

Is there a special day for jokes and tricks in your country? Do you like playing tricks on people? If you're ever in the UK on 1 April, you'd better watch out!

When and what is April Fool's Day?

April Fool's Day is on 1 April. It's the custom in the UK to play a trick or a joke on someone on this day. If the person falls for the joke, then they are called an 'April Fool'. In fact, it's only half a day because April Fool's Day finishes at midday. No more jokes after lunchtime, please!

What kind of tricks do people play?

Here are some April Fool's tricks from around the world:

- In the 1990s Burger King published an advert in the magazine *USA Today* offering new 'Left-handed Whoppers' (hamburgers) for the 32 million left-handed Americans! Thousands of customers ordered the new burger in the restaurants.
- A zoo in Japan said that they had a giant penguin that was 165cm tall and weighed 80kg! In fact, it was a man dressed up in a penguin suit.
- One year in the UK a children's news programme said that scientists had invented a 'Brain Band'. It was a coloured head band that you put on your head and it helped to make you more intelligent! In an on-line poll, 47 per cent of the children who heard the news wanted to buy a 'brain band'!