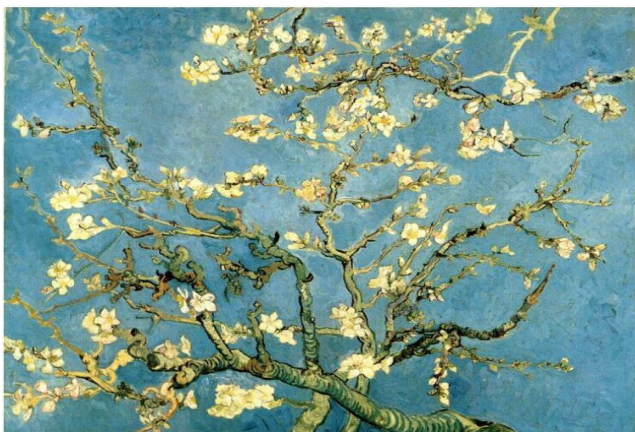


Spring Blossom (worksheet)

Activity 1

Answer the questions using the picture.

1. What happens in early spring (nature, plants, animals)?
2. What mood do you have in spring?



Blossoming Almond Tree by Van Gogh

3. When are the trees in blossom in your region?
4. If you imagine spring, what colours do you see?
5. Do the colours in the picture by Van Gogh remind you of spring? If you were a painter, would you like to paint spring? What would you paint?
6. What spring flowers do you know? Which is your favourite?

Activity 2

Match the pictures and the names. Describe how the flower which is absent in the picture looks.

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**A****b****C****d****e****f**

- 1.Snowdrop
- 2.Tulip
- 3.Lily of the valley
- 4.Acacia
- 5.Narcissus, daffodil
- 6.Lilac
- 7.Pussywillow

Activity 3

Match the flower and the quality it symbolizes. Why do you think so? Then check in the text.

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| 1.daffodil | a.rebirth of spring, perfect love |
| 2. tulip | b.friendship, rebirth, eternal life |
| 3.narcissus | c.desires, intuition |
| 4.pussy willow | d.hope, luck, narcissism |



Photo by Alan Emery

Now read the text and check your predictions.

Easter & Spring Flowers: What Do They Mean?

It still feels like Winter outside but Spring is blooming inside. And Scott Hepper, a master designer explains the meaning behind some of your favorite Easter flowers.

Daffodils

Daffodils are bright yellow trumpet-shaped flowers that symbolize friendship, rebirth and eternal life. According to legend, the daffodil first appeared in the Garden of Gethsemane and it bloomed during the time of Christ's resurrection. Daffodils are called Osterglocken (Easter bells) in Germany and are the favored flower for Easter decorations in England, where they are nicknamed Lent lilies.

Tulips

Tulips are the third most popular spring flower worldwide. While it does not actually have a specific meaning for Easter except for wild tulips in the Middle East, it does represent the rebirth of spring and perfect love. An interesting odd fact about the tulip states that the bulbs can be used instead of onions in cooking.

Narcissus

The narcissus was the first flower associated with Easter in parts of Europe. People in the Alps have valued the flower to symbolize Easter for centuries. It is the most popular flower in Germany. It symbolizes hope, love and narcissism.

Pussy Willows

Pussy willows are not a common Easter flower because the blooms of a pussy willow are not always present at Easter. They do, however, play a part in the Easter traditions of Russia, England and Finland. Since palms for Palm Sunday, the week before Easter, are hard to obtain in some areas, pussy willows may be substituted for palms in Easter celebrations. They symbolize inner desires and intuition.

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Activity 4

Look at the highlighted words in the text. Do you know what they mean? Match them with their definitions. Use the text to help you..

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| 1. trumpet-shaped | a. the act of bringing something that had disappeared or ended back into use or existence |
| 2. resurrection | b. in a form of a tube with one narrow and one wide end |
| 3. represent | c. a round root of some plants |
| 4. bulbs | d. speak, act or present officially |
| 5. associate with | e. use something instead of another |
| 6. substitute for | f. connect in your mind |

Activity 5

Answer the questions. Try to extend your answer using the new vocabulary.

1. What do you like about spring?
2. Do you follow a strict diet in spring? Do you give up eating something for Lent? What is your favourite vegetarian dish?
3. What is your favourite spring holiday? Why?
4. What do you like doing during Easter celebrations?
5. Talk about a good memory or experience you had in spring.
6. What is the weather like in your region in spring?
7. What do gardeners do in spring? Do you like gardening?
8. Do you like giving and getting flowers in spring?



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Activity 6

What is the most popular spring flower? Read the flower description and guess the answer.

1. a small plant with large, oval leaves and small, bell-shaped, white flowers that smell sweet
2. a tree with small, greyish flowers covered in fur in the spring, or the flowers themselves
3. a yellow, bell-shaped flower with a long stem
4. small, white, bell-shaped flowers in the early spring



Photo by Kristina Rogers

Activity 7

Look at these sayings and guess what they mean. Try to explain them and use in a situation.

1. Every flower blooms in its own time.
2. There are always flowers for those who want to see them.
3. You can paint a flower but not its smell.
4. When the flower blooms the bees come uninvited.
5. Bloom where you are planted.



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