

Festivals / Famous speech

How much do you know
About British and American
customs, holidays, and festivals?

- Learning about customs, holidays, and festivals celebrated in those countries is an **excellent way** for students of English as a foreign Language to **gain a better understanding** of British and American cultures.

- Each celebration is **unique** and offers students an **valuable insight** into a variety of traditions and customs that become an integral part of the culture.

- In this section, you will learn about **the most important holidays** and **festivals** of the year, their **origins** and **the way** they are celebrated.

1) Independence Day
2) Christmas
3) Valentine’s Day
4) April Fools Day

Independence Day

1. Independence Day







Independence Day

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1. Independence Day

- **Meaning**

Independence Day of United States is **the day celebrating release from Great Britain**. It is also called '**Fourth of July'**.

- **History**

Relations between the colonies (current United States) and the mother country(Britain) had been deteriorating since the end of the Seven Years' war in 1763, because Britain imposed more duty on colonies.

Although the First Continental Congress convened in 1774, the problem about the duty was not solved.

1. Independence Day

So American Revolution War began in April 1775.
The Second Continental Congress convened in May 1775. In this congress John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman drafted an Independence Declaration.

And finally in July 4 1776 Independence Declaration was announced.

1. Independence Day

- **Customs**

Independence Day is a **national holiday**.
Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a **picnic or barbecue**

Independence day is the **most magnificent anniversary among unreligious anniversaries**.

Fancy fireworks and **parade** are held in the whole country.

1. Independence Day







Parades are often in the **morning**, while **fireworks** displays occur in the **evening** at such places as **parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.**

1. Independence Day

- **Exercises**

  Are the following sentences **True or False**?
  Circle the Correct Answers.

1. Independence Day is also called ‘Fourth of July.’ (T / F)
2. People celebrate Independence Day by hosting barbeque. (T / F)
3. Independence day is the most magnificent anniversary among all anniversaries of U.S. (T / F)
4. Parades are often in the evening. (T / F)

Christmas

2. Christmas



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In some cases
non-pecuniary values
are important
Merry Christmas

2. Christmas

- **Meaning**

  Christmas or Christmas Day is an **annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ**.

  These days, people have a **feast and party** to celebrate.

2. Christmas

•Christmas in USA

- The United States of America has **many different traditions** and **ways** that people celebrate Christmas, because of its **multi-cultural nature**.

- Many customs are **similar** to ones in the UK, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland and Mexico.

- Some Americans use pop-corn threaded on string to help decorate their Christmas Tree!

2. Christmas

•Christmas in USA

- The traditional meal for **Western European** families is **turkey or ham with cranberry sauce**.

- Families from **Eastern European** origins favour turkey with trimmings, keilbasi (a Polish sausage), cabbage dishes, and soups; and some Italian families prefer lasagna(라자냐)!

2. Christmas

•Christmas in Australia

- In Australia, Christmas comes **in the middle of the summer holidays**! Children have their summer holidays from **early to mid December to early February**, so some people might even **be camping at Christmas**.

- Because it's **so hot** at Christmas time in Australia, there are quite often massive bush fires across the country.

2. Christmas

•Christmas in Australia

- Australians **hang wreaths** on their front doors and sometimes go out **Christmas carol singing** on Christmas eve.
- People **decorate their houses and gardens** with Christmas **Trees** and **Christmas lights**.
- Neighbors sometimes have **little competitions** to see who has got **the best light display**.

2. Christmas

•Christmas in Japan

- Christmas is not widely celebrated in Japan as not many people there are Christians.

  However, several customs have come to Japan from the USA such as **sending and receiving Christmas Cards and Presents**.

- In Japan, Christmas is known as more of a **time to spread happiness** rather than a religious celebration.

2. Christmas

•Christmas in Japan

- **Christmas eve** is often celebrated more than Christmas Day. Christmas eve is thought of as a **romantic day**, in which **couples spend together and exchange presents**.

- In many ways it resembles Valentine's Day celebrations in the UK and the USA. Young couples like to go for walks to look at the **Christmas lights** and have a **romantic meal** in a restaurant - booking a table on Christmas Eve can be very difficult as it's so popular!

Christmas Carols



2. Christmas

- **Exercises**

  Complete the paragraph by filling each blank with one word.

