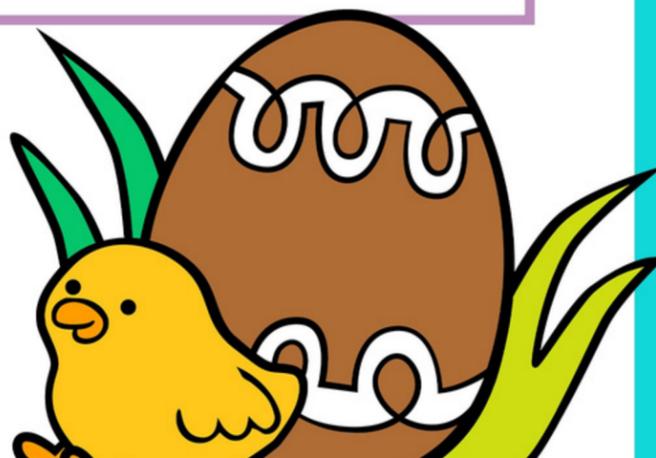


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April Fool's pranks you can actually use (and not the same tired ones):



The "Broken Screen" Panic - Take a screenshot of a cracked phone screen and set it as someone's wallpaper. Watch them gently "tap" their phone like it's injured.

Voice Control Chaos- Turn on voice control on their phone so it randomly starts listening and reacting. They'll think their phone is possessed.

Mouse Trick (Classic but GOLD) - Put a small piece of tape under someone's computer mouse sensor. Instant "why is nothing working?!" meltdown.

Auto-Correct Sabotage - Change their phone so common words auto-correct into something ridiculous (like "yes" → "ABSOLUTELY NOT").

Upside-Down World - Flip their computer screen upside down: Ctrl + Alt + Down Arrow (Windows). Enjoy the confusion.



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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) This week pushes you to act on something you've been circling for too long. Trust your gut—it's louder for a reason. Just don't bulldoze people in the process.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) Comfort is calling your name, but growth is tapping you on the shoulder. A small shift (money, home, or routine) brings a surprisingly big payoff.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) A conversation you've been avoiding could actually clear the air. Bonus: something fun or flirty sneaks in when you least expect it.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) You've been carrying a lot emotionally, and it's time to put some of it down. Not everything is yours to fix.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) This is a strong week for confidence, creativity, and being seen. Just remember: real power isn't loud, it's steady. Lead, don't perform.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) Your brain is in overdrive, but not everything needs solving right now. Focus on what actually matters, not what could go wrong.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) Balance is back but only if you stop over thinking every decision. Trust yourself a little more.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) You're seeing through people and situations clearly now—no more guessing. Use that insight wisely, not harshly.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) You're craving change, movement, something new—and honestly? You're right. Even a small adventure or shift in routine resets your whole mindset.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) You've been grinding hard, but this week asks: is it still worth it? Reevaluate where your energy is going.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) You're thinking differently (as usual), but this time people are actually listening. An idea you almost brushed off could turn into something bigger than expected.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) Your intuition is sharp and your creativity is flowing—lean into both. Just don't drift too far from reality.



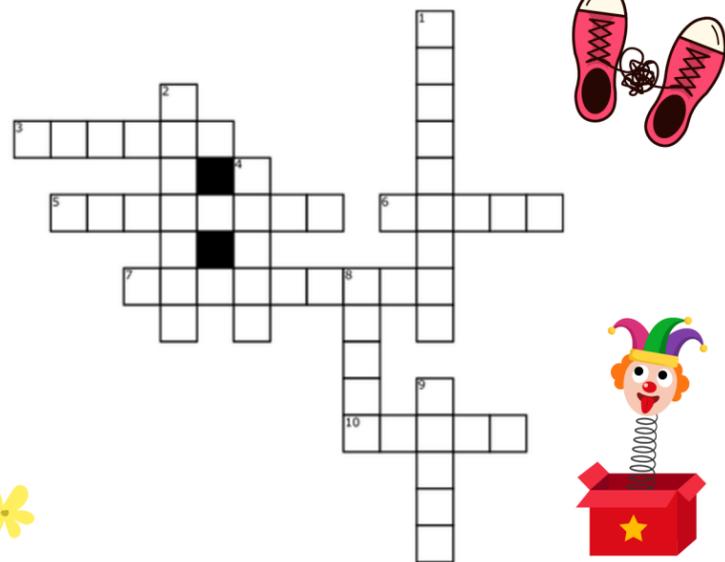
Exercising Flexibility - Flexibility is the capacity to bend without breaking, as well as a continual willingness to change or be changed in order to accommodate new circumstances. People with flexible minds are open to shifting their course when necessary or useful; they are not overly attached to things going the way they had planned. This enables them to take advantage of opportunities that a more rigid person would miss out on. It also can make life a lot more fun. When we are flexible, we allow for situations we could not have planned, and so the world continues to surprise and delight us.

