

Work It Out!

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UNIT 1

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LEVEL

April Fools' Day

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1.1 VOCABULARY

► Match numbers (1-9) and letters (a-i) to obtain expressions used in the article.

1)	Gregorian	a)	fool
2)	renewal	b)	trait
3)	common	c)	news
4)	social	d)	calendar
5)	medieval	e)	literature
6)	April	f)	platform
7)	fake	g)	times
8)	recent	h)	festival
9)	online	i)	order

► Read the article and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

		T	F
1)	The ancient Roman festival Hilaria was held in honour of Cybele, the Mother of Gods.		
2)	All "renewal festivals" are celebrated on April 1.		
3)	The earliest known reference to April Fools' Day may be found in the works of Geoffrey Chaucer.		
4)	In the 6th century, the Christian world adopted the Gregorian calendar.		
5)	People who continued to celebrate the new year in April were called "April fools".		
6)	An unlikely theory suggests that April Fools' Day may have originated from a 1561 French poem.		
7)	The Treaty of Warsaw was reportedly signed on April 1 but dated March 31 to prevent confusion.		
8)	In Italy and in France, on April 1, people pay tricks by sticking paper fish on other people's cars.		
9)	In Scotland, April Fools' Day is known as "Kick Me Day".		
10)	In Ireland, a common prank involves sending someone to deliver a note that says "Send the fool further".		

1.3 VOCABULARY

► Insert the vowels to complete the following nouns used in the article.

1) hnr	.....	6) glmps	.....	11) trdtn	.....
2) msqrd	.....	7) cck	.....	12) prnk	.....
3) mckry	8) mntn	13) rfrnc
4) vdnc	9) nblmn	14) cnfsn
5) srvnt	10) trty	15) fld

The Serum Run

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2.1 READING COMPREHENSION

► Read the article and match questions (1-8) and answers (a-h).

1) When did the Serum Run take place?	a) 127.5 hours.
2) How many people lived in Nome at the time?	b) Twenty mushers and 150 dogs.
3) What disease struck the town?	c) About 1,400.
4) How was the life-saving medication transported?	d) Twenty.
5) How many teams participated in the Serum Run?	e) By rail followed by a dog sled relay.
6) How many mushers and dogs were involved?	f) Diphtheria, a bacterial infection.
7) How long did it take to complete the journey?	g) During the winter of 1924-25.
8) When was the antitoxin delivered?	h) On February 1, 1925.

2.2 ODD ONE OUT

► Find the word that doesn't belong in the group.

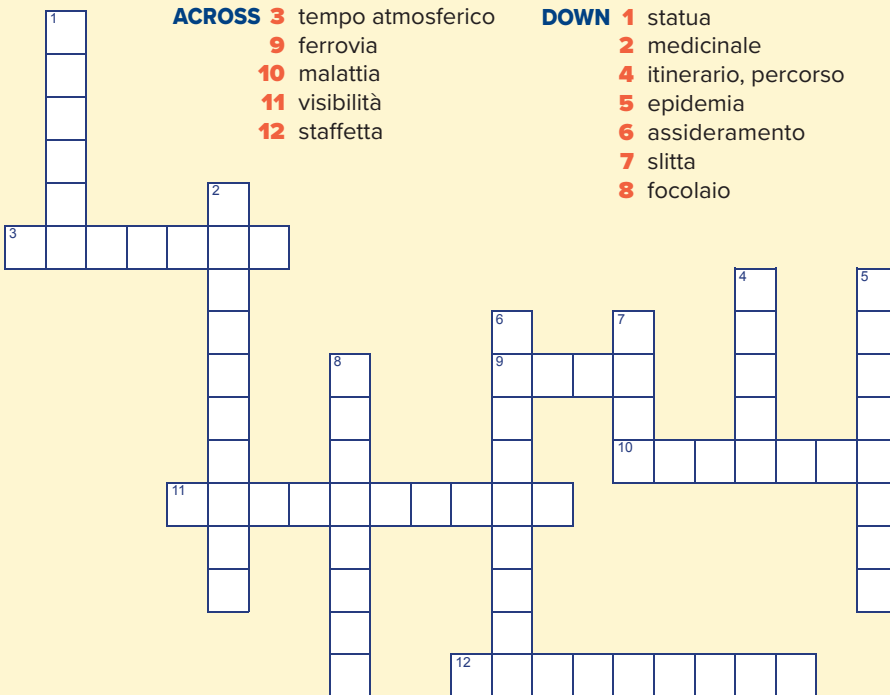
- 1) newspaper ♦ radio ♦ magazine ♦ journal
- 2) to deliver ♦ to send ♦ to receive ♦ to distribute
- 3) hero ♦ martyr ♦ champion ♦ legend
- 4) adverse ♦ unfavourable ♦ negative ♦ unbalanced
- 5) incredibly ♦ slightly ♦ astonishingly ♦ unbelievably
- 6) dangerous ♦ uncertain ♦ risky ♦ hazardous
- 7) to endure ♦ to tolerate ♦ to survive ♦ to quit
- 8) February ♦ October ♦ Friday ♦ November
- 9) winter ♦ spring ♦ season ♦ autumn
- 10) brutal ♦ uncomfortable ♦ harsh ♦ cruel
- 11) medication ♦ treatment ♦ medicine ♦ balm
- 12) serum ♦ syringe ♦ antitoxin ♦ vaccine

