

Teaching Calendar

Here you'll find selected cultural, political, and commemorative dates and upcoming events that may be of interest, relevant to the LINC Curriculum to support language training instructors.

April 2019

Days of Religious Significance This Month

(See <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/> for more information)

April 09, 2019	Mahavir Jayanti – Jain
April 14, 2019	Palm Sunday – Christian Vaisakhi – Sikh Lag B'Omer – Jewish
April 17, 2019	Orthodox Sunday – Orthodox Christian
April 18, 2019	Maundy Thursday – Christian
April 19, 2019	Good Friday – Christian
April 19-21, 2019	Theravadin New Year – Buddhist
April 20, 2019	Lazarus Saturday – Orthodox Christian
April 20-27, 2019	Pesach – Jewish
April 21, 2018	Easter – Christian Palm Sunday – Orthodox Christian First Day of Ridvan – Baha'i Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam
April 23, 2019	Feast of Saint George – Christian
April 26, 2019	Holy Friday – Orthodox Christian
April 28, 2019	Pascha (Easter) – Orthodox Christian
April 29, 2019	Ninth Day of Ridvan – Baha'i
April 30, 2019	Feast of Saint James the Great – Christian

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Observances and Celebrations This Month

Rosacea Awareness Month

<https://www.rosaceahelp.ca/>

Cancer Awareness Month (Daffodil Month)

<http://www.cancer.ca/en/get-involved/events-and-participation/find-an-event-near-you/daffodil-month/?region=on>

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0903/090317-vegetarians.html>

(activity package about diet and cancer – with listening, reading, vocabulary, discussion questions and more)

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/bacon-hot-dogs-deemed-cancer-foods/3023769.html>

(listening activity re: eating processed meats linked to cancer)

<http://www.manythings.org/voa/000719sr.htm>

(online quiz about how apples fight cancer)

<https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cancer>

(simplified basic information about cancer causes, kinds, treatments and more)

IBS (Irritable Bowel Syndrome) Awareness Month

<https://www.badgut.org/information-centre/a-z-digestive-topics/ibs-awareness/>

Parkinson's Awareness Month

<https://www.parkinson.ca/about-parkinsons/>

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0501/05.parkinsonDiseaseBreakthrough.html>

(activity package about possible Parkinson's cure - with reading, vocabulary, discussion questions, ethics and more)

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Stress Awareness Month

https://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/new_to_canada/2017/04/april-is-stress-awareness-month.html

<https://carleton.ca/healthy-workplace/2012/april-is-stress-awareness-month/>

Oral Health Month

<http://www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/nationaloralhealthmonth.html>

<http://www.youroralhealth.ca/patient-resources>

(includes useful brochure – “Brush Up on your Oral Health Facts” –
to access, click on General Oral Health link)

Days and Weeks of Cultural Significance This Month

April 01, 2019

April Fool’s Day

Activities:

<http://www.henry4school.fr/Celebrations/april-fool/april.htm>

http://bogglesworldesl.com/april_fools_worksheets.htm

<http://www.5minuteenglish.com/apr1.htm>

(vocabulary, short reading and content questions)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/april_fools_day.html

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble
the sentences and discussion questions; includes the links below)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/april_fools_day.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/april_fools_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

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April 02, 2019 Children's Book Day

<http://www.national-awareness-days.com/international-childrens-book-day.html>

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/international_childrens_book_day.html

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(MP3 listening file)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/international_childrens_book_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

April 02, 2019 World Autism Awareness Day

<http://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day>

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/0912/091221-autism.html>

(activity package about U.S. children and autism – with listening, reading, vocabulary, discussion questions and more)

April 04, 2019 Refugee Rights Day

<https://ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-rights-day>

April 06 – 12, 2019 National Dental Hygienists Week

http://www.cdha.ca/cdha/News-Events_folder/National_Dental_Hygienist_Week/CDHA/News-Events_folder/NDHW/NDHW.aspx?hkey=cbd01c28-47aa-4a99-958e-2086ddc10ed3

<http://www.dentalhygienecanada.ca/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Pg4XWpbPKE>

(links to the short video “Dental Hygiene for Life”)

April 07, 2019 World Health Day

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2018>

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day>

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April 07 – 13, 2019 National Volunteer Week

<https://volunteer.ca/>

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130826-volunteering.html>

(multi-level activity package about volunteering – with listening, reading, vocabulary, spelling, grammar, discussion questions and more)

<http://www.learnandspeak.net/lesson-plan-blog/stress-esl-lesson-plan>

(lesson plan on the topic of reducing stress through volunteering; news article reading + vocabulary, speaking, and “pay it forward” music video with unscramble-the-actions activity)

April 09, 2019 Vimy Ridge Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/vimy-ridge-day>

<https://www.historicacanada.ca/content/heritage-minutes/vimy-ridge>

<https://www.vimyfoundation.ca/significance-of-vimy-ridge/>

April 17, 2019 World Hemophilia Day

<http://www.wfh.org/en/whd>

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/world_hemophilia_day.html

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble the sentences and discussion questions; includes the links below)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/world_hemophilia_day.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/world_hemophilia_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

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April 19, 2019 Good Friday

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/good-friday>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/good_friday.html

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http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/good_friday-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

April 20 – 27, 2019 National Immunization Awareness Week

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2018/04/national-immunization-awareness-week.html>

<https://immunize.ca/niaw>

<https://settlement.org/ontario/education/elementary-and-secondary-school/enrol-your-child-in-school/what-immunizations-does-my-child-need/>

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/easter-sunday>

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/easter_sunday.html

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble the sentences and discussion questions; includes the links below)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/easter_sunday.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

https://eslholidaylessons.com/04/easter_sunday-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

<http://www.michellehenry.fr/easter.htm>

<http://www.eslmadeeasy.ca/search?q=easter>

April 22, 2019 Easter Monday

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Easter-Monday.html>

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April 22, 2019

Earth Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/world/earth-day>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/earth_day.html

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble the sentences and discussion questions; includes the links below)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/earth_day.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/04/earth_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

April 28, 2019

National Day of Mourning (injury or loss of life in the workplace)

<http://www.ccohs.ca/events/mourning/>

http://www.englishandliteracy.ca/asset_library/page/rsbj/HealthandSafety1011-3.pdf

(a collection of health and safety modular teaching resources for work settings, for CLB 1–3)

April 30, 2019

Deadline to File Personal Income Tax

<http://eslcorner.settlement.org/canadian-citizenship-and-culture/government-and-community-services/canadian-taxation-system>

(interactive online exercise featuring reading and comprehension questions;

N.B.: listening file is inactive)

https://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/new_to_canada/2018/03/with-the-deadline-quickly-approaching-its-time-to-get-the-ball-rolling-on-filing-your-income-taxes-for-2017-if-youre.html

https://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/new_to_canada/2017/03/filing-your-first-tax-return-in-canada-free-resources-for-newcomers.html

(and scroll down for link to video featuring an FAQ for newcomers filing their first income tax return)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/cra-multimedia-library/individuals-video-gallery/series-newcomers-canada-canadian-tax-system.html>

(source of the video above; part of an eight-part series on “Newcomers to Canada and the Canadian Tax System”)