Christmas is a very happy time of the _____. Families decorates tree with lights and _____. People sing traditional songs called Christmas _____. People wrap gifts in pretty paper and _____ them to their friends and relatives. They _____ each other “Marry Christmas.” Many families go to _____ and then, at home, open their _____ and have a traditional Christmas dinner.

2. Christmas

- **Exercises**

  Write questions to these answers.

a) What _____?
The traditional colors for Christmas are green and red.

b) What _____?
Christmas carols are traditional songs that people sing during the Christmas holiday.

c) Where _____?
People usually put gifts under the Christmas tree.

d) When_____?
Preparations for Christmas begin weeks before Christmas Day.

2. Christmas

- **Exercises**

  Think and discuss

a) What is the spirit of Christmas?

b) What special foods do Americans eat at Christmas?

c) What is Christmas tree?

d) When do people in your country gives gifts to friends and relatives?

e) On what special day do you decorate your home with plants and flowers?

Valentine's Day


VALENTINE'S DAY
From the director of Pretty Woman comes a day in the life of love.
JESSICA ALBA
KATHY BATES
JESSICA BIEL
JENNIFER GARNER
QUEEN LATIFAH
SHIRLEY MACLAINE
EMMA ROBERTS
JULIA ROBERTS
TAYLOR SWIFT
ANNE HATHAWAY
JAMIE FOXX
BRADLEY COOPER
TOPHER GRACE
ERIC DANE
PATRICK DEMPSEY
TAYLOR LAUTNER
GEORGE LOPEZ
ASHTON KUTCHER
HECTOR ELIZONDO





Happy Valentine's Day





3. Valentine’s Day



- **Meaning**

  February 14 is a day for people who have **fallen in love**. On this day, these men and women **give gifts and cards** to each other to celebrate Valentine's Day.

3. Valentine's Day

- **History**

At first, February 14 was the old Roman festival, **Lupercalia**. Then, on February 14, 270 a.d., a man named Valentine was killed by the Romans because of his Christian beliefs. Before Valentine was killed, he fell in love with the daughter of his jailer and would pass notes to her. His final note read, **"From your Valentine."**

Later, February 14 became known as **Saint Valentine's Day**.

http://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day/videos/bet-you-didnt-know-valentines-day

3. Valentine’s Day

- Since then, people in love around the world have given gifts and cards to each other **on saint Valentine's Day**. Gloves, chocolates, and even underwear have all been popular as gifts.

- Valentine cards did not became popular until the 1750s. **The first Valentine cards** were made by hand. Cards made by machines became more popular around 1850.

- Now, every year around February 14, **cards and chocolates** fill stores around the world, for all the people who have fallen in love.

3. Valentine's Day

- Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated **1 billion Valentine's Day cards** are sent each year, making Valentine's Day **the second largest card-sending holiday** of the year.
  (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.)

- Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

3. Valentine’s Day

- **Traditions in U.K**

  In Britain, St Valentine's Day is celebrated with great fanfare and gaiety. Like in many other countries, the common celebrations of the day has people **expressing love for their beloved** with **gifts** like **flowers, cards, chocolates** and **other special items**.

3. Valentine's Day

- **Traditions in U.K**

  Brits in the U.S. are often surprised at how massive Valentine's Day is here, and at the fact that **signed cards are sent to parents, siblings, children, teachers**, Uncle Tom Cobley and all.

  In fact, this is **the second biggest card-sending** occasion of the year, Christmas being the first.

3. Valentine’s Day

- **Traditions in South Korea**

  In South Korea, **women give chocolate to men** on February 14, and men give non-chocolate candy to women on March 14 (White Day).

  On April 14 (Black Day), those who did not receive anything on February 14 or March go to a Chinese-Korean restaurant to eat black noodles (자장면 *jajangmyeon*) and lament their 'single life'.

3. Valentine’s Day

- **Exercises**

Are the following sentences **True or False**?
Circle the Correct Answers.

