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March Flower

While in the UK, the Daffodil is considered the flower of March, in Romania Snowdrops are the ultimate symbol of new life after the long winter months.



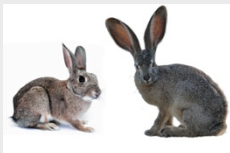
Proverb

March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb.

(Which means that if the month starts off stormy, it will end with mild weather)



Rabbit Hare



To be as "mad as a March hare" is an English idiomatic phrase



In Alice in Wonderland there was a hare and a white rabbit.



March

"Our life is March weather, savage and serene in one hour."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Did you know that:



Back in 758 BC, following King Romulus's revision, the calendar had only 10 months and March was the first month of the year, named after the Roman God of Wars - Mars.



While in the Western calendar it marks the end of winter and the beginning of new life, March is actually the equivalent of September in the Southern Hemisphere.



According to US Statistics, March is the most unproductive month of the year, attributed to NBA season, also referred to as 'March

'Spring' in the languages of our teachers.

1. Gwanwyn - Welsh
2. Primavera! - Spanish
3. Primăvară! - Romanian
4. Tavasz! - Hungarian
5. Ilkbahar - Turkish
6. Primavera -Portuguese
7. Alkharif - Arabic
8. Printemps! – French





Spring Idioms

Spring into action

To suddenly start doing something

As soon as we got the go-ahead, we **sprung into action** and started work on the project.

Spring to mind

To suddenly think of something

Say the word "Australia" and a vision of beaches and blue seas **springs to mind**.

Spring chicken

A young person

At 63 she's still a **spring chicken** compared to the other residents of the community



What else is going on in March?

International Women's Day



Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Collectively we can all [#BreakTheBias](#).

St. Patrick's Day



Bring out your green! St. Patrick's Day—observed every March 17—is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time, it's become a celebration of Irish culture.

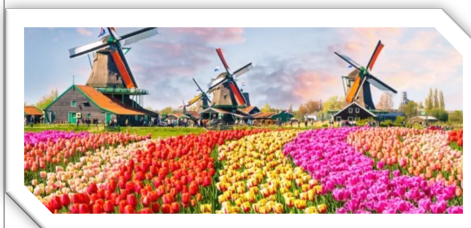
Holi



A cloud of right neon powder envelopes revelers in northern India during the annual Hindu celebration called Holi, usually held in March. It's known as the festival of colors.



Keukenhof Gardens



A beautiful garden in the Netherlands, with over 7 million flower bulbs planted annually. When travel restrictions ease, I recommend a visit!

March Festivals around the world

Pancake Day

Long ago, Shrove Tuesday was a day for feasting and having a good time. It falls on a day before Lent, a period before Easter. Lent lasts for 40 days. Because rich food such as eggs, butter and milk were forbidden during the Lent, one way of using them up was to make pancakes.

Some countries have 'carnivals' (carne vale – goodbye meat) before lent.

UK



In UK people make a very thin **pancake** similar to a crepe. They cover it with sugar and lemon juice before folding it.

Germany



Fastnacht, A rectangular doughnut with a slit in the middle.

Poland



The puffy jelly-filled **Paczki**, doughnuts traditionally enjoyed.

USA



In Louisiana, the favorite treat is the **beignet**, a pillowy fried dough.

Denmark



The golden Shrovetide **fastelensboller** buns ooze with an assortment of sweet fillings including whipped cream, strawberry jam and milk chocolate

Sweden



In Sweden, the Tuesday is called semlans dag. They enjoy a sweet cream bun called **semla**. Happy Semlans Dag!



In the UK people take part in pancake races, running with a pancake in a pan and, as they run, they have to toss the pancake (throw the pancake in the air and catch it in the pan) several times. In some pancake races people dress up in fancy dress costumes.



Fastenlavn was originally the last day to feast on dairy foods, sweet flavours and special Danish buns before fasting for Lent. Nowadays, it's a chance for children to dress up as their favourite characters and knock the cat out of the barrel, which is a traditional practice symbolizing the chasing away of evil.

March pick

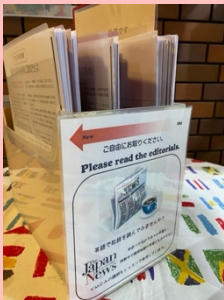


Don't look up

Released on Christmas Day 2021, this star-studded comedic sci-fi brings to the viewers a truly terrifying possibility: a comet is approaching Earth, threatening to destroy our planet. The lines are witty and the performances captivating, as we watch Leonardo DiCaprio desperately trying to convince humankind of the imminent danger, much like a modern-day Noah.

Study Tips

Let Us Know



Did you know that every day our staff make a copy of the English and Japanese editorial of the Yomiuri newspaper? These are free to take!

If you have any questions or want some advice about how to improve your English, we would be happy to set up a time for a chat.

Wrong	I have visited Niagara Falls last weekend.
Right	I visited Niagara Falls last weekend.
Wrong	She's married with a dentist.
Right	She's married to a dentist.
Wrong	My boyfriend has got a new work.
Right	My boyfriend has got a new job. (or just "has a new job")
Wrong	Do you like a glass of wine?
Right	Would you like a glass of wine?