Since reality is in a constant state of flux, it doesn't make sense to be rigid or to cling to any one idea of what is happening or what is going to happen. We are more in tune with reality when we are flexible. Being in tune enables us to adjust to the external environment and other people as they change and grow. When we are rigid or stuck in our ways, we hunker down, clinging to a concept of reality rather than reality itself. When we do this, we cut ourselves off from life, and we miss out on valuable opportunities, as well as a lot of joy.

Just as we create flexibility in our bodies by stretching physically, we can create limberness in our minds by stretching mentally. Every day we have the opportunity to exercise our flexibility. We can do this in small ways such as taking a different route home from work or changing our exercise routine. On a larger scale, we can rearrange the furniture or redo a room in our house. If these are things we already do regularly, we can stretch our minds by imagining several different possibilities for how the next year will unfold. As we do this, our minds become more supple and open, and when changes come our way, we are able to accommodate and flow with the new reality.



April Fool's Day



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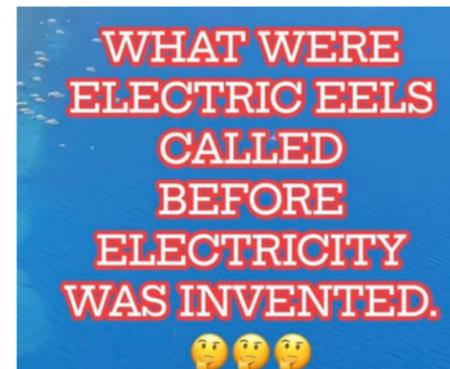
- 3. April Fool's Day is celebrated in this season?
- 5. This holiday is supposed to be lighthearted and _____.
- 6. On April Fool's Day it is good to have a _____ sense of humor.
- 7. What we do on holidays?
- 10. Jokes are meant to make us?

Down

- 1. On April Fool's Day you may get unexpected _____.
- 2. Too many pranks can start to make you feel?
- 4. On April Fool's Day people play practical _____ on each other?
- 8. Happy _____ Fool's Day!
- 9. April Fool's Day is supposed to be _____.

Word Bank

- funny humorous silly April jokes
 Laugh Spring celebrate annoyed surprises



Pictogram Answer: Your mind song stays on my mind.



NETFLIX REVIEW: Mercy starring Chris Pratt



5/5 If you're expecting the usual wisecracking Chris Pratt action role, Mercy shifts gears in a good way. This performance is more grounded, more serious and it works.

The film drops you straight into a high-pressure situation and keeps the tension steady the entire time. No dragging scenes, no fluff—just a tight, contained story where every decision feels like it matters.

There are a few predictable beats, but they don't take away from the overall experience. The pacing keeps you locked in, and before you know it, you're fully invested in how it all plays out.

This isn't about big explosions or over-the-top action, it's about tension, pressure, and watching someone navigate a situation that could unravel in any second.

FINAL TAKE: A solid, gripping thriller that delivers exactly what you want for a night in. Easy to get into, hard to turn off.



Dear Ruby,
 Every April Fool's Day, people go overboard with pranks—fake scares, fake

news, embarrassing setups. I get that it's "all in fun," but sometimes it just feels mean. Am I over-reacting?

—Not Laughing

Dear Not Laughing, you're not overreacting, you're paying attention.

There's a difference between funny and cruel, and April Fool's Day has a way of blurring that line. The best jokes leave everyone laughing. The worst ones leave someone embarrassed, anxious, or quietly hurt while everyone else says, "Relax, it's just a joke."

Here's the thing: if the punchline only works because someone feels small, it's not humour, it's a power play wrapped in a party hat.

Real connection doesn't come from catching people off guard or making them the target. It comes from shared laughter—the kind where nobody has to recover afterward.

So if it doesn't sit right with you, trust that instinct. You don't have to participate in something that feels off just because the calendar says you should.

Be the person who makes people laugh with you, not at themselves. That's the kind of funny that actually lasts. — Ruby

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