

# 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.

## May 2018

### *Days of Religious Significance This Month*

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

May 01, 2018	Lailat al Bara'ah - <b>Islam</b>
May 03, 2018	Saints Philip & James - <b>Christian</b> National Day of Prayer USA - <b>Interfaith</b> Lag B'Omer - <b>Jewish</b>
May 10, 2018	Ascension of Jesus - <b>Christian</b>
May 16 to June 15, 2018	Ramadan - <b>Islam</b>
May 17, 2018	Ascension of Jesus - <b>Orthodox Christian</b>
May 20, 2018	Pentecost - <b>Christian</b>
May 20-21, 2018	Shavuot - <b>Jewish</b>
May 27, 2018	Pentecost - <b>Orthodox Christian</b> Trinity Sunday - <b>Christian</b>
May 29, 2018	Ascension of Baha'u'llah - <b>Baha'i</b>
May 31, 2018	Corpus Christi - <b>Catholic Christian</b>

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### *Observances and Celebrations This Month*

Food Allergy Awareness Month

<http://foodallergycanada.ca/2016/05/may-is-food-allergy-awareness-month-events-activities-and-more/>  
(features events and activities throughout the month)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/allerg/fa-aa/index-eng.php>

Asian Heritage Month

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/asian/>

South Asian Heritage Month

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South\\_Asian\\_Heritage\\_Month](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asian_Heritage_Month)

Hepatitis Awareness Month

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hc-ps/dc-ma/hep-eng.php>

### *Days and Weeks of Cultural Significance This Month*

May 01, 2018

World Asthma Day

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

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world\\_asthma\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_asthma_day.html)

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[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world\\_asthma\\_day-g.htm](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_asthma_day-g.htm)

(interactive online exercise)

May 01 - 07, 2018

National Summer Safety Week

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/category/campaigns/summer-safety-week/>

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May 05, 2018

Save Lives: Clean Your Hands

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

<http://www.web-esl.com/wash/wash.htm>

(based on an excerpt from *Action English Pictures*, site contains beginner-level online activity package with steps in hand washing: match the pictures/text, reorder the words/reorder the sentences)

<http://www.eslfast.com/easyread/es/easy045.htm>

(beginner-level, simple-sentences text with audio about hand washing – could be used, all or in part, as a dictation)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Q9RPzLnDl0>

(“I Wanna Wash My Hands” – five-minute musical video produced by the Brant Community Health Care System, featuring useful statistics on the importance of hand washing and an energetic, themed interpretation of the Beatles hit song “I Wanna Hold Your Hand”)

[http://www.eslvideo.com/esl\\_video\\_quiz\\_beginning.php?id=13668](http://www.eslvideo.com/esl_video_quiz_beginning.php?id=13668)

(“ESL Video Quiz: Hand Washing” – two-minute video featuring Alberta’s top doctor demonstrating the proper hand-washing technique, with multiple-choice questions)

May 04 – 06, 2018

Mississauga Marathon

<http://mississaugamarathon.com/>

May 06 – 12, 2018

Emergency Preparedness Week

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/ep-wk/tlkt-en.aspx>

<http://www.carlowmayo.ca/deptdocs/Emergency%20Preparedness%20Newsletter%20Spring%202018.pdf>

(from 2016 – excellent practical information on how to be prepared during an emergency)

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html>

May 06 – 12, 2018

Drinking Water Week

<https://www.awwa.org/resources-tools/public-affairs/public-affairs-events/drinking-water-week.aspx>

<http://www.valueofwater.ca/teaching-resources/classroom-lessons/>

(contains classroom lessons and resources – could be adapted for ESL and LINC)

<http://www.region.peel.on.ca/pw/education-outreach/>

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May 08, 2018                      World Red Cross Day

<http://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/international/world-red-cross-day.php>

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

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world\\_red\\_cross\\_red\\_crescent\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_red_cross_red_crescent_day.html)

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(interactive online exercise)

May 10, 2018                      National March for Life (Ottawa)

<https://marchforlife.ca/>

May 14, 2018                      Mother's Day

[https://www.calendar-12.com/holidays/mothers\\_day/2018](https://www.calendar-12.com/holidays/mothers_day/2018)

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/mothers\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/mothers_day.html)

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

(lists many different kinds of activities – reading, listening, video etc.)

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May 15, 2018 International Day of Families

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/2018/01/23/idf/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-day-of-families>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/international\\_day\\_of\\_families.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/international_day_of_families.html)

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May 15 – 21, 2018 National Police Week

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/national-police-week> (references 2017 dates)

<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/community/diversity/esinc.php>

(overview of Halton Regional Police Services annual ESINC event)

<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/community/diversity/multilingualdocuments.php>

(multilingual documents + useful series of short videos on topics such as Interacting with Your Police, Missing Child Information, Break and Enters, etc.)

May 23, 2018 Victoria Day

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

<http://canada.pch.gc.ca/eng/1455132650913/1455562884758>

[http://speakenglish.thaireformed.com/uploads/3/4/0/1/3401675/victoria\\_day\\_int.pdf](http://speakenglish.thaireformed.com/uploads/3/4/0/1/3401675/victoria_day_int.pdf)

(intermediate-level PDF package with reading, content questions, vocabulary, pairs jigsaw and group activity)

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels\\_Victoria-Day.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels_Victoria-Day.pdf)

(for lower levels - CLB 1 to 4)

[https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels\\_Victoria-Day.pdf](https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_Victoria-Day.pdf)

(for higher levels - CLB 5 to 8)

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May 24 – 27, 2018            Aboriginal Awareness Week (AAW)

[http://bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Canada\\_print.pdf](http://bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Canada_print.pdf)

(PDF file featuring three-level text from the Westcoast Reader with short biographies of famous Canadian Aboriginal people and stories about traditional events, art, animals and food, each accompanied by language activities and answer key; teacher's guide here☺)

[http://bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Teachers\\_Guide.pdf](http://bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Teachers_Guide.pdf))

May 24 – 31, 2018    Peel Children's Water Festival

<https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/chwaterfest/>

<https://www.peelregion.ca/conservation/teachgreen/resource.asp?rid=177>

(day field trip aimed at primary school students, but suitable for English language learners)

May 25 – 27, 2018            Carassauga – Festival of Cultures

<http://www.carassauga.com/?pageid=sponsor%20us&pid=sponsorship%20programs>

May 31, 2018                    World No Tobacco Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-no-tobacco-day>

[http://whyquit.com/world\\_no\\_tobacco\\_day.html](http://whyquit.com/world_no_tobacco_day.html)

(references 2016; contains useful information and tips for quitting smoking)

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/no-tobacco-day/2018/event/en/>

[http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world\\_no\\_tobacco\\_day.html](http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_no_tobacco_day.html)

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