2.3 CROSSWORD

► Complete the crossword by filling in a noun used in the article that means:

ACROSS 3 tempo atmosferico
9 ferrovia
10 malattia
11 visibilità
12 staffetta

DOWN 1 statua
2 medicinale
4 itinerario, percorso
5 epidemia
6 assideramento
7 slitta
8 focolaio



THE ORIGIN OF "MUSHER"

A musher is someone who drives a dog sled. The word **musher** comes from the French verb **marcher**, meaning 'to walk' or 'to march'. It is believed to have originated in the 1800s, particularly during the Klondike Gold Rush and other expeditions where sled dogs were essential for transportation. The word **marcher**, used by early French-Canadian settlers, was later anglicised into **musher** by English speakers. Interestingly, it may have evolved from the command "Mush!" that mushers would use to encourage the dogs to start moving.

J. M. W. Turner

3.1 VOCABULARY

3.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

► In the article, find the words that mean:

- 1) paesaggio
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 2) paesaggio marino
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 3) schizzo, bozzetto
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 4) dipinto
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 5) acquerello
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 6) tela (su cui dipingere)
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 7) mecenate
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 8) mago, illusionista
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 9) tramonto
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 10) luce
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 11) rimorchiatore
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
- 12) apice, picco
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

► Listen to the article and fill in the table.

BORN (WHERE)	.....
BORN (WHEN)	.....
HIS FATHER'S OCCUPATION	.....
ART STUDIES	.....
ENROLLED AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS (AGE)	.....
BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS (YEAR)	.....
PAINTED <i>FROSTY MORNING</i> (YEAR)	.....
PAINTED <i>THE FIGHTING TEMERAIRE</i> (YEAR)	.....
PAINTED <i>THE SLAVE SHIP</i> (YEAR)	.....
PAINTED <i>RAIN, STEAM, AND SPEED</i> (YEAR)	.....
DIED OF	.....
DIED (WHEN)	.....
BURIED IN	.....
OIL PAINTINGS LEFT TO THE NATION	.....
SKETCHES AND WATERCOLOURS LEFT TO THE NATION	.....

3.3 VOCABULARY

► What do the following words from the article mean? Choose from the given options.

