

ESL Vocabulary Quiz: HOLIDAYS

Martin Luther King Day (third Monday in January)

Welcome to our new collection of exercises designed to help you practice English while learning about holidays. Some of these holidays are observed in all of the English-speaking world, while others are only celebrated in specific countries/regions. For each blank space, choose the correct response. If both responses are acceptable, choose the one that sounds **more natural**. Good luck!

1. Martin Luther King Day (notes/marks) the birthday of American (people/civil) rights activist, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is a federal holiday in the United States, as well as a state holiday in all the individual states.

2. This is a (fairly/fair) new holiday, - it only started to be observed in 1986.

3. The idea to create this holiday was not supported by all American politicians - President Ronald Reagan, for instance, initially (opposed/suggested) its creation.

4. Martin Luther King was a Baptist (minister/ministry). He lived in a time when black Americans (African Americans) did not have the same rights as white Americans.

5. MLK Jr. used peaceful (way/methods) to protest these inequalities and to bring (over/about) change.

6. In 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his non- (violent/violated) efforts to end racial discrimination in the United States.

7. Throughout his life, King led many (marshes/marches) for civil rights and participated in many boycotts, peaceful protests, etc.

8. Martin Luther King was a great public speaker (orator). His "I have a dream" speech from the March on Washington in 1963 is well-known both in America and (aboard/abroad).

9. M.L. King Jr. was (associated/assassinated) on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee