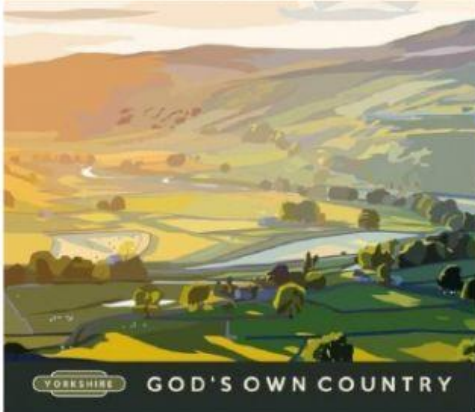


# Happy Yorkshire Day



Yorkshire is an area (called a county) in England. It is divided into three parts, called 'ridings' - North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. It is the biggest county in England. The county town is York. Major cities in Yorkshire include Leeds and Sheffield. The emblem of Yorkshire is the white rose. Many Brits go to the Yorkshire seaside on holiday. Holiday resorts include Scarborough and Whitby. Many famous people come from Yorkshire: for example, the Bronte sisters (writers), David



Hockney (artist) and JB Priestley (playwright). Yorkshire people are very proud of their county and they call it 'God's own country'. Famous attractions there are the Dales, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster races and Haworth, where the Brontes lived. Let's not forget the Yorkshire pudding, a very tasty dish made with eggs, milk and flour. Yorkshire Day, which celebrates this great county, takes place every year on August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are all sorts of celebrations: flower and vegetable competitions, talent shows, musical events and displays of Yorkshire history in libraries and town halls.

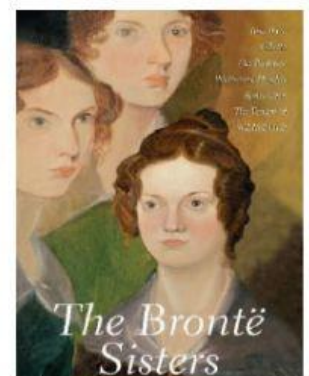
## Say if the statements are true or false:g

- Yorkshire is a county in England.
- There are four ridings.
- It's the smallest county in England.
- York, Leeds and Sheffield are in Yorkshire.
- The white rose is a symbol or emblem of Yorkshire.
- Parts of Yorkshire are on the coast.
- The Bronte sisters were famous painters.
- The Dales are in Yorkshire.
- There are no wildlife parks in Yorkshire
- Yorkshire puddings grow on trees.
- Yorkshire Day takes place annually on August 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Answer the questions in full sentences:

- Where is Yorkshire? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many ridings are there? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the principal town? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the emblem of Yorkshire? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where do many Brits go on holiday? \_\_\_\_\_
- How do Yorkshire people feel about Yorkshire? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who lived in Haworth? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is Yorkshire pudding? \_\_\_\_\_
- When is Yorkshire Day? \_\_\_\_\_



IMAGINE! You are in Yorkshire, which celebrations do you want to go to?

Name:

Class:

Date:

## Vocabulary: Hobbies People Have

Read the words in the box carefully and then match them with the pictures below:

cooking    gardening    knitting    fly a kite    fishing    biking    chess  
dancing    yoga    painting    sewing    collecting (things)



**Complete the sentences:** After understanding the words above, use them to complete these sentences.

1. What is the weather like today? Is it windy enough to \_\_\_\_\_?
2. We went \_\_\_\_\_ with dad last week and caught a big fish for dinner.
3. Mary is \_\_\_\_\_ new curtains for her kitchen.
4. My grandmother is always in the kitchen. She loves \_\_\_\_\_ delicious food.
5. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ teapots for nearly ten years. I have over fifty now.
6. Some people take up \_\_\_\_\_ for relaxation.
7. Nadia loves to play \_\_\_\_\_ with her grandfather, but she never wins.
8. I love \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring. There are so many flowers to plant.
9. Hillary likes \_\_\_\_\_ cardigans and gloves for her children.
10. I love art, so \_\_\_\_\_ has become a new hobby of mine.

**Discussion:** Which of these hobbies do you like? Can you name other hobbies people like?

# THE DEVIL AND THE DONKEY

A man tied his donkey to a tree and went to sort out some business. The Devil came and untied the donkey. The donkey went into a farmer's field and began to eat all the crops. The farmer's wife saw the donkey. She was worried that he was going to eat everything and ruin the harvest, so she took her rifle and shot him. The donkey's owner came back. When he saw the dead donkey, he got angry. He took his rifle and killed the farmer's wife. When the farmer got home and saw that his wife was dead, he was very sad and angry. He killed the donkey's owner. The donkey owner's two sons heard about it. They got very angry and they burned the farmer's house down. They thought the farmer was in the house, but unfortunately for them, he was not. He was in the barn. He ran over and shot and killed the two young men. Then the farmer looked at all the devastation around him and he cried. Through his tears, he asked the Devil why he had caused so much trouble and misery. The Devil replied: "Me? I did nothing, I just



released the donkey. You all over-reacted and you released your inner devil. People caused all the trouble, not me. Good heavens, many people don't even believe I exist!"

## MORALS OF THE TALE:

1. Don't be fooled into fighting people. 2. Don't go looking for revenge. 3. Wait for an explanation before springing into action. 4. Do the right thing: tie the donkey back to the tree (metaphorically). 5. We all have an inner devil in us. 6. We must control our own emotions. 7. Do not blame fate, bad luck, the Devil or other people for your own bad actions. 8. Think before you act. 9. Don't leave your donkey tied to a tree.

## Say if the statements are true or false and correct the false ones:

1. The donkey was tied to a tree.
2. The Devil released it.
3. The donkey ate all the apples off the apple tree.
4. The farmer's wife stroked the donkey.
5. The donkey's owner killed his donkey.
6. The farmer killed the donkey's owner.
7. The donkey's owner had two daughters.
8. The two sons burned the farmer's barn down.
9. The farmer looked at all the horrible things around him and cried.
10. The Devil accepted the blame.

## Answer the questions in full sentences:

- a. What did the man tie his donkey to?
- b. Who untied the donkey?
- c. Where did the donkey go?
- d. Why did the farmer's wife shoot the donkey?
- e. How did the farmer feel about his wife's death?
- f. What did the two sons of the donkey's owner do?
- g. Where was the farmer?
- h. What did the farmer do?
- i. What did the farmer ask the Devil?
- j. What did the Devil say his part in all this was?

## Which of the morals do you agree with? Which is the most important one, in your opinion? Can you add any more morals to this tale?

**Note:** This tale/story is an example of a fable. A fable is a story that features talking animals, plants or forces of nature. A fable always ends with a 'moral'. This is the lesson we can learn through reading the story. One of the most famous fables is 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. The most famous fables are those of Aesop, an ancient Greek born about 620BC.

