

Answers

1. What is an alternative name for 'April Fools' Day'?
An alternative name for April Fools' Day is 'All Fools' Day'.
2. What is the name of the calendar system we use in the UK?
The name of the calendar system we use in the UK is the Gregorian calendar.
3. Why were people celebrating New Year on the 1st April?
People were celebrating New Year on 1st April because before the calendar change, this is where New Year used to be.
4. Name one other possible origins of April Fools' Day are earlier than the 1500s?
One possible origin of April Fools' Day is:
(either from)
 - **the book 'The Canterbury Tales'**
 - **the Roman festivals of 'Hilaria'.**
5. What does the Scottish word 'Gowk' mean?
A 'Gowk' is a cuckoo or a foolish person.
6. The author uses the phrase: "sprig of spaghetti"
Which word most closely matches the word **sprig**?
 offshoot
7. Who usually has fish stuck to their backs on April Fools' Day in France and who will have put them there?
Adults will have fish stuck to their backs on April Fools' Day in France. They will have been stuck there by children.
8. Can you really buy left-handed burgers? Give a reason for your answer.
No, you cannot buy left-handed burgers because it is in the text as an April Fool prank and that means that it is a trick and therefore not real.
9. What might someone say to you if you tried to play a trick on them in the afternoon of the 1st of April?
In the afternoon on the 1st of April, if you play a trick on someone they might say, "April Fools' has passed and gone, you are the fool and I am none."

10. Give two reasons why you think the BBC spoof documentary on spaghetti trees was such a successful prank?

An open-ended question and a good opportunity to watch the video on the Internet and discuss why it was so successful.

Reasons can include:

- **Made by the trusted BBC**
- **People weren't as used to pranks at that time.**
- **Looked and sounded like a serious documentary**
- **Spaghetti was still quite new to people in the UK in the 1950s so people knew less about how it was made.**
- **Showed footage of people actually picking spaghetti and it hanging on trees.**
- **In the 1950s fewer people in the UK will have visited Italy.**