

1. The Vernal Equinox

We're fast approaching the time when those in the northern hemisphere start looking forward to longer days and those in the southern hemisphere see the days beginning to shorten. The Vernal Equinox, according to Druidic mythology, is a time charged with magical energy, and this year it falls on March 20th. This week's worksheet takes a look at some of the customs associated with the coming of spring whilst revising the use of articles. There is one page to print. Click here to get your copy.

<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/March/IO038S-equinox.pdf>
<http://www.insideout.net/warehouse/worksheets/March/IO038S-equinox.rtf>

Level

Intermediate

How to use the lesson

1. Give one copy of the worksheet to each student in the class. Divide the class into pairs and ask each pair to work together to complete the story by adding *a/an, the* or *–* (nothing).
2. When the students have finished, check answers in open class.

Answers

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| 1. the | 2. the | 3. a | 4. the |
| 5. – | 6. the | 7. – | 8. the |
| 9. a | 10. – | 11. the | 12. an |
| 13. – | 14. the | 15. a | 16. – |
| 17. the | 18. the | 19. the | 20. – |
| 21. – | 22. – | 23. the | 24. the |
| 25. – | | | |

Follow up

For more on the equinox, the pagans, Earth Day or the idea about eggs staying upright during the equinox, check out the sites below:

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://www.religioustolerance.org/spring_equinox.htm

Takes a look at some spring equinox celebrations

<http://www.earthsite.org/ed2002.htm>

Did you know it is also Earth Day on the same day?

http://www.badastronomy.com/bad/misc/egg_spin.html

Here's someone who doesn't believe in the 'egg' theory

<http://www.geocities.com/lavenderwater37/holidays.htm>

Who are pagans? Check out holidays of the pagan year