1) RELIC

- a rottame
- b cimelio
- c simbolo

3) OVERBOARD

- a a bordo
- b a mare
- c arrembaggio

5) TO GLIDE

- a sbiadire
- b sciogliere
- c scivolare

7) MOCKERY

- a esitazione
- b derisione
- c ricovero

2) PUSHY

- a dispettoso
- b egoista
- c assillante

4) TO TOW

- a rimorchiare
- b catturare
- c allestire

6) BLUR

- a macchia sfumata
- b colore chiaro
- c effetto

8) SOAPSOADS

- a schiuma di sapone
- b vapore
- c olio su tela

Oxford v. Cambridge

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4.1 READING COMPREHENSION



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

give it a go
fare un tentativo,
provarci

► Read the article and write the questions for the following answers.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1)?
In 209. | 5)?
On the River Thames in London. |
| 2)?
Between 1249 and 1264. | 6)?
In 1829. |
| 3)?
Light blue. | 7)?
In 1927. |
| 4)?
Dark blue. | 8)?
6.8 kilometres. |

4.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

► Listen to the interview and complete the sentences choosing from the box.

Cam ♦ 100 ♦ three ♦ twenty ♦ winds ♦ stern ♦ amateurs ♦ Christmas ♦ crews
♦ March ♦ rhythm ♦ two ♦ weight ♦ rowers ♦ thirty-four

- 1) The season usually starts in September, and the Boat Race typically takes place between [] and April.
- 2) Preparation involves extensive training on the rowing machine ("erging") and [] sessions.
- 3) Before [], the Trial Eights race takes place, with both Cambridge and Oxford holding separate events.
- 4) Training usually includes racing against other highly-competitive [] from across the country.
- 5) Cambridge students train on the River [], while Oxford students train on the River Thames.
- 6) In 1978, the Cambridge crew's boat sank when strong [] caused water to flood in.
- 7) On that occasion, however, Cambridge earned a place on Channel 4's list of the [] Greatest Sporting Moments.
- 8) The Oxford vs. Cambridge Boat Race has a history of nearly [] hundred years.
- 9) What makes the Boat Race special is that all competitors are [].
- 10) The stroke seat is the person who sets the [] for the crew.
- 11) The six, five, four and three seats, known as the "engine room", are occupied by the most powerful [].
- 12) The cox is the person sitting at the [] of the boat.
- 13) At 6.8 kilometres, the Boat Race is over [] times the length of the Olympic rowing events (2 kilometres).
- 14) The Boat Race takes approximately [] minutes to complete.
- 15) Boat Race crews typically rate around [] strokes per minute.

Charles & Camilla

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5.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

► Listen to the interview and decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

		T	F
1)	The media reflect public opinion rather than shape it.		
2)	The wedding of Charles and Camilla was held in the Town Hall in Windsor as a civil ceremony.		
3)	There were legal complications about the validity of the marriage between Charles and Camilla.		
4)	Prof. Hazell has inside knowledge about the celebration of the 20th anniversary of Charles and Camilla's wedding.		
5)	While Camilla is the "queen consort", Queen Elizabeth was the "queen regnant".		
6)	Queen Elizabeth was the head of state not just of the UK, but of fourteen other countries around the world.		
7)	Camilla has the same obligations and duties as Queen Elizabeth.		
8)	When Prince William becomes king, it will be up to him to decide which role Camilla will play.		
9)	After a period of keeping a low profile, Camilla is now successfully seeking the limelight.		
10)	According to public opinion polls, support for the monarchy ranges between 60 and 80 per cent.		

5.2 WORDSEARCH

► Read the article and locate the words hidden in the grid that mean the following. The words can be written in any direction.

- ❖ CONIUGE
- ❖ RIBALTA
- ❖ MONARCHIA
- ❖ CAPPELLA
- ❖ SOSTEGNO
- ❖ DIVORZIATO
- ❖ LUTTO
- ❖ OSPITE
- ❖ INCORONAZIONE
- ❖ TRONO
- ❖ POLITICO (NOME)
- ❖ GIORNALE SCANDALISTICO

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Y T M A K A L F A T C D G U W M S S
E A L Z Z C I W K H F S H U N M P U
X G E N O T J I P R X W K N C N O P
O X D C C Q I S D O S F U F A U U P
V P Z K R O X F Y N Z H S R L A S O
E Z O A T Z R H Z E B Q U R X S E R
B J Q L K I C O P G Y E G U E S T T
T Y I Z I R Z R N G M E H V E S U Q
A J L I A T J S N A E M H M A E V U
B L J N V V I I Q C T M I M S I H M
L S O S W X N C R I H I Q J X X O Y
O M G S S R G O I I Q K O W D F A D
I E M J U R V M S A T R M N P W H N
D Z U O W I F L M U N O X V Y V E C
D R M W D C I C J U S Q N J S Q J M
P C L X E C H A P E L R X F D C K E
M P D P U L D U L S S S E N G N H D
C F P B L I M E L I G H T G A C L F

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5.3 VOCABULARY

► Fill in with one of the verbs in the circle to obtain expressions used in the article.



