Spring Trivia Quiz...

Get into the spirit of spring. Test your knowledge about the season of hope with our Spring Trivia Quiz and you may get a spring wish.

1. On the first day of spring, the hours of daylight and of darkness are equal.
   - True  - False

2. During the vernal equinox, around March 21st, an egg will stand on its small end.
   - True  - False

3. The ancient Greeks celebrated Mother's Day in spring.
   - True  - False

4. Finding a four-leaf clover is thought to bring you good luck.
   - True  - False

5. The area along the California-Oregon border, is known as the "Easter Lily Capital of the World."
   - True  - False

6. Baby birds must learn how to sing.
   - True  - False
7. Arbor Day, which encourages the planting of trees and celebrates the role trees play in the environment, is traditionally celebrated on the last Monday in April.

☐ True ☐ False

8. Spring Fever is a real physical condition.

☐ True ☐ False

9. An emerald represents spring.

☐ True ☐ False

10. William Wordsworth wrote a famous poem about daffodils.

☐ True ☐ False

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Answers

1. True. Around March 21st, the earth's position in its orbit around the sun places its equator in line with the sun. This time period is called the "vernal equinox" and is the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. "Vernal" means spring and "equinox" means equal.

2. False. Although some people would swear that an egg will
stand on its small end during the vernal equinox, there's no scientific evidence to support these claims.


4. True. Four-leaf clovers are thought to bring good luck, but there's no scientific evidence to support that claim.

5. True. An area along the California and Oregon border produces 95 percent of all bulbs grown in the world for the potted Easter lily market. They produce more than 11 million bulbs annually.

6. True. Though baby birds are born with the ability to sing, they must learn the songs of their species. An isolated baby bird will learn simple songs, but not the complex songs of its species. A bird must hear in order to learn. Only a few birds can sing the songs of other species. The mockingbird seems to be the best at imitating the songs of other birds.

7. True. Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated on the last Monday in April; however, each state can select its own date, depending on weather conditions. The first Arbor Day Celebration was held on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska.

8. True. Spring Fever is a real physical condition which commonly occurs when a sudden warm spell follows a long cold period. When the temperature rises, the body has to get rid of heat; thus there's a dilation or expansion of the blood vessels so that blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly. Some people experience an energetic feeling when this change happens due to the body's reaction to the great amount of internal work going on.


10. True. William Wordsworth wrote the poem, "I Wandered Lonely As a Cloud," which was about yellow daffodils.

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