



Happy April Fools Day



VOCABULARY



a fool



a hoax



gullible



a practical
joke

a prank



prankster

HISTORY

- The beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France with the reform of the calendar under **Charles IX**.
- Before that date, the new year was celebrated on April 1st but from that year on, the **New Year's Day** was moved to **January 1st**.
- However, many people did not receive the news for several years and others refused to accept the new calendar and **continued to celebrate the new year on April 1st**.



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- These people were labeled as "fools" and were subject to some ridicule. They were often sent on "fools errands" and other practical jokes were played on them.
- Over time, this evolved, into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. It spread to England and Scotland in the 18th century and it was later introduced to the American colonies.
- April Fools' Day, also known as "All Fools' Day", thus developed into an international fun fest.



TRADITIONS

- Pranks performed on April Fools' Day range from the simple, (such as saying, "Your shoe's untied" or "I accidentally stepped on your glasses!"), to the more elaborated ones.
- Practical jokes are often played on friends or relatives that in the USA can last the entire day.

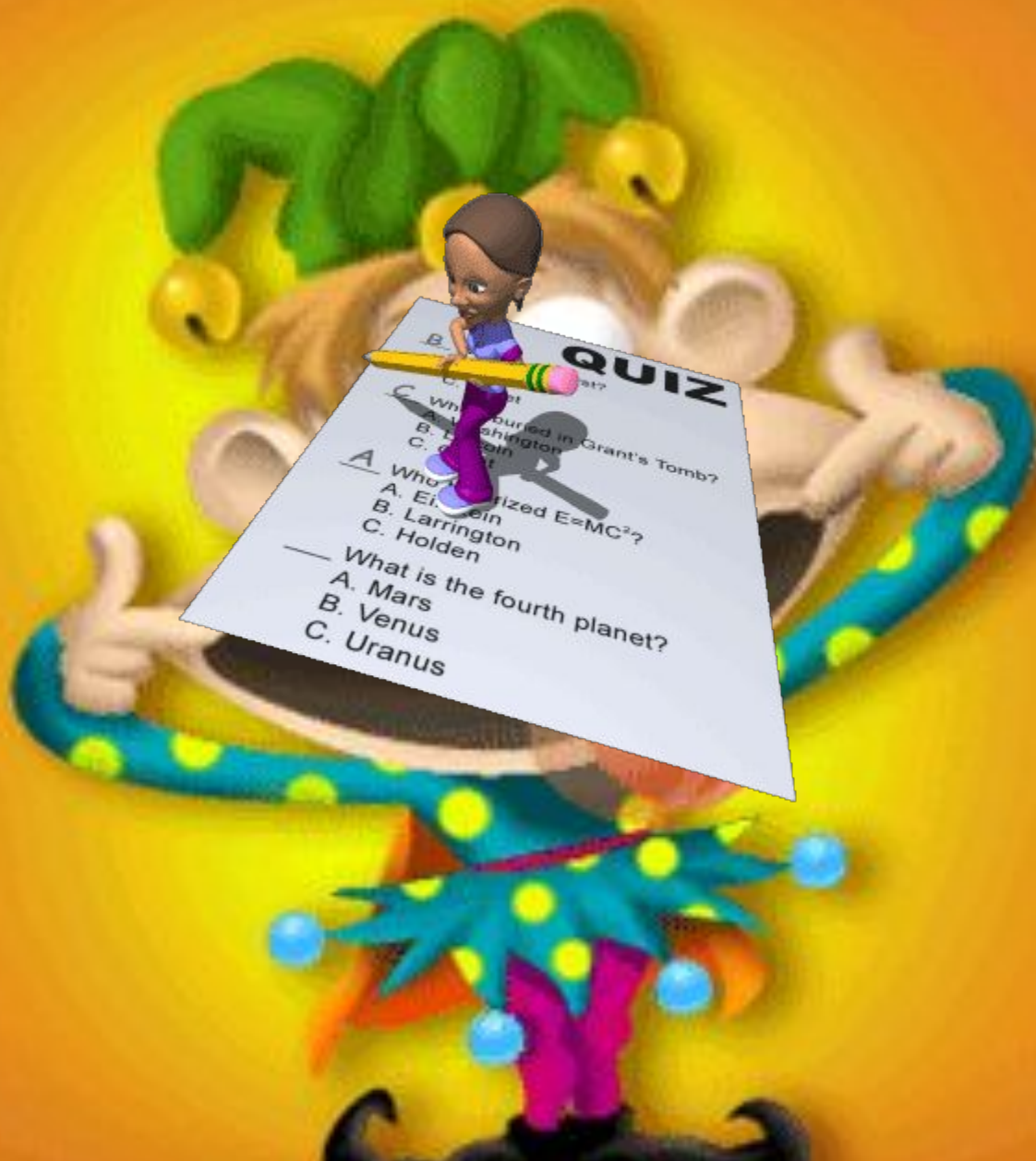


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- There are also very famous hoaxes.
- For example, in 1957 a British short film once shown on April Fools' Day was a detailed documentary about "spaghetti farmers" and how they harvested their crop from the spaghetti trees.



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QUIZ

- ~~B. ...~~
- ~~C. ...~~
- ~~Who is buried in Grant's Tomb?~~

 - ~~A. ...~~
 - ~~B. ...~~
 - ~~C. ...~~
- A. Who ...**

 - A. Einstein
 - B. Larrington
 - C. Holden
- What is the fourth planet?

 - A. Mars
 - B. Venus
 - C. Uranus

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1. April Fools' Day is also known as...

a) Prank day

b) April Sunday

c) All Fools' Day



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2. In the 16th century France, when did the new year begin?

a) January 1st

b) April 1st

c) March 1st



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3. When New Year's Day was changed, many people weren't informed or didn't believe it. These "April Fools" were from which country?

a) Italy

b) Scotland

c) France



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4. In France today, what is April 1st called?

a) Avril avril

b) April poison

c) Poisson d'Avril



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5. The BBC played an April Fools' Day joke on viewers, saying that _____ grew on trees?

a) Spaghetti

b) Shoes

c) Pigs

