



Spring Has Sprung!



To celebrate the change in seasons, brush up on some “Spring”- related trivia with some fun facts and a quick quiz.

Fun Facts:



- ✿ Spring almost always arrives on March 20 or 21, but sometimes on the 19th. The reason the equinoxes and solstices don't always come on the same day is that Earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days. ^[1]
- ✿ One long-term study found that, at least in the Colorado Rocky Mountain region, spring begins, on average, about three weeks earlier than it did in the 1970s. ^[1]
- ✿ Early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising sun on the spring equinox. ^[2]
- ✿ According to a Facebook study, couples are most likely to break up in the spring and two weeks before Christmas. The lowest breakup time was Christmas Day and from August through October. ^[3]
- ✿ If Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, which most of the world now observes, in 1582, then every 128 years the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, eventually putting Easter in midwinter. ^[1]

1: Roach, John. “First Day of Spring Facts: Is It Arriving Earlier?” National Geographic. March 20, 2014.

2: Spring Celebrations. Chicago, IL: World Book, Inc., 2003.

3: ¹¹Van Camp, Jeffry. “Couples Are Most Likely to Break Up before Christmas, Facebook Graph Shows.” Digital Trends. November 3, 2010.



A quiz dedicated to things with “spring” in their names!

(Answers at the bottom)

1. To what does the name “Irish Spring” refer?

- a) An uprising in Ireland
- b) A soap brand
- c) A euphemism for bad breath
- d) A holiday

2. In which US state is the city of Palm Springs located?

- a) California
- b) Texas
- c) Hawaii
- d) All of these

3. What kind of animal is the Springbok?

- a) Antelope
- b) Wild cat
- c) Frog
- d) Insect

4. In what country did the European Revolution of 1848, also known as the Spring of Nations, begin?

- a) Russia
- b) Italy
- c) England
- d) France

5. ‘Primavera’ or ‘Spring’ is a famous painting by which celebrated artist?

- a) Michelangelo
- b) Sandro Botticelli
- c) Titian
- d) Leonardo Da Vinci

6. What is the birth name of TV host and former politician Jerry Springer?

- a) Joseph
- b) George
- c) Gerald
- d) Jeremiah

7. What is the name of the Roman goddess of spring?

- a) Venus
- b) Flora
- c) Primavera
- d) Aphrodite

Answers:

1:B 2:A 3:A 4:D 5:B 6:C 7:B