



The Day Spaghetti Grew on Trees

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On April 1, 1957, British families sat down to watch a serious TV news show called Panorama. On the screen, a family in Switzerland was picking long noodles from trees. A calm voice said it was a great year for the spaghetti harvest.



② Hundreds of viewers called the BBC after the show. Many of them wanted to grow their own

spaghetti trees at home. The BBC gave them a funny answer. Put a piece of spaghetti in a can of tomato sauce, and hope for the best! Of course, the whole story was a joke for April Fools' Day.

③ April Fools' Day is a day for jokes and tricks. Nobody knows exactly how it started. A popular story says it began in France when the new year moved to January 1. But a poem from 1561 already talks about tricks on April 1. In the poem, a rich man sends his servant on silly errands all day long.

④ Today, people play tricks in many countries. In France and Italy, children secretly stick paper fish on people's backs. Then they shout, "April fish!" In Britain, many people say the tricks must stop at noon. If you play a trick in the afternoon, you are the fool! In Scotland, the day was once called Hunt the Gowk Day, and a gowk is a cuckoo bird.

⑤ Big companies join the fun, too. In 1998, Burger King said it had a new burger for left-handed people. Thousands of customers went to its restaurants and asked for one. Then in 2004, Google announced a new email service, Gmail, on April 1. Many people thought it was a joke, but it was real. So be careful on April 1. Even true news can sound like a trick!

Words 単語

trick いたずら、(人を) だます

joke 冗談

fool ばか者、だまされた人／だます

harvest 収穫、とり入れ

viewer (テレビの) 視聴者

servant 召使い

errand お使い、使い走り

secretly こっそり

noon 正午、昼の12時

cuckoo カッコウ (鳥)

customer (お店の) 客

announce 発表する



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main topic of the reading?

- (A) The history of spaghetti in Italy
- (B) April Fools' Day and some famous tricks
- (C) How to grow trees in Switzerland
- (D) How TV news started in Britain

2. When did the BBC show the spaghetti trees?

- (A) In 1561
- (B) In 1998
- (C) In 1957
- (D) In 2004

3. What did the BBC tell the viewers to do?

- (A) Buy a tree from Switzerland
- (B) Watch the show again
- (C) Write a letter to Panorama
- (D) Put spaghetti in tomato sauce

4. In the 1561 poem, what does the rich man do?

- (A) He sends his servant on silly errands.
- (B) He moves the new year to January.
- (C) He sticks paper fish on people's backs.
- (D) He grows spaghetti in his garden.

5. In paragraph 4, what is a "gowk"?

- (A) A kind of fish
- (B) A cuckoo bird
- (C) A paper hat
- (D) A long noodle

6. Which sentence is true about the reading?

- (A) Everyone knows how the day started.
- (B) Gmail was only a joke by Google.
- (C) In Britain, many say tricks stop at noon.
- (D) Burger King really sold left-handed burgers.

7. Why did so many people believe the spaghetti story?

- (A) It was on a serious news show.
- (B) It was shown in the year 2004.
- (C) A cuckoo bird told the story.
- (D) It was written in an old poem.

8. In the dialogue, why does Chloe say Yuta is the April fool?

- (A) He believed the spaghetti story.
- (B) He played his trick after noon.
- (C) He came to school very late.
- (D) He forgot it was April 1.

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

The oldest clear record of April Fools' Day is a poem from 1561.	T / F
April Fools' Day is a national holiday in Britain.	T / F
In France, children stick paper fish on people's backs.	T / F
The BBC really found spaghetti trees in Switzerland.	T / F
Gmail started on April 1, 2004, and it was not a joke.	T / F
An April fool is the person who tells the lie.	T / F



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



● newspaper



● noon



● TV



● spaghetti



● fish



● burger



● tree



● laugh

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. K N R A P

2. J E K O

3. I T K C R

4. H R S T V A E

5. N T R E V A S

6. O C C O K U

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

year

noodle

laugh

angry

joke

fish

back

careful

plan

fish

banana

summer

first

The Paper Fish

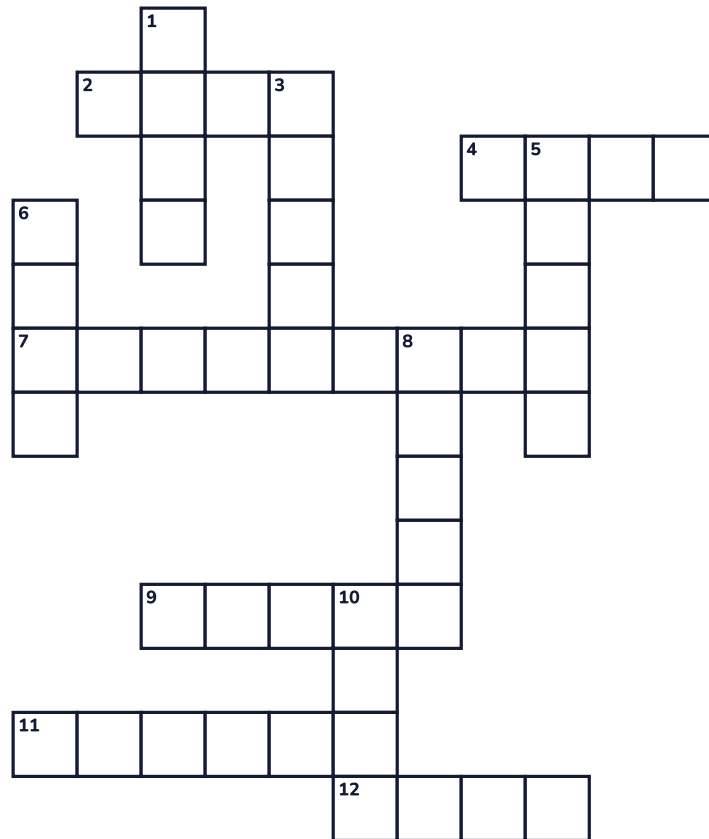
Lucas lives in Paris. On April (1) _____, he woke up early with a secret (2) _____. He cut a small (3) _____ out of blue paper. At school, he quietly stuck it on his teacher's (4) _____. The whole class tried hard not to (5) _____. At lunch, the teacher turned around and smiled. "Lucas, look at your back," she said. There was a pink paper fish on his back, too! Everybody shouted, "April (6) _____!" Lucas laughed. "You got me," he said. "Next (7) _____, I will be more (8) _____." It was the best (9) _____ of the day, and nobody was (10) _____.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 2 A person who believes a silly trick. (4)
- 4 Not real. It is the opposite of true. (4)
- 7 Long Italian noodles. The BBC said they grew on trees. (9)
- 9 Another word for a trick or a joke. (5)
- 11 A bird. In Scotland, people called it a gowk. (6)
- 12 TV shows tell you this every day. It is about things that happen. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 Something funny you say to make people smile. (4)
- 3 You do this when something is very funny. (5)
- 5 The fourth month of the year. (5)
- 6 In France, a paper one goes on your back. (4)
- 8 You play this on a friend to fool them. (5)
- 10 Twelve o'clock in the daytime. (4)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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D	E	V	F	R	V	S	T	E	D	O	T	I
F	A	A	B	L	R	N	L	L	E	G	T	H
N	F	F	I	K	B	I	R	K	O	T	H	C
W	I	R	T	O	M	W	A	Y	E	G	S	U
O	P	K	N	S	D	F	T	H	U	E	U	C
A	O	P	H	M	J	W	G	A	K	K	D	K
N	H	L	E	B	O	A	L	O	Y	D	N	O
T	F	H	I	L	P	O	J	P	K	P	O	O
B	I	O	F	S	R	T	L	U	B	R	O	C
R	S	A	Y	F	M	J	O	H	H	A	N	P
L	H	X	B	C	S	U	W	J	C	N	H	U
T	O	I	T	E	K	T	N	E	J	K	E	P
B	R	J	F	O	O	L	T	R	I	C	K	N

Find these words! 13

- ☐ APRIL
- ☐ CUCKOO
- ☐ FAKE
- ☐ FISH
- ☐ FOOL
- ☐ HOAX
- ☐ JOKE
- ☐ LAUGH
- ☐ NOON
- ☐ PRANK
- ☐ SMILE
- ☐ SPAGHETTI
- ☐ TRICK

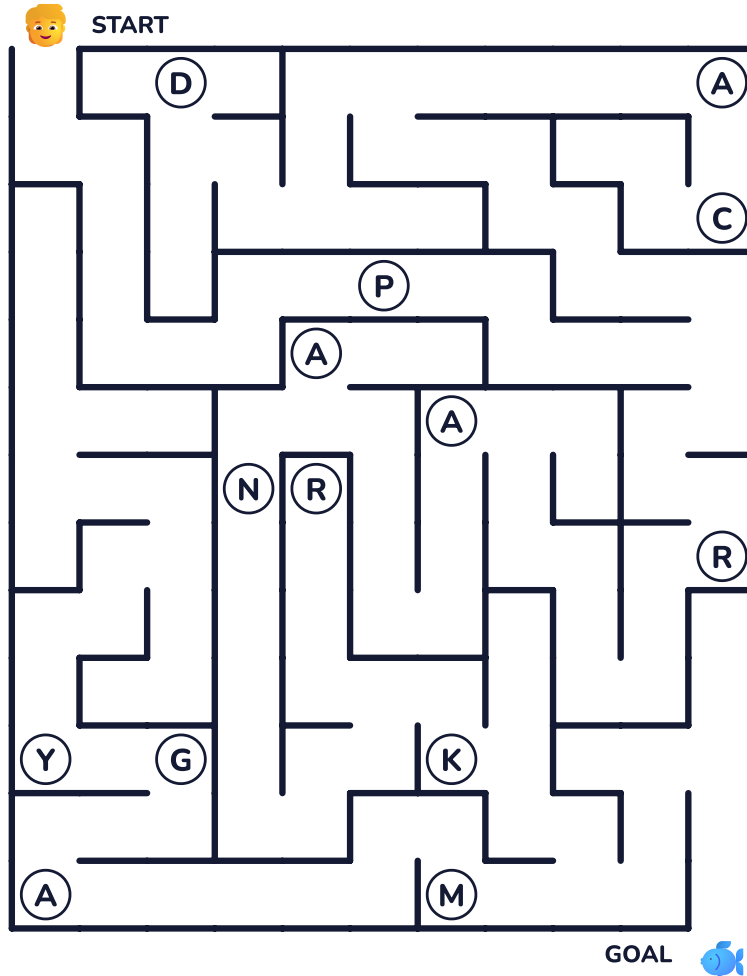
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Lucas stick the fish on his teacher's back!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _ _ _ _ _

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. April / play / on / People / tricks / 1 .

2. fish / paper / people's / backs / Children / stick / on .

3. Britain, / must / noon / at / In / tricks / stop .

4. story / the / Many / spaghetti / viewers / believed .

5. Day / April / Gmail / Fools' / on / started .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has played a trick on April 1	
... has been fooled on April Fools' Day	
... likes spaghetti	
... knows a good joke in English	
... can keep a straight face	
... has seen a funny fake news story	
... knows the meaning of "prank"	
... knows someone who is left-handed	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

The best April Fools' joke I know is _____. It is funny because _____.

If I had a company, I would announce a fake product called _____. It can _____.

I think April Fools' jokes are not OK when _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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fish



spaghetti



tree



burger

