



May

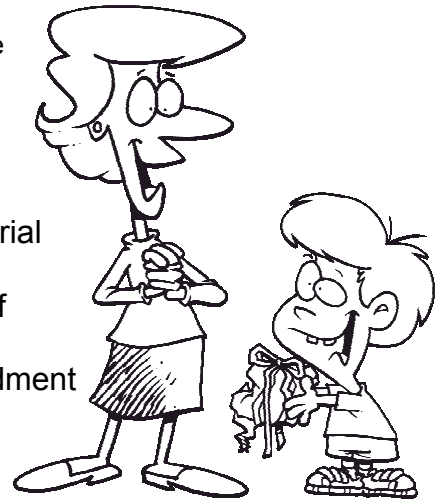
**Connections,
Vocabulary,
a Poem,
and
Answer Keys**

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May Connections

Memorial Day, The Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, May Day, The Indianapolis 500, Cinco de Mayo, Spring

Identify **ONE WORD** that can be connected to all three items in the lists below so that each one forms a familiar **word** or **phrase**. The mystery words, all connected to one of the May events listed above, can be placed **before** or **after** the clues. Write your answers in the blanks to the left.



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|-------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|
| _____ | 1. May | Mother's | Memorial |
| _____ | 2. New | City | Gulf of |
| _____ | 3. of May | Avenue | amendment |
| _____ | 4. classical | folk | box |
| _____ | 5. feud | tradition | extended |
| _____ | 6. soccer | and pop | single |
| _____ | 7. sick | work | base |
| _____ | 8. puppy | true | letter |
| _____ | 9. birthday | Christmas | phone |
| _____ | 10. certificate | wrapped | horse |
| _____ | 11. flower | fly | pole |
| _____ | 12. floor | River | tap |
| _____ | 13. class | cousin | lady |
| _____ | 14. bee | Elizabeth | drama |
| _____ | 15. Colts | Indiana | 500 |
| _____ | 16. race | stock | street |
| _____ | 17. steam | fire | internal-combustion |
| _____ | 18. way | limit | bump |
| _____ | 19. shake | weed | evaporated |

May Connections—continued

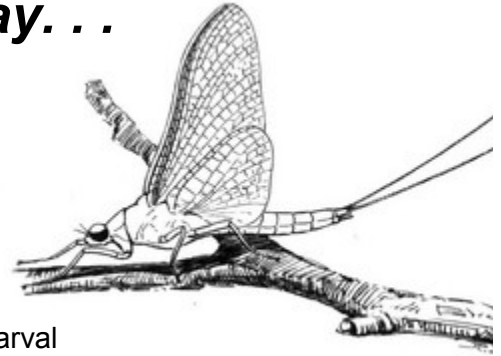
_____ 20. Guthrie Jackson Reno
_____ 21. Kentucky demolition roller



_____ 22. rocking race sea
_____ 23. Churchill break touch
_____ 24. bud bush Bowl
_____ 25. toy foot unknown
_____ 26. roll maid of Your
_____ 27. mail room self
_____ 28. pole ship stone
_____ 29. march rank academy
_____ 30. Texas Virginia National Cemetery
_____ 31. American eye bald
_____ 32. Sam Remus say
_____ 33. Korean Vietnam Civil
_____ 34. fever cleaning main
_____ 35. mat wagon You're
_____ 36. vegetable herb flower
_____ 37. go-lucky slap camper

Be That As It May. . .

The blanks to the left are to be filled with words containing either the *letters m-a-y* or the *sound mā*. Use the definitions and clues to identify the words. The **two beginning or ending letters** are given as extra information. Spelling counts. Use a dictionary!



- _____ **ly** 1. An insect having delicate membranous wings with the front pair much larger than the rear and existing in an aquatic larval stage and a terrestrial adult stage usually lasting less than two days.
- em** _____ 2. Being abnormally lean or thin as a result of starvation.
- _____ **le** 3. Any of numerous trees or shrubs grown for shade, ornamentals, timber, or sap.
- _____ **se** 4. A thick dressing of egg yolks, vinegar or lemon juice, oil, and seasonings, used for salads, sandwiches, vegetable dishes, etc.
- pr** _____ 5. A mammal of the order that includes humans, great apes, gibbons, monkeys, and lemurs, characterized by fine development of the hands and feet, a shortened snout, and a large brain.
- _____ **ag** 6. The company that claims to employ lonely repairmen.
- _____ **or** 7. The chief executive official, usually elected, of a city, town, or village.
- ex** _____ 8. An act of crying out or speaking suddenly and vehemently, as in surprise, strong emotion, or protest.
- _____ **ay** 9. The international distress signal, used by ships and aircraft.
- Ja** _____ 10. An island in the West Indies, south of Cuba.
- to** _____ 11. Any of several plants of the nightshade family, native to Mexico and Central and South America, bearing a mildly acid, pulpy, usually red fruit eaten raw or cooked as a vegetable.
- _____ **ix** 12. Something that constitutes the place or point from which something else originates, takes form, or develops.
- _____ **id** 13. A female servant.
- _____ **y's** 14. A chain of American department stores with its flagship store in Herald Square in New York City.
- Da** _____ 15. A breed of dog noted for its white coat and either black or liver spots.
- in** _____ 16. Knowledge communicated or received concerning a particular fact or circumstance; news; factual data.
- _____ **er** 17. American media company **Metro-Goldyn-**_____, involved primarily in the production and distribution of movies and television programs.
- _____ **ze** 18. An intricate, usually confusing network of interconnecting pathways, as in a garden; something made up of many confusing or conflicting elements.

