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Latest News of SOFL



- **The Appeal forms for the B Class Track 2 quiz are announced on April 5.**
 - **B Class Track 2 Progress Test exam lists are announced on April 16.**
 - **Details about IGUGET are announced on April 18.**
 - **A Class Track 3 Progress Test Appeal forms are announced on April 19.**
 - **B Class B1 Level online assignment appeal forms are announced on April 22.**
 - **B Class Track 2 Progress Test appeal forms are announced.**
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April 1st

April Fools' Day



April 2nd

**World Autism Awareness
Day**



April 7th

World Health Day



April 23rd

National Sovereignty and Children's Day



April 29th

World Veterinary Day



April Fools' Day Around the World



April Fools' Day is celebrated around the world each year on April 1st. People around the world pull pranks on each other.



Many theories have been proposed; yet, the exact origin of April Fools' Day is not exactly known. It is mostly believed that it started in France in the middle of 16th century. Melissa Shofrer, the writer of the book *The Story Behind April Fools' Day* points out that “ King Charles IV decided that the new year would start on January 1 instead of the first day of spring. Some people continued to follow the old idea that the new year started in late March or early April, when spring began. Other called these people fools (2020).



April Fools Day in France



**The French use paper fish to play on April Fools trick “ This involves sticking a paper fish on the back of as many adults as possible. And then running away yelling, “Poisson d’Avril!” which means “April fish”.
(Pierre, 2023).**



On April 1, Germans make fools of one another with stories. “The oldest April Fools’ Joke to be published in a German Newspaper dates from the late 18th century and encourages readers to try out silly advice for breeding multicolored hens” (Hamburg.com)

April Fools’ Day in Germany



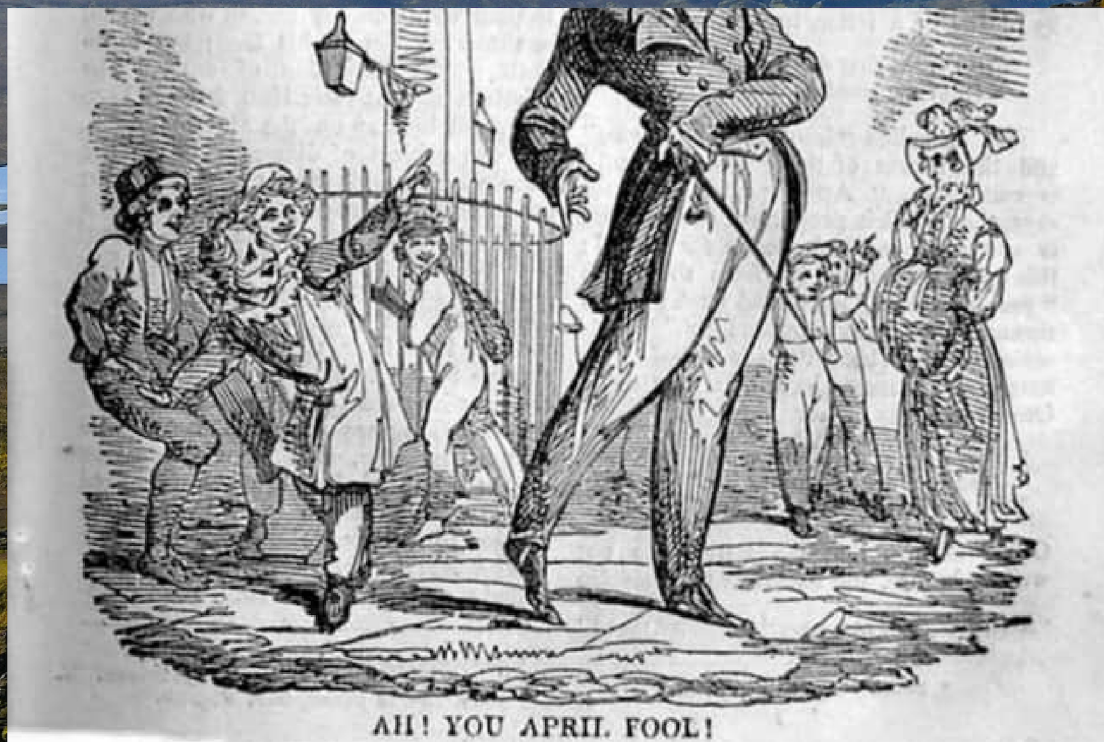
April Fools' Day in England

April Fools' Day is celebrated for only half a day in England. Due to the fact that it is believed that it brings bad luck after midday, the person who “playing a joke after midday is considered the official April fool”



April Fools' Day in Scotland

In contrast to England where it is celebrated for half a day, April Fools' Day lasts two days in Scotland. "It is called Gowkie Day, for the gowk or cuckoo a symbol of the fool. The first day is celebrated by pranking people, while the second is when people place tails on each other's backs" (Hepburn, 2023).



AH! YOU APRIL FOOL!

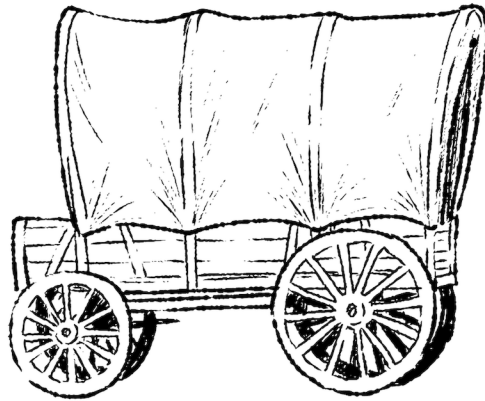
Did you know?



- **Autism is derived from the Greek word “autos” meaning self. The literal meaning of autism is “alone”.**
- **It occurs more often in boys.**
- **Children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having autism.**



English Idioms

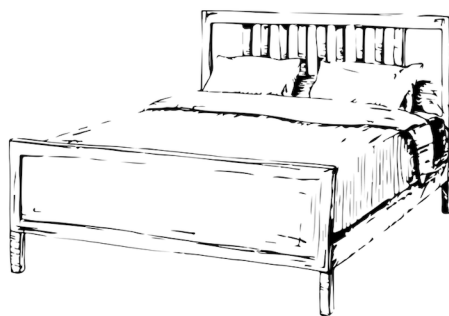


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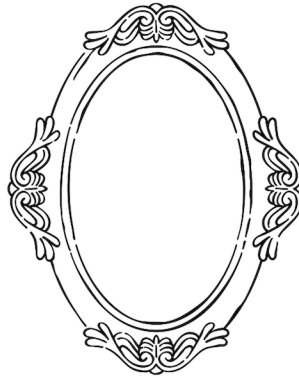
Hit the sack.

go to bed.



English Riddles

**If you drop me I'm sure to crack, but give me a smile
and I'll always smile back. What am I?**



Answer: Mirror

What can fill a room but takes up no space?

Answer: Light

Our Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.

Webinars

**Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website:
<https://webinars.eltngl.com>**



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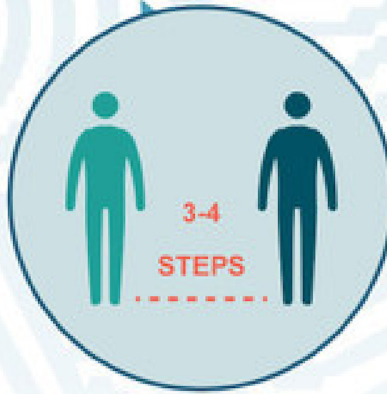
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PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.