- 1) that to continue
- 2) with the job
- 3) to accept her
- 4) the headlines
- 5) an important role
- 6) just outside
- 7) on this matter
- 8) a knot
- 9) on May 6, 2023
- 10) as a victim



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS
have inside knowledge
avere informazioni riservate



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS
over the span of...
nel corso di... , nell'arco di...

The Beatles in America

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6.1 READING COMPREHENSION

► Match numbers (1-10) and letters (a-j) to form correct sentences.

1)	The documentary <i>Beatles '64</i>	a)	George Harrison met his future wife, Pattie Boyd.
2)	The Beatles' 1964 live appearance in America	b)	rocked the Establishment to its foundation.
3)	In 1964 alone, The Beatles	c)	had seventeen Top 40 singles in the U.S.
4)	For young Americans, the group's rebellious attitude	d)	written, produced, directed and acted by the "Fabulous Four".
5)	The Beatles helped introduce white audiences	e)	inspired by the signature style of the Marx Brothers.
6)	The Beatles played a role in healing the American nation	f)	to black music on a wider scale.
7)	During the filming of <i>A Hard Day's Night</i> ,	g)	propelled them to international stardom.
8)	The 1965 film <i>Help!</i> was	h)	explores the group's cultural impact on American society.
9)	The TV film <i>Magical Mystery Tour</i> was	i)	after President J.F. Kennedy's assassination in 1963.
10)	The film <i>Yellow Submarine</i> , released in 1968,	j)	received widespread acclaim from critics and audiences.

6.2 VOCABULARY

► For each adjective (1-17) find an **antonym** (opposite meaning) choosing from the adjectives in the circle below.

- 1) hirsute
- 2) cheeky
- 3) electrifying
- 4) rebellious
- 5) late
- 6) dynamic
- 7) huge
- 8) happy
- 9) healthy
- 10) incredible
- 11) shaggy
- 12) conservative
- 13) restrictive
- 14) catchy
- 15) deep
- 16) legendary
- 17) influential

6.3 SPOT THE MISTAKE!

► Identify any spelling mistakes in the following words and correct them.

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) stardoom | 12) preise |
| 2) instantly | 13) psychedelik |
| 3) charisma | 14) seriously... .. |
| 4) jornalist | 15) feature |
| 5) audience | 16) byopic |
| 6) conterculture | 17) laugh |
| 7) prespective | 18) comunication |
| 8) mourning | 19) atmosfere |
| 9) feetage | 20) establishment |
| 10) consciusness | 21) apparence |
| 11) enyojment | 22) grieving |



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

stamp out
estirpare, debellare,
sradicare

The Sea-Wolf

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7.1 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

► Listen and answer choosing from the options.

- When was *The Sea-Wolf* published?
 - In 1903.
 - In 1904.
 - Text doesn't say.
- At the beginning of the book, who is rescued in San Francisco Bay?
 - Wolf Larsen.
 - Humphrey Van Weyden.
 - Jack London.
- What's the name of the ship that rescues him?
 - The Wolf*.
 - The Ghost*.
 - The Moral Courage*.
- What's Humphrey Van Weyden's occupation on the ship at first?
 - Scullion.
 - Ship's mate.
 - Cabin boy.
- Who falls ill during the voyage?
 - Maud Brewster.
 - Humphrey Van Weyden.
 - Wolf Larsen.

7.3 VOCABULARY

► Read the article and match the words (1-6) and their meaning (a-f).