- _____ **ze** 19. Another name for corn; a light yellow to moderate orange yellow.
- an** _____ 20. The act, process, or result of imparting life, interest, spirit, motion, or activity; drawings, usually cartoons, done in such a way so that objects or characters appear to be alive.
- _____ **on** 21. A married woman or a widow, especially one of dignity, mature age, and established social position; a woman who acts as a supervisor or monitor in a public institution such as a prison.
- di** _____ 22. To dishearten or break down the courage of, as by sudden danger or trouble; to surprise in such a manner as to disillusion.
- _____ **d'** 23. The person in charge of assigning customers to tables in a suitably staffed restaurant and dividing the dining facilities into areas of responsibility for the servers on duty. In some localities, the post is known as *headwaiter* or *captain*. (**two word** answer)
- _____ **em** 24. Random or deliberate violence or damage; a state of rowdy disorder; *Law*: The offense of willfully maiming or crippling a person.
- _____ **le** 25. A tall pole decorated with flowers and ribbons, around which people dance or engage in sports during May Day celebrations.
- pl** _____ 26. A companion, especially a child, in play or recreation.
- es** _____ 27. To calculate approximately, as in amount, extent, magnitude, value, or size of something; to form an opinion about; evaluate.
- _____ **on** 28. A person whose trade is building with various natural or artificial mineral products, such as stones, bricks, cinder blocks, or tiles, usually with the use of mortar or cement as a bonding agent.
- _____ **ne** 29. A top-selling brand of make-up, sold world-wide and owned by L'Oréal.
- Ka** _____ **ha** 30. On June 11, Hawaiians celebrate a public holiday in honor of this monarch, who established the unified kingdom of Hawaii in 1810.
- _____ **ed** 31. To be overwhelmed with surprise or sudden wonder; astonished greatly; flabbergasted.
- in** _____ 32. A localized protective reaction of tissue to irritation, injury, or infection, characterized by pain, redness, swelling, and sometimes loss of function.
- _____ **or** 33. A commissioned military officer ranking next below a lieutenant colonel and next above a captain; great, as in rank or importance.
- _____ **er** 34. The ship in which the Pilgrims sailed from England to the New World in 1620.
- _____ **Clinic** 35. An internationally renowned medical practice based in Rochester, Minnesota. It also runs additional hospitals and physician practices in Jacksonville, Florida, and Scottsdale, Arizona, with other smaller facilities in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin
- _____ **on** 36. A city in central Georgia located southeast of Atlanta.
- la** _____ 37. An ornamental fabric in which metallic threads, as of gold or silver, are woven into silk, wool, rayon, or cotton.
- _____ **er** 38. Oscar _____ has a way with *b-o-l-o-g-n-a*.

A May Poem

Use the following ideas to write a rhyming, three-verse poem about the month of **May**.

- Make a list of words that rhyme with *May*. Here is a substantial collection to get you started.

play stay display say day filet Bombay array OK
stray sleigh way spray away bouquet cliché delay buffet
essay tray convey pay café obey today toupee clay

- Write four lines about **May weather**. Enter some ideas in the space below.

- Create four lines about **special days in May**. Don't forget your school schedule! Make notes below.

- Compose four lines that express your **feelings about the month of May**. Gather your thoughts here.



- Give your poem a title: _____

Keys

Note: Connections answers are capitalized when **all three** words/phrases are capitalized or when the connecting word is **always capitalized**.

Connections

1. Day
2. Mexico
3. fifth
4. music
5. family
6. mom
7. home
8. love
9. card
10. gift
11. may
12. dance
13. first
14. queen
15. Indianapolis
16. car
17. engine
18. speed
19. milk
20. Janet
21. derby
22. horse
23. downs
24. rose
25. soldier
26. honor
27. service
28. flag
29. military
30. Arlington
31. eagle
32. uncle
33. War
34. spring
35. welcome
36. garden
37. happy

Be That As It May. . .

1. Mayfly
2. emaciated
3. maple
4. mayonnaise
5. primate
6. Maytag
7. mayor
8. exclamation
9. Mayday
10. Jamaica
11. tomato
12. matrix
13. maid
14. Macy's
15. Dalmatian
16. information
17. Mayer
18. maze
19. maize
20. animation
21. matron
22. dismay
23. maître d'
24. mayhem
25. Maypole
26. playmate
27. estimate
28. mason
29. Maybelline
30. Kamehameha
31. amazed
32. inflammation
33. major
34. Mayflower
35. Mayo
36. Macon
37. lamé
38. Mayer