

# Language in Practice

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a. Look at the chart and complete the sentences.

<p>😊😊 = love 😊 = like 😐 = don't mind ☹ = don't like ☹☹ = hate</p>		
	William	Amanda
dance at parties	☹☹	😊😊
do housework	😐	☹☹
drive at night	😊	☹
sit in cafés	😐	😊
swim in the sea	😊😊	☹
watch football	☹	😊😊

1 William hates dancing at parties.

Amanda ..... at parties.

2 William ..... housework.

Amanda ..... housework.

3 William ..... at night.

Amanda ..... at night.

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4 William..... in cafés.

Amanda ..... in cafés.

5 William..... in the sea.

Amanda ..... in the sea.

6 William..... football.

Amanda ..... football.

b. Complete the chart.

1/1      14/2      4/7      31/10      25/12

Day	Date	You say...
Christmas Day		
Halloween		
New Year's Day		
US Independence Day		
Valentine's Day		

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c. Read the article about important dates in the UK and find the answers to the questions. Write A, B, C, or D.  
On which day or days... ?

- 1 do some people watch football
- 2 do people remember a moment in history
- 3 do people celebrate a change in the weather
- 4 do people go to work
- 5 do people hear stories which aren't true
- 6 do some people wear special clothes

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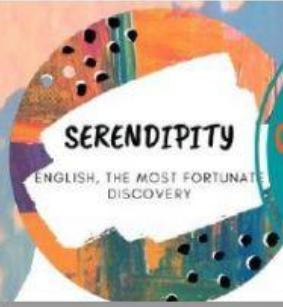


## to remember

A **April Fool's Day** is on 1st April. It isn't a public holiday, but it's a day when people play jokes on friends and family. Some good jokes are in the newspapers or on TV -for example, one year on the BBC there was a programme about spaghetti trees in Switzerland. Many people believed it was true!

B In most countries, **May Day** is on 1st May, but in the UK the holiday is always the first Monday of May. A traditional May Day activity is maypole dancing, when people in colourful clothes dance around a tree or a pole to celebrate the end of winter and the start of sunny weather.

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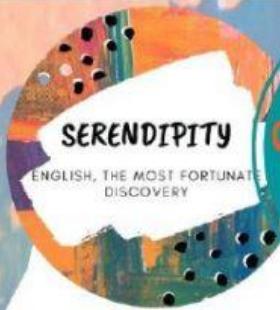
**C Boxing Day** is a holiday on 26th December. If this is a weekend, then the holiday is the following Monday. The name comes from the custom of giving servants a small box with a present or money on this day. Some families meet to watch sport, while others prefer to go shopping on the first day of the sales.

**D Bonfire Night** isn't a holiday but it is a national celebration. On 5th November, people remember Guy Fawkes' plan to destroy the English Parliament in 1605. The plan was not a success, and every year since then towns and villages have huge bonfires and fantastic firework displays. They also burn a model of the man responsible for the plan: Guy Fawkes.

d. Listen to four speakers talk about their "favourite times of year". Match the speakers to the seasons.

Speaker 1	spring
Speaker 2	autumn
Speaker 3	winter
Speaker 4	summer

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Listen again. Match the speakers to the activities they enjoy doing at that time of year.

Speaker 1 walking

Speaker 2 planning

Speaker 3 taking photos

Speaker 4 travelling