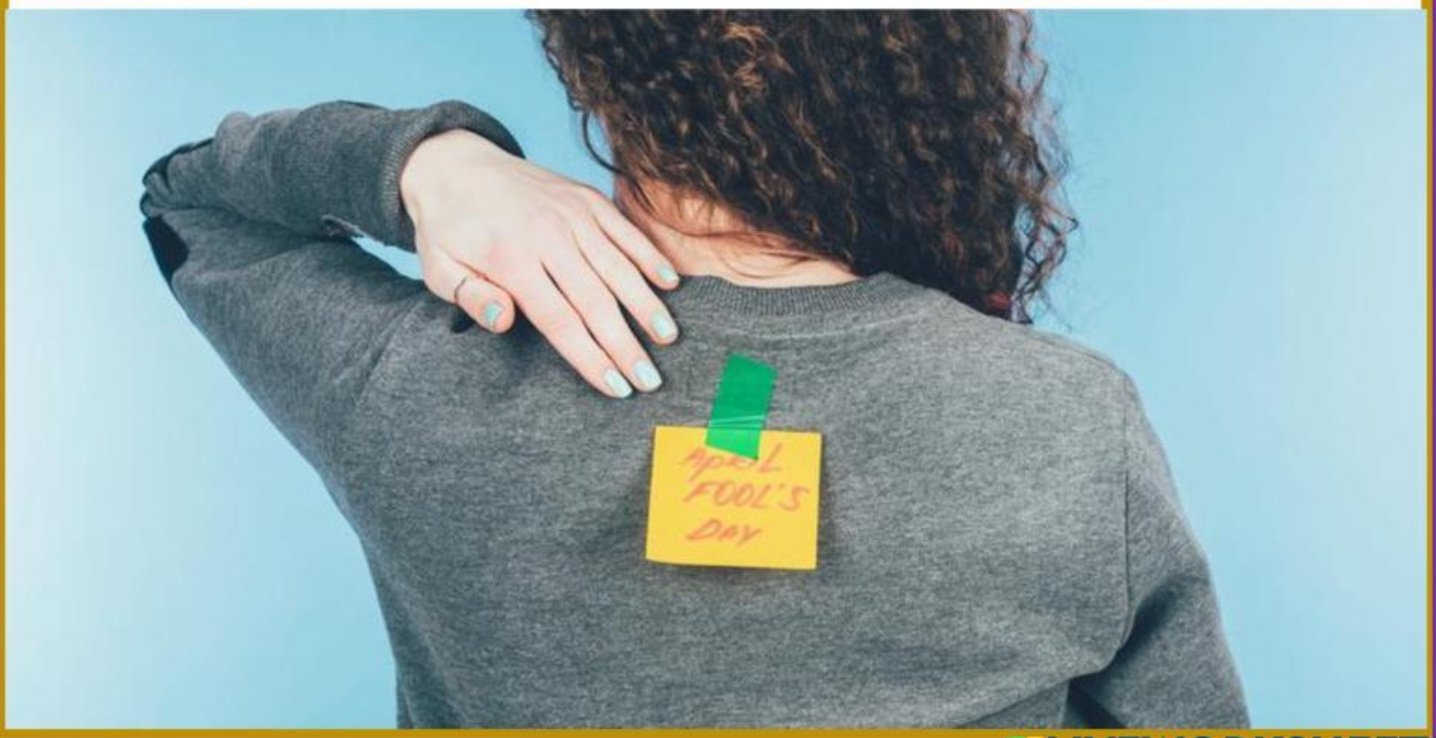
APRIL FOOLS' DAY

Read the text and choose the correct word.

On April Fools' Day, people in many countries play tricks (0)_____ each other. Usually, the tricks involve making friends believe something ridiculous. On (1)_____ day you could, for example, tell a friend there is a huge spider on (2)_____ shoulder. If they believe you, you have succeeded (3)_____ fooling them, and (4)_____ if you could only trick them for a second, you have the right to shout "Apil Fool!"

This day, 1st April, is also known (5)_____ All Fools' Day. In some countries, (6)_____ as Ireland or Cyprus, you can only try to fool someone before 12 noon. (7)_____ you do play tricks after midday, you become the fool instead.

But how (8)_____ this tradition begin? Some say April Fools' Day originated in France when the that country adopted the new Gregorian calendar. In the previous calendar, New Year was celebrated (9)_____ 25th March until 1st April, rather than on 1st January, as in the Gregorian calendar. Some people refused (10)_____ follow the new calendar and continued to celebrate the New Year in Spring. Other people made fun of them and laughed (11)_____ them because they were old-fashioned and didn't want to change. Now April Fools' Day has become a global tradition, and no one is safe! People play tricks on (12)_____, not just on those who don't want to change with the times.



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