

APPLE DAY – 21st October



A Explain the meanings of the following sayings:

- 1 An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- 2 An apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
- 3 It is as American as apple pie.
- 4 One bad apple spoils the whole bunch.
- 5 You are the apple of my eye.

WORDSPOT

B Do you know these words? Look them up in a dictionary.

to plant a seed an orchard to bear fruit to blossom a tin pot a sack

READING

C You are going to read a famous American folk legend, but some verbs are missing. Read the text and put the verbs in the **past simple**.

The Story of Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed _____ (spend) 49 years of his life in the American wilderness planting apple seeds. His real name was John Chapman. He was born on September 26, 1774 in Massachusetts. He _____ (create) apple orchards in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Even after 200 years, some of those trees still bear apples. Johnny Appleseed's dream was a land where blossoming apple trees were everywhere and no one was hungry. He was a gentle and kind man who _____ (sleep) outdoors and _____ (walk) barefoot around the country planting apple seeds everywhere he _____ (go). It is even said that he _____ (make) his drinking water from snow by melting it with his feet. Johnny was a friend to everyone he _____ (meet). Indians and settlers, even animals, liked Johnny Appleseed. He never _____ (kill) an animal and in later years he was a vegetarian. His clothes were made from sacks and his hat was a tin pot. He also _____ (use) his hat for cooking. His favourite book was the Bible. There are many tales about Johnny Appleseed. It is said that once Johnny _____ (fall) asleep and a rattlesnake _____ (try) to bite him, but the fangs would not go into his foot because his skin was as tough as an elephant's hide. Another tale describes him playing with a bear family. Johnny Appleseed _____ (die) of pneumonia in 1845. It was the only time he was sick in over 70 years!



D

Are these sentences **true (T)** or **false (F)**? Correct the false ones.

- 1 Johnny Appleseed was not a real person.
- 2 He was born in the state of Ohio.
- 3 His mission was to plant apple trees.
- 4 He didn't like the Indians.
- 5 Animal rights were important to him.
- 6 He didn't care about his clothes at all.
- 7 There are two tales about Johnny.

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E

Find the words in the text that mean the following:

- 1 places that don't belong to civilization
- 2 pieces of land planted with fruit trees
- 3 wearing nothing on the feet
- 4 large bags made of strong material
- 5 legends or stories
- 6 large sharp teeth of some animals
- 7 the skin of an animal
- 8 a lung disease caused by viruses or bacteria

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SPEAKING

F

Discuss these questions.

- Which facts about Johnny seem unreal or part of the legend?
- Do you know any Croatian folk legends? Retell it to the class.



WRITING

G

Did you know that Apple Day started in Covent Garden in London? Find out more at <http://commonground.org.uk/projects/orchards/apple-day/> and write about it.

TEACHER'S WORKSHEET

Worksheet	Apple Day
Year	6
Topic	Project on 21 st October
Key language	Proverbs about apples; topic-related vocabulary; regular and irregular verbs in the past simple
Aims	Celebrating Apple Day by talking about proverbs on apples and reading a classic American folk tale about Johnny Appleseed
Duration	45 mins
Procedure	<p>Activity 1: Ss read some proverbs which they first need to explain in English and then translate into Croatian.</p> <p>Activity 2: Ss read a famous American folk legend about a man who planted apple seeds across the country. Before reading, they need to complete the text with the past simple form of the (ir)regular verbs in brackets.</p> <p>Activity 3: Ss do the T/F task. They correct the false statements.</p> <p>Activity 4: Ss find the words in the text that fit the explanations.</p> <p>Activity 5: Ss discuss the (un)real facts from the tale and retell a Croatian folk tale.</p> <p>NB: At the end of the lesson, Ss can try American apple pie made by somebody's mum the day before.</p>
References	<p>http://commonground.org.uk/projects/orchards/apple-day/</p> <p>http://www.national-awareness-days.com/apple-day.html</p> <p>The text about Johnny Appleseed is adapted from http://www.applejuice.org/johnnyappleseed.html</p>
Correlation	Science
Homework	Ss need to go online to find more facts about Apple Day and write them down on the empty lines.
Answer key	<p>Twelve (ir)regular verbs in the text: spent, created, slept, walked, went, made, met, killed, used, fell, tried, died</p> <p>Task D: 1 F; 2 F; 3 T; 4 F; 5 T; 6 T; 7 F</p> <p>Task E: 1 wilderness; 2 orchards; 3 barefoot; 4 sacks; 5 tales; 6 fangs; 7 hide; 8 pneumonia</p>