

Weekend in May. May Day.

1. Read the poem.

Today is May Day.

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We are happy and gay

On the first of May.

2. Read the text and fill in the verbs in the correct tense form (Present Simple).

May Day is a public holiday and I ... (not, to go) to school. It's on the 1st of May. It's a day off in Russia. The weather ... (to be) usually fine and warm. The trees ... (to be) green and there ... (to be) many flowers in the parks and gardens.

There ... (to be) entertaining activities for children, adults like being a part of festive movement in the streets and watching the parades. You can see many men, women and children in the streets and parks. The biggest celebration is traditionally held on the main square. I usually... (to go) to the park with my friends. We ... (to play) and ... (to talk) and ... (to eat) ice-creams. People march with flags, banners and colourful ribbons. During this event you can feel the festive atmosphere in the air.

3. Answer the following questions.

1. What holiday is it?
2. What kind of holiday is it? Is May Day a public holiday in Russia?
3. When is it celebrated?
4. Does it have a fixed date?
5. Do people have a day off on this day?
6. What do children and grown-ups do on this holiday?
7. Do you like it?

4. Translate from Russian into English.

Май

Сейчас май. Настоящая весна. Солнце ярко светит на небе. Тепло. Деревья зеленые. В парках моего города много красивых цветов. Я люблю мой город весной.

May

It is May now. It is real spring. The sun is shining brightly in the sky. It is warm. The trees are green. There are many beautiful flowers in the parks of my town. I like my town in spring.