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The first day of the month of May is known a May Day. It is the time of the year when the weather is warm and flowers and trees start to blossom. It is the time when people celebrate the coming of summer.

Traditional English May Day celebrations include crowing May Queen and dancing around the Maypole.

On May Day people used to cut down young trees and stick them in the ground in the village to mark the arrival of summer, People



dance around the tree pole. Maypole dance is a folk dance performed around that tall pole garlanded with flowers and ribbons. The dancers weave through each other using ribbons to create beautiful and colorful braids in the air.

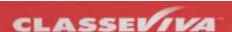


The May Queen or Queen of May is a personification of the May Day holiday and of springtime and also summer. The

May Queen is a girl who must walk at the front of a parade for May

Day celebrations. She wears a white gown and usually a tiara or a crown. She begins the May Day celebrations. She is generally crowned by flowers and makes a speech before the dancing







# DISCOVERING SHAKESPEARE!







## LONDON

Buckingham Palace



- 1. It was built in 1705.
- 2. Queen Victoria lived here.
- 3. You can see the Changing of Guards
- The Queen lives here.

Tower Bridge



- 1. It is an iconic symbol of London.
- 2. It has got two towers.
- When a big ship comes, it opens up.
- 4. This bridge is near the Tower of London.

Palace of Westminster and Big Ben



- It is also known as the Houses of Parliament.
- 2. Its bell is the famous Big Ben and it is in the clock tower.
- 3.Big Ben is 96 m heigh and it was buit in 1858

The Tower of London



- 1. It is near the River Thames.
- One part was built by William the Conqueror.
- 3. It was also used as a prison.
- 4. You can see the Crown Jewels here.
- If there is no raven here, the kingdom will fall.
- Its guardians are the beefeaters.

Westminster Abbey



- 1. It has got a Choir School.
- 2. It is the traditional burial place of the British monarchs.
- 3. Prince William and Kate Middleton got married here.
- 4. It is near the Palace of Westminster

London Eye



- 1. It is the tallest one in Europe.
- It is the most popular paid attraction in the UK.
- 3. It was built in 1999.
- You can see London from above here.















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nel mese di maggio in molte città si



## MAY DAY



consisteva nel danzare attorno ad un palo (Maypole) dal quale scendevano dei nastri colorati. Ogni danzatore teneva in mano un nastro e con la danza venivano create figure e realizzati intrecci. Oggi in Gran Bretagna

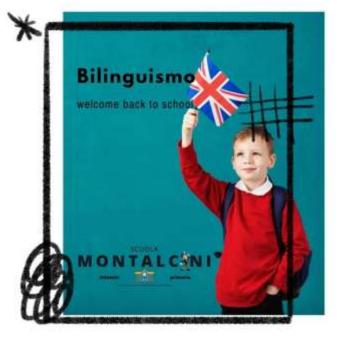
festa. La bambina o ragazza considerata più attraente viene scelta e incoronata con una corona di fiori. Alle feste spesso ci sono dei danzatori vestiti con costumi tradizionali ( ai quali sono attaccati dei campanellini) che ballano un tipo di danza popolare inglese chiamata Morris dancing.

In Gran Bretagna in passato nel giorno del 1º maggio le persone salutavano l'arrivo della primavera. Per questa occasione veniva organizzata una festa a cui partecipava tutta la gente del paese.
Durante la festa si svolgeva una danza tipica, chiamata Maypole Dancing, di solito eseguita da bambini, che



tengono manifestazioni che ricordano le celebrazioni del passato per salutare l'arrivo della primavera. Si tengono cortei con striscioni e carri e si sceglie la Regina di Maggio, May Queen, tra le bambine o ragazze che partecipano alla







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