1) At first, February 14 was the old Roman festival called Lupercalia. (T/F)

2) A man named Valentine was killed because he killed Christians. (T/F)

3) The first Valentine cards were made by hand. (T/F)

4) Valentine's Day is the first largest card-sending holiday of the year. (T/F)

5) In South Korea, men give chocolate to women on Valentine's Day. (T/F)

3. Valentine's Day

- **Exercises**

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the below.

presents	settlers	Hamlet	anyone	printed
love	Roman	mystery	unusual	cards

a) Sweethearts celebrate Valentine's Day with _____ and _____.

b) Lupercalia was a _____ festival celebrated on 15 February.

c) The origin of the name Valentine is still a _____.

d) Valentine's day is mentioned in Shakespeare's play, _____.

e) In the United States, Valentine's Day is an occasion to express _____ or affection to _____.

3. Think and Discuss

Think about the following questions, and discuss your ideas with the class.

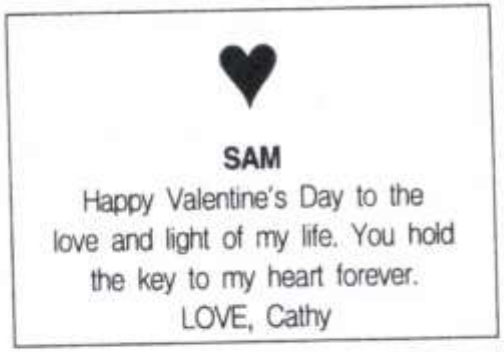
a) Valentine's Day is not always a happy time for everyone. How can Valentine's Day make someone sad?

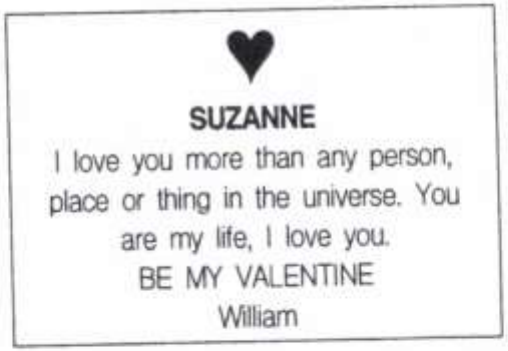
b) What does "A friend in need is a friend indeed" mean?

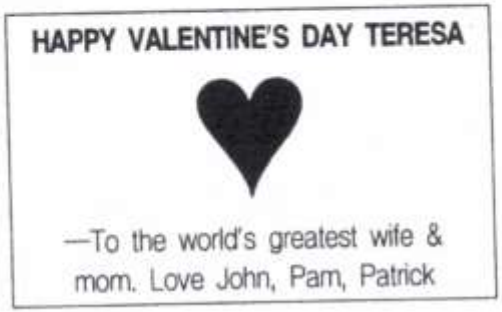
4. Writing Activity

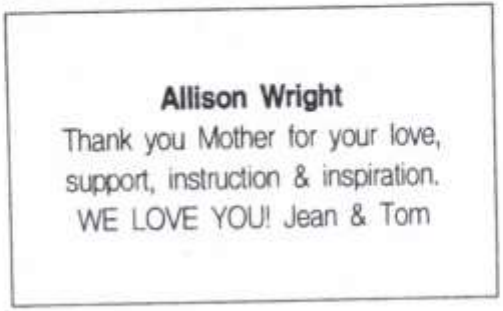
On Valentine's Day, many people put special messages in newspapers. Read these Valentine's Day messages. Then write two Valentine messages: one for your sweetheart and one for your relative.

Example:

