



May Day



May Day is a public holiday celebrated on first May. It is a traditional spring holiday and it is celebrated when the weather is warm and flowers and trees blossom. The origins of May Day are in the Roman festival of Flora, the goddess of flowers.

A traditional dance is **Maypole dancing**. People dance around a maypole which is

decorated with flowers and ribbons. Children wear colourful costumes and dance around the pole, holding ribbons.

There is also a **May Queen**. She is the replica of Flora. She wears a long dress and a crown with flowers. She begins the May Day celebrations. She chooses the king, the **Green Man**, and they walk together in the parade.



Another traditional dance is the Morris Dancing. Men and women wear old-fashioned clothes and in the streets of towns and villages. Women wear long skirts and men wear small bells under their knees.

READ AND WRITE TRUE OR FALSE:

- 1) May Day is celebrated on 25th April _____
- 2) The weather is usually warm on May Day _____
- 3) The children dance around a pole _____
- 4) They hold a bell _____
- 5) The May Queen wears trousers _____
- 6) The Morris Dancing is only for men _____
- 7) The May Queen chooses a king _____