	WORD		MEANING
1)	scullion	a)	product that can be bought and sold
2)	commodity	b)	strong feeling of dislike or disrespect
3)	drown (verb)	c)	lose the ability to breathe due to being submerged in water (applies to people or animals)
4)	sink (verb)	d)	in a way that suggests something bad is going to happen
5)	contempt	e)	low-ranking kitchen servant
6)	ominously	f)	go down below the surface of a liquid

7.2 SONG



- **Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay** is a song by American singer Otis Redding, recorded shortly before his tragic death in a plane crash and released posthumously in 1968. The song, that blends soul and R&B, describes a man sitting by the bay, watching the water and thinking about his life in a calm and reflective tone. Look it up on YouTube and fill in the missing words.

Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay

Sittin' in the mornin' (1)
 I'll be sittin' (2) the evenin' come
 (3) the ships roll in
 And then I watch 'em roll away' (4) , yeah

I'm sittin' on the (5) of the bay
 Watching the tide (6) away
 I'm just sittin' on the dock of the (7)
 Wastin' (8)

I left my (9) in Georgia
 Headed (10) the 'Frisco bay
 I've had nothing to (11) for
 Look like nothin's gonna (12) my way

So I'm just gonna sit on the dock of the bay...

Look like nothing's gonna (13)
 Everything (14) remains the same
 I can't do what ten people (15) me to do
 So I guess I'll remain the (16) , yes

Sittin' here resting my (17)
 And this loneliness won't leave (18) alone
 It's two thousand (19) I roamed
 Just to (20) this dock my home

Now, I'm just gonna sit at the dock of the bay...



USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

for that matter
 peraltro, del resto,
 in effetti, d'altronde

Crossword

B2
LEVEL

BY THE OLD FOX

► *Don't be afraid! Don't run away! Do it! The circled letters spell the idiom (4 letters), 3, 4, 2, 3, 5.*

