

ANZAC DAY

Work with your partner to answer these questions.

1. Do you know when ANZAC Day is?
2. What does ANZAC stand for?
3. What do Kiwis do on ANZAC Day?



Match the words with the definitions.

Fill the blanks with letters a – j.

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| 1. poppy | a. a violent act to hurt or damage someone or something |
| 2. soldier | b. to open (flowers) |
| 3. attack | c. early morning when light first appears in the sky |
| 4. mark | d. a member of an army |
| 5. ceremony | e. a line of people moving through a public place to celebrate something |
| 6. serve | f. to do something to celebrate |
| 7. dawn | g. to work in the army |
| 8. march | h. a red flower with small, black seeds |
| 9. parade | i. when soldiers walk together with regular steps |
| 10. bloom | j. a formal event on important occasions |

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____ 6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____



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READING

1. Do you know why near the end of April, many people wear a red poppy on the left side of their chest? If you are new in New Zealand and your answer to this question might be “no”, this reading will help you understand more about another public holiday in Aotearoa, the ANZAC Day.

2. You must have heard of the Great War, or the First World War (1914-1918), when two powers controlled the world and there was a lot of fighting between countries.



On April 25th 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the Gallipoli peninsula. The attack went on for eight months and in the end, they had to leave Gallipoli. A lot of soldiers died, among whom were 2,779 New Zealanders. In 1916, ANZAC Day was marked for the first time with ceremonies in different cities in Aotearoa to remember those who went to Gallipoli. Now, the day is also about all New Zealanders who served and are serving.

For the fallen

Laurence Binyon



*"...They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them..."*


3. ANZAC Day (April 25th) became a public holiday in 1921. The day starts with the dawn service, which takes place at the same time as the Gallipoli landing.

Some usual activities include a march by returned soldiers to the local war memorial, a reading of four lines from the poem 'For the fallen', 'The Last Post' being played, and a minute's silence. The dawn service is followed by the ANZAC parade. Some of these activities could not take place in 2020 because New Zealand was under lock-down to stop the spreading of the COVID-19. Instead, Kiwis listened to speeches and 'The Last Post' on Radio NZ.

4. Stories have it that after the Great War, red poppies grew and bloomed more beautifully than ever on battlefields. Red poppies are sold on Poppy Day, which is usually the Friday before ANZAC Day. The money is used to support soldiers and their family. Wearing a red poppy on your chest is a way to show respect for the soldiers who lost their lives.



Main ideas

 Match headings A – D with paragraphs 1 – 4.
Write 1–4 next to A–D.

- ___ A) The red poppy
- ___ B) A question for you
- ___ C) What happens on ANZAC Day
- ___ D) The history of ANZAC Day

Comprehension questions

 Answer these questions with information from the reading.

1. What happened on April 25th 1915?

2. What was the result of the attack?

3. Why was ANZAC Day marked with ceremonies in New Zealand in 1916?

4. Name three activities that take place on ANZAC Day every year?

5. Why were some traditional activities cancelled on ANZAC Day in 2020?

6. Why are red poppies sold on Poppy Day?

Do you know?

In New Zealand, there are three and a half days in a year when almost all shops must be closed. That “half day” is on ANZAC Day, when shops are closed until 1pm.

True, False, or Not Mentioned



*Are these sentences True, False, or Not Mentioned?
Write T, F, or NM next to each sentence. Correct the false ones.*

1. Only New Zealand soldiers landed on the Gallipoli peninsula. _____
2. The attack was a success. _____
3. The attack ended after eight months. _____
4. Nearly 2,800 New Zealand soldiers died in Gallipoli. _____
5. More Australian soldiers were killed. _____
6. Nowadays, ANZAC Day is about all New Zealanders who served and are serving the country. _____
7. It took many years until ANZAC Day became a public holiday. _____
8. Some common activities on ANZAC Day include a dawn service, a march, a poem reading, and a parade. _____
9. Poppy Day only started recently. _____
10. The money from selling red poppies are used to support soldiers and their family. _____

Tip:

True:

You can find it in the text.

False:

It's not the same as in the text.

Not mentioned:

You don't know if it's true or false because it can't be found in the text.

WRAP-UP



In pairs, without looking back at the reading, ask and answer these questions.

1. Do you know what happened on April 25th 1915?
2. What are some activities on ANZAC Day?
3. Why do many Kiwis wear a red poppy around ANZAC Day?



Online quiz

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