

- Description** SS read a short account of a festival and answer true / false questions  
**Lesson link** Use this activity after exercise 2b  
**Time** 10 minutes  
**Extra material** Print out and photocopy a *May Morning in Oxford* worksheet for each student
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## Instructions

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- a** You could pre-teach the words *tower* and *choir*, which appear in the text.
- b** Give each student the *May Morning in Oxford* worksheet. Ask them to read it individually.
- c** When SS have finished reading, ask them to answer the true / false questions in pairs. Feed back as a class. Would your students like to go to May Morning?

### Answers

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- 1 True.
- 2 False. A choir sing songs.
- 3 True – it's dangerous.
- 4 False. The police want to stop it.
- 5 True.
- 6 False. They wear white clothes.
- 7 False. They do traditional dances.
- 8 False. If it isn't a Monday, then people go to work after the festival.



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In May there is a special festival in Oxford called May Morning. The festival begins at six o'clock in the morning, and thousands of people get up early. On the top of a high tower a choir sings songs to celebrate spring. Lots of people listen on a bridge, and after the singing some of them always jump into the river. This is very dangerous and the police want to stop it!

After the singing people go for a special breakfast. All the cafés are open and people eat breakfast with champagne. There are dancers everywhere in the city centre. They're called Morris Dancers and they wear white clothes and do traditional dances.

If May 1st is a Monday, then the day is a holiday. But if it isn't a Monday, then people go to work after the festival, and drink lots of coffee!

Read the article and mark the sentences T (True) or F (False).

- 1 People get up early for this festival.
- 2 Everybody sings songs.
- 3 It's a bad idea to jump in the river.
- 4 The police think jumping in the river is a good idea.
- 5 People drink alcohol for breakfast.
- 6 The dancers wear normal clothes.
- 7 The dancing is modern.
- 8 People never go to work after the festival.