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Le Premier Mai en France

Go to www.euroclub-schools.org. Enter the French Zone. Click on le Premier Mai.

By reading the information on the web page, can you find the answers to the following questions?

1. Write the French word for 'first' in two different ways.

2. Which French king began the tradition of giving lily of the valley on 1st May?

3. Write the following words in French:

the lily of the valley -

the good luck -

the bell-shaped buds -

4. According to superstition, how many buds on a stalk bring **very** good luck?

5. Write the various French names for the 1st of May celebration.

6. What happened in Chicago on 1st May 1886?

7. To show support to the people of Chicago, which official holiday was created in France a few years later?

8. What did French workers wear in order to demonstrate how a day should be divided?

9. Write in both French and English the three parts of the day that the French workers wanted.

10. Eventually, which two celebrations merged on 1st May? Write them in both English and French.

11. Lily of the valley became the symbol of the merged celebrations of 1st May. Why should you be careful though?

12. Write the following words in French:

a public holiday -

in the forest -

the lucky charm -

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By reading the information on the web page, can you find and write the following translations?

Écris en français:

1. It is a public holiday.

2. into the forest

2a. workers

3. a stem of lily of the valley

4. thirteen little bells

5. Labour Day

6. to create crowns of flowers

7. nowadays

7a. however

8. loved ones

8a. to offer

9. every first of May

10. to spend hours

11. a springtime flower

12. according to the legend

13. to the ladies of his court

14. this idea

14a. the king

15. every year

16. There were protests.

17. the American workers

18. three years later

19. the demonstrators

20. a small, red triangle

21. the same date

21a. eventually

22. What an interesting combination!

23. the two traditions

24. a festival of love

25. an interesting fact

26. a very poisonous plant

27. within the reach of a young child

28. Never leave this plant.

29. into three parts

30. two celebrations

30a. a riddle

31. a meeting

31a. to promise

32. to warm hearts

33. I am very fragrant.

34. Who am I?

35. Happy holiday!

Écris en anglais:

36. le meilleur porte-bonheur

37. couper des rameaux

38. Millions de brins de muguet sont vendus en France.

39. Cette idée a tellement plu au roi.

40. une journée de manifestations et défilés pour les droits des travailleurs français

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By reading through the web page, can you find and write the following verbs in French?

Écris les verbes à l'infinitif: (One word only.)

1. to spend

2. to decorate

3. to cut

4. to offer

5. to create

6. to get

7. to make

8. to promise

9. to warm

10. to bring

Identify the verb/s in each sentence below and write the infinitive.

Écris les verbes à l'infinitif:

Par exemple: Le roi Charles IX a reçu un brin de muguet. *avoir* *recevoir*

11. Il a décidé.

12. On dit.

13. Il a décidé.

14. Le muguet est une fleur de printemps.

15. On allait en forêt.

16. Cette idée a tellement plu au roi.

17. Millions de brins de muguet sont vendus en France.

18. On peut passer des heures.