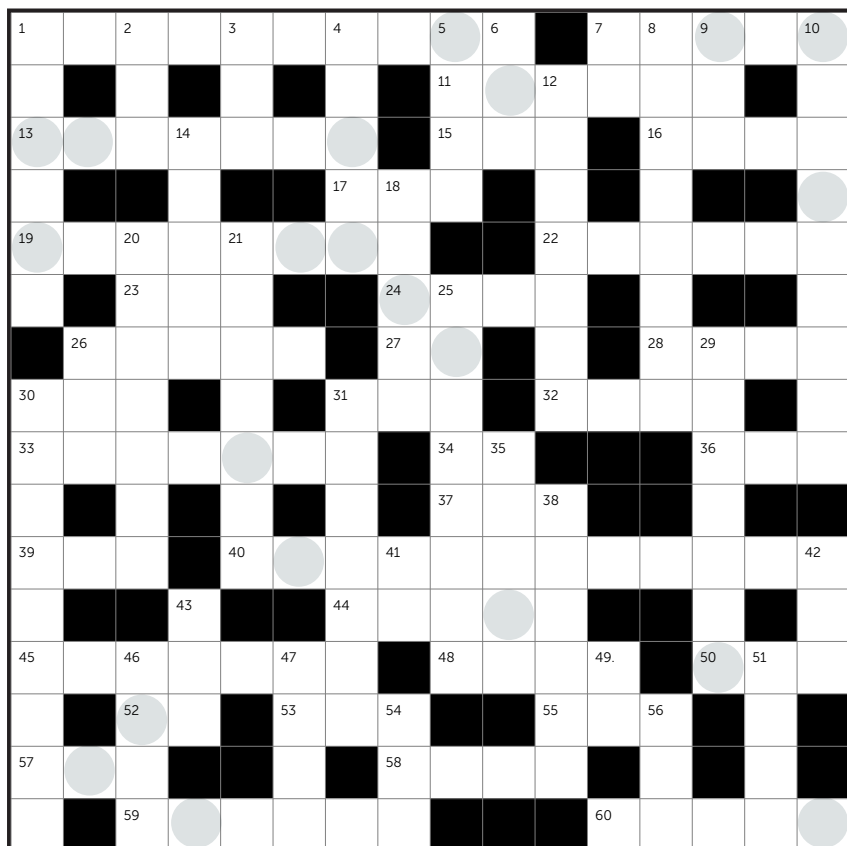
➤ Across

- 1 An institution of learning of the highest level.
- 7 Give thanks.
- 11 The place where God, the angels, and the spirits of good people live after death.
- 13 Place to see a play or other performance.
- 15 In addition to.
- 16 Remain.
- 17 Creative activity.
- 19 Device used as protection from the rain.
- 22 Underground vegetable.
- 23 Snake-like fish.
- 24 Defeat (someone). Hit. Rhymical musical unit found in the Beatles.
- 26 Vapour produced by boiling water.
- 27 Preposition and homophone of 'bye'.
- 28 Drop coming from the eye.
- 30 Question word.
- 31 English dish made from pastry and a filling.
- 32 Profound, not shallow.
- 33 The property of an object by which it keeps its state so long as it is not acted upon by an external force.
- 34 The most common verb in English. You find it in Hamlet's dilemma.
- 36 Third person singular impersonal possessive pronoun.
- 37 Rodent.
- 39 The number of years in a decade.
- 40 Medical treatment for cancer.
- 44 Comparative of 'new'.
- 45 Slip of paper given as proof of payment.
- 48 Flakes of ice crystals falling from the sky.
- 50 Item of clothing worn on the head.
- 52 Preposition of place.
- 53 To request (something).
- 55 Spider's trap. All worldwide sites on the internet.
- 57 Upper limb.
- 58 Make (money in return for labour or services).
- 59 That which can neither be created nor destroyed.
- 60 A plant having a woody trunk and branches.

Ⓢ Down

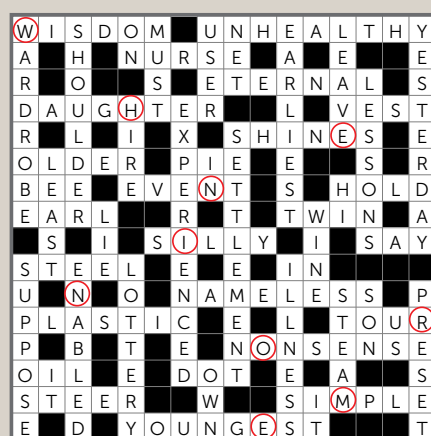
- 1 False. Not true.
- 2 Frozen water.
- 3 Consume.
- 4 Illegally take something with no intentions of returning it.
- 5 Demonstrative pronoun.
- 6 Japanese currency.
- 7 Television.
- 8 Pause indecisively before doing something.
- 9 Small insect living in a social colony.
- 10 Musical instrument, electronic piano (plural).
- 12 Adjective describing a child brought up by non-biological parents.
- 14 Have the same opinion as another.
- 18 Jewish priest.
- 20 Preposition describing something in the middle of two other things.
- 21 Not rigid. Stretchy, flexible, rubbery.
- 25 Areas above the eyes and covered by hair.
- 26 Male child.
- 29 Final words in memory of a person, especially on a tombstone.
- 30 Expert in history.
- 31 Mother and father.
- 35 Consumed.
- 38 Past participle of the verb to throw.
- 41 First person singular object pronoun.
- 42 (Not) until now?
- 43 Writing instrument
- 46 To move toward or approach.
- 47 Two of an inseparable couple. Homophone of 'pear'.
- 49 First person plural subject pronoun.
- 51 Continuous dull pain, especially in the head, back, tooth or ear.
- 54 Used to open a door.
- 56 Public place to get a coffee, drink or snack.

The **solution** will be published in the next issue of Speak Up



LAST ISSUE'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION

The circled letters spell the idiom:
"When in Rome ..."



IDIOM

“When in Rome...”

