

**Colegio María Griselda Valle**

**English handout**

**III<sup>th</sup> grade n°4**

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Objetivo: OA 01 Comprender información central de textos orales y escritos en contextos relacionados con sus intereses e inquietudes, con el fin de conocer las maneras en que otras culturas abordan dichos contextos.	

**A. Read the text very carefully. ( Lee el texto cuidadosamente)**

**April Fool's Day**

What is April Fool's Day and what are its origins? It is commonly believed that in medieval France, New Year was celebrated on 1 April. Then in 1562, Pope Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, changing New Year to 1 January. With no modern communications, news traveled slowly and new ideas were often questioned. Many people did not hear of the change, others chose to ignore it, while some merely forgot. These people were called fools. Invitations to non-existent 'New Year' parties were sent and other practical jokes were played. This jesting evolved over time into a tradition of playing pranks on 1 April. The custom eventually spread to England and Scotland, and it was later transported across the Atlantic to the American colonies of the English and the French. April Fools Day has now developed into an international festival of fun, with different nationalities celebrating the day in special ways.

**What kind of tricks do people play?**

Here are some April Fool's tricks from around the world:

- In the 1990s **Burger King** published an advert in the magazine *USA today* offering new 'Left-handed Whoppers' (hamburgers) for the 32 million left-handed Americans! Thousands of customers ordered the new burger in the restaurants.
- A **zoo** in Japan said that they had a giant penguin that was 165cm. tall and weighed 80kg! In fact, it was a man dressed up in a penguin suit.
- One year in the UK a children's news program said that scientists had invented a '**Brain Band**'. It was a colored headband that you put on your head and it helped to make you more intelligent! In an online poll, 47 percent of the children who heard the news wanted to buy a 'brain band'!
- In 1949 a radio presenter in New Zealand told listeners that there were millions of **wasps** coming to invade. He told viewers to wear their socks over their trousers and to put honey on their doors. Millions of listeners believed him!
- In 1976 a very famous **British astronomer** told radio listeners that at 9.47 a.m. the earth was going to experience a feeling of less gravity. He said that Jupiter and Pluto would cross and if listeners jumped in the air at exactly 9.47 a.m. they would feel the sensation of having no gravity! Hundreds of listeners phoned the radio to say they had jumped and floated in the air!
- **Ikea** announced that the shop had launched a dog highchair (highchairs are usually for babies!) named 'HUNDSTOL' (Swedish for dog chair). Google 'IKEA dog highchair' for more details.
- The free London newspaper, **Metro**, came up with a novel idea to deal with the problem of litter on the underground (unfortunately it was only a joke). They said that the newspaper was now edible – 'the only paper that you can eat after reading'.
- A **British news paper** announced that Portugal had 'sold' Cristiano Ronaldo, the footballer, to Spain for €160 million. Why? To try to clear its national debt. It was a joke, of course.

- 1) Choose from the text **April Fool's day** 5 word that you don't know and write down their meaning in Spanish (Del texto "April fool's day" Elige 5 palabras que no conozcas y escribe su significado en Español)

INGLÉS	ESPAÑOL
1. Fool	Tonto - Necio
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- 2) From the text April Fool's day Answer the following questions. (Responda las siguientes preguntas)

a) When was believed, that was celebrated new years in medieval France?

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b) Who and why was the date of the New Year changed?

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c) Why people were called fools?

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d) Nowadays, when and how is celebrated April fool's day?

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e) From where this custom was transported?

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- 3) From the text write true or false to the following. (Marca T para verdadero y F para falso)

a. \_\_\_\_\_ April Fool's Day is on 13 April.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ You can play tricks on people all day on April Fool's Day.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ An April Fool is a person who plays a joke on someone after midday.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ People play tricks on their friends and family on April Fool's Day.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ Most people don't like April Fool's Day.

- 4) From the text **What kind of tricks do people play?** Complete the sentences with a Word from the box. ( Completa las oraciones con las palabras del recuadro)

Planets – burgers – insects - paper  
Penguin – invention – sports – person - dogs

- a. A fast food chain advertised \_\_\_\_\_ for left handed people.
- b. A man pretended to be an extra large \_\_\_\_\_ at a Japanese zoo.
- c. A TV programme told children about an \_\_\_\_\_ which can make you more intelligent.
- d. Radio listeners were worried about \_\_\_\_\_ in New Zealand.
- e. An astronomer said that the position of the \_\_\_\_\_ would change gravity.
- f. A shop told costumers about a special piece of furniture for \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. A London newspaper told readers that their news was printed on edible \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. The British media said that Portugal sold a top \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the country's financial problems.

