



# English Corner



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## 1. Valentine's Day in Poland

In Poland we usually spend money on buying chocolates and gifts. We also buy valentine's cards and send them for our lovers. A lot of polish people decide to get engaged in valentine's day. Really popular gifts bought in Poland are red roses. Fantastic way to spend a valentains day is going out to eat in some restaurant.



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## 2. Valentine's interview

A few days before Valentine's Day, our journalists came to Przyszań school and conducted some interviews. We asked a few simple questions, and the results were really surprising. When asked if you have your own Valentine, 100% teachers answered: „Yes”. But on the other hand, 100% of students asked answered: „No”. Looking at the statistics, we can conclude that the older we are, the more likely we are to find our Valentine. So don't worry students, there will be time for everything.

Next asked question was “In which century was Saint Valentine born?”, and no one answered correctly!

Dear readers, let's play a game. Choose one of the answers and you will check it after reading the article (correct answer will be in the end).

- A) in 1st century
- B) in 3rd century
- C) in 12th century

Another question was about a perfect place or way to spend valentine's day and answers were more creative than we expected. Here are few ideas:

- on a Greek beach with Greek cuisine,
- Italy, specifically Venice,
- creatively, skydiving, maybe bungee jumping.

And the place is probably a beach in Bora Bora.

We even asked about one song that reminds you of valentine's day.

Here are some of the most romantic music peace's in the world (opinion based on answers that our fellow interlocutors gave us).“I'll always love you”“One” “Hold my hand”“let it rain”“Last Christmas”.

The editors of the newspaperwish every reader, regardless of age and marital status, a happyValentine' s Day.



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### 3. Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Day is a traditional holiday in Great Britain that takes place one day before Ash Wednesday. It is a great day for pancake lovers but also for sporty people because the most famous activity that day is the pancake race. Participants hold a pan with a pancake, and the goal is to reach the finish line as quickly as possible without dropping it (a bit like an egg race).

The history of the race is very interesting. It started with a woman from England who was so busy frying pancakes that she didn't hear the bells calling for mass. In a panic, she ran out of the house and arrived at the church still wearing her apron and holding a pan with a pancake in her hand.



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### 4. Spring is coming

Today, I would like to tell you about spring in Poland. It is a beautiful season that starts in March and lasts until May. The weather gets warmer, and nature wakes up after winter. Trees turn green, flowers bloom, and birds return from warmer countries.

We have a day which is called "Dzień wagarowicza" (Truants day). It's the day when students escape from school with classmates and they go somewhere for example to the park, shopping mall and spend time together.

People enjoy spending time outside. Many go for walks, ride bikes, or have picnics in parks. In March or April, we celebrate Easter, which is an important holiday in Poland. Families paint eggs, prepare special meals, and visit each other.

Spring is also a time of changing weather. Some days are sunny and warm, while others are rainy and cool. However, it is a wonderful season full of new life and fresh energy.

We have a saying "W marcu jak w garncu" which means that the weather in spring can change very quickly.



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## 5. Saint Patrick's Day celebration

This day is an Irish national and religious holiday celebrated on 17 March, the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. The most important tradition of St. Patrick's Day is wearing green. Patrick's Day observes of the death of St. Patrick. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, shows, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green.



- Every year officials turn the Chicago River green in honor St. Patrick's Day and the many Irish immigrants who helped settle the city.
- As part of the Global Greening initiative, the Colosseum in Rome lights up in green, creating a spectacular sight for visitors
- Chinese landmarks turn green for St. Patrick's Day
- Gateway of India goes green for St. Patrick's Day
- Irish cultural groups in the U.S. also organize céilís (meeting with people), and teach the specific form of Gaelic dance that usually accompanies the folk music. These gatherings are not limited solely to St. Patrick's Day, but are a common way to celebrate Irish culture on the holiday itself.

- Pinching anyone who isn't wearing green

Pinching, which we should remind you is a form of assault, comes from leprechaun tradition.

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## 6. Car wipers

Many people around the world own cars. They drive to work every day. When the weather is good, we just drive, but when it is rainy or cloudy, we need to use car wipers. Can you imagine cars without them?

100 years ago, wipers did not exist. The first ones were designed by an American woman, Mary Anderson. During a trip to New York, she noticed that when the weather was rainy, drivers had to lean out of the window or get out of the car to clean the windshield, as rain or snow covered their view of the road. That was when she came up with the idea of building wipers that could be operated from inside the car. In 1903, Mary introduced her invention to the public.

She was a very talented and creative inventor. Thanks to her, we can now drive safely.



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