► “When in Rome, do as the Romans do” is a medieval proverb attributed to St.º Ambrose, a Milanese theologian and statesman who served as Bishop of Milan from 374 to 397. Famed for spreading Christianity in the West in the dying days of the Roman Empire, he is at the centre of many delightful stories. Ambrose is the patron saint of bees and the beehive frequently appears alongside depictions of the saint as a symbol of his eloquence. It is said that a swarm of bees settled on little Ambrose’s face while he lay in his crib, but then buzzed away again, leaving him with a drop of honey to remember them by. The proverb “when in Rome...” means that when you are visiting somewhere it is best to follow the traditions or customs of that place. It was advice given to St. Augustine, who asked Ambrose, during a trip to Rome, whether they should fast on Saturday, as Romans did, or not, as in Milan.



SOLUTIONS

APRIL FOOLS' DAY Page 65

1.1 VOCABULARY

1) d, 2) h, 3) b, 4) i, 5) e, 6) a, 7) c, 8) g, 9) f

1.2 TRUE OR FALSE?

1) T, 2) F, 3) T, 4) T, 5) T, 6) F, 7) T, 8) F, 9) F, 10) T

1.3 VOCABULARY

- honour
- masquerade
- mockery
- evidence
- servant
- glimpse
- cock
- mention
- nobleman
- treaty
- tradition
- prank
- reference
- confusion
- flood

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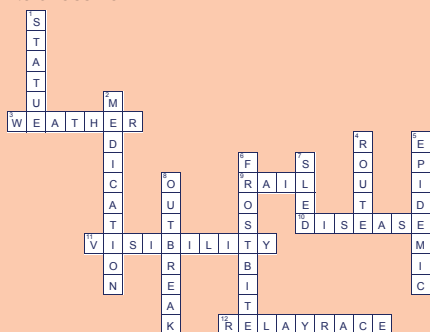
2.1 READING COMPREHENSION

1) g, 2) c, 3) f, 4) e, 5) d, 6) b, 7) a, 8) h

2.2 ODD ONE OUT

- radio
- to receive
- martyr
- unbalanced
- slightly
- uncertain
- to quit
- Friday
- season
- uncomfortable
- balm
- syringe

2.3 CROSSWORD



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3.1 VOCABULARY

1) landscape, 2) seascape, 3) sketch, 4) painting, 5) watercolour, 6) canvas, 7) patron, 8) magician, 9) sunset, 10) light, 11) tugboat, 12) peak



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3.2 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

BORN (WHERE)	COVENT GARDEN, LONDON
BORN (WHEN)	23 APRIL 1775
HIS FATHER'S OCCUPATION	BARBER AND WIGMAKER
ART STUDIES	ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS
ENROLLED AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS (AGE)	14
BECAME A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY SCHOOLS (YEAR)	1802
PAINTED <i>FROSTY MORNING</i> (YEAR)	1813
PAINTED <i>THE FIGHTING TEMERAIRE</i> (YEAR)	1839
PAINTED <i>THE SLAVE SHIP</i> (YEAR)	1840
PAINTED <i>RAIN, STEAM, AND SPEED</i> (YEAR)	1844
DIED OF	CHOLERA
DIED (WHEN)	19 DECEMBER 1851
BURIED IN	ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
OIL PAINTINGS LEFT TO THE NATION	300
SKETCHES AND WATERCOLOURS LEFT TO THE NATION	30,000

3.3 VOCABULARY

1) cimelio, 2) assillante, 3) a mare, 4) rimorchiare, 5) scivolare, 6) macchia sfumata, 7) derisione, 8) schiuma di sapone

OXFORD V. CAMBRIDGE Page 68

4.1 VOCABULARY

- When was Cambridge University established?
- When was Oxford University established?
- What colour are the Cambridge Blue boats?
- What colour are the Oxford Blue boats?
- Where does the varsity boat race take place?
- When was the first varsity boat race held?
- When was the first race for women held?
- What is the length of the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race course?

4.2 VOCABULARY

- March
- weight
- Christmas
- crews
- Cam
- winds
- 100
- two
- amateurs
- rhythm
- rowers
- stern
- three
- twenty
- thirty-four

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5.1 TRUE OR FALSE?

1) F, 2) T, 3) T, 4) F, 5) T, 6) T, 7) F, 8) T, 9) F, 10) T

5.2 WORDSEARCH

