

Now and then: Where were you?

Listen to Peter and Pablo talking about important days in the Anglo-Saxon culture. For questions 1 to 7, choose 'True' or 'False'. Number 0 is an example. For the audioscript, click on the button below.

Pablo: ... So, I don't understand, Peter. When's Mother's Day?

Peter: Well, it depends on the country.

Pablo: So, in the US for example, don't they celebrate it on the first Sunday in May?

Peter: Oh no, it is on the second Sunday in May. So if you ever forget to say 'Happy Mother's Day' to your mother, Spanish date, you can do it the following weekend, American date!

All: Hahaha...

Peter: Ok, let's continue. Father's Day is on the third Sunday in June so the date varies from year to year. However, when is it in Spain?

Pablo: It's on the nineteenth of March. It's also Saint Jose's Day.

Peter: You like Saints in Spain, uh? Do you know when St. Patrick's Day is?

Pablo: No, I don't. Why is it important?

Peter: Oh, wow! St. Patrick's Day is on the seventeenth of March and it is a national holiday in my country! The river Liffey, in Dublin, turns green!

Pablo: Well, we don't turn our rivers green in Spain but our national day is on the... the sixth of October? No, wait that's our Constitution Day...

Juan: On the twelfth of October! *¡El Día de la Hispanidad!*

Peter: That's right. Last year I went to Madrid to see the celebration. It was an experience! And in the US, this day is when they celebrate Columbus Day. Ok, Let me tell you another important date in the Anglo-Saxon culture. It's called Bonfire Night. It's celebrated on the fifth of November and it is similar to your *San Juan's* night.

Pablo: Oh, that's on the twenty-first of June. I think I was at the beach in Málaga...

Peter: Well, that sounds great. I was here, at IEDA, with my English classes. Hahaha. Ok, I'll tell you two more dates which are relevant for Americans, apart from the ones I explained, you know, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day or Labour Day. The first one is

Independence Day, which is on the fourth of July, or as Americans say, July 4th.
And finally, Veteran's Day, which is on the eleventh of November.