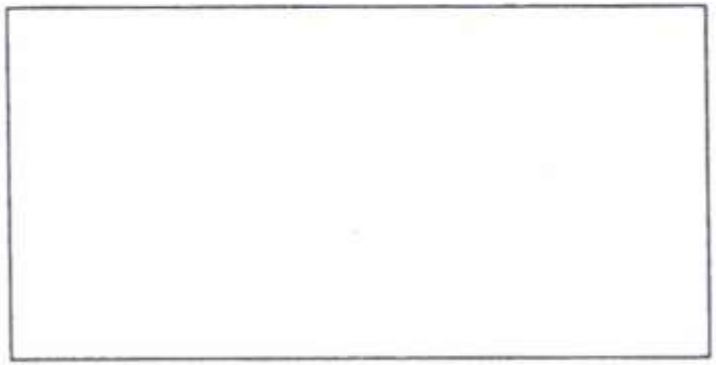




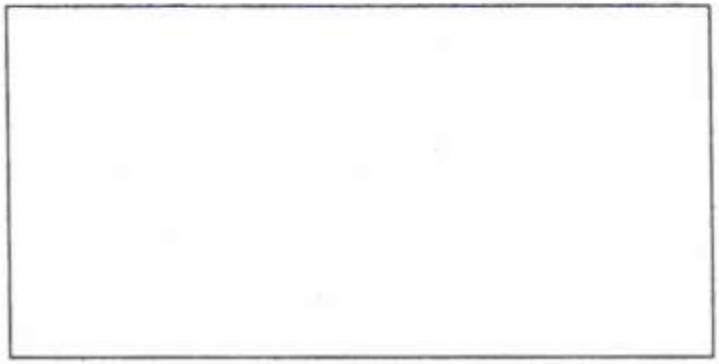




a) For your sweetheart



b) For your relative



$ Let's make Cupid's Love Tea!

Cupid's Love Tea

Make your Valentine's Day a special one. Drink a cup of Cupid's love tea with your sweetheart.

Ingredients

4 cups of cold water
1 cups of apple juice
1/4 cup of honey
1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon powder
3 rosehip tea bags

Directions:

1) Boil 1 cup of water and the juice, then add the honey and the cinnamon powder.
2) Stir well. Add tea bags and let them stand for an hour. Then add 3 cups of cold water.
3) Serve in tea cups or pour into tall glasses with ice cubes. Have a happy Valentine's Day!

April Fools Day

4. April Fools Day

- April Fool's Day Prank







4. April Fools Day



4. April Fools Day

- **History**

  The custom of setting aside a day for the **playing of harmless pranks** upon one's neighbor is recognized everywhere.
  Some precursors of April Fools' Day include the Roman festival of Hilaria, the Holi festival of India, and the Medieval Feast of Fools.

4. April Fools Day

In **1508**, French poet Eloy d'Amerval referred to a poisson d’avril (April fool, literally "April fish"), a possible reference to the holiday.

In **1539**, Flemish poet Eduard de Dene wrote of a nobleman who sent his servants on foolish errands on 1 April.

In **1686**, John Aubrey referred to the holiday as "Fooles holy day", the first British reference.

On **1 April 1698**, several people were tricked into going to the Tower of London to "see the Lions washed".

4. April Fools Day

- **Meaning**

April Fools' Day (sometimes called April Fool's Day or **All Fools' Day**) is celebrated every year **on 1 April by playing practical jokes** and **spreading hoaxes**.

The jokes and their victims are called **April fools**.

Some newspapers, magazines, and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day.

Although popular since the 19th century, the day is **not a public holiday** in any country.

Hoaxes: 거짓말

4. April Fools Day

•April Fool's Day Prank

What is '**Prank**' ?

As well as people **playing pranks on one another** on April Fools' Day, **e laborate practical jokes** have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspa pers, web sites, and have been performed by large corporations.

In one **famous prank from 1957**, the BBC broadcast a film in their *Pano rama* current affairs series purporting to **show Swiss farmers picking fre shly-grown spaghetti**, in what they called the **Swiss Spaghetti Harvest**.

The BBC were later flooded with requests to purchase a spaghetti plant, f orcing them to declare the film a hoax on the news the next day.

- Prank: (농담으로 하는) 장난
- Elaborate: 정교한

4. April Fools Day

With the advent of the **internet** and readily available **global news services**, April Fool's pranks can catch and embarrass a wider audience than ever before.

Famous Commencement Speeches

1. Wellesley College 97 Oprah Speech



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- **Who is She?**

  Oprah Gail Winfrey (born January 29, 1954) is an American media proprietor, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist.

  She gives **inspiring graduation speech at Wellesley College**, one of the most excellent institutions of higher education in the country and widely acknowledged as the nation's top college for women.

1. Wellesley College 97 Oprah Speech

Be grateful. I have kept a journal since I was 15 years old and if you look back on my journal when I was 15, 16, it's all filled with boy trouble, men trouble.

As I've grown older, I have learned **to appreciate living in the moment** and I ask that you do, too.

매사에 감사하세요.
저는 제가 15살이었을 때부터 일기를 썼습니다.
여러분이 제 15, 16살 때의 일기를 들춰 보면 그 내용은 온통 남자와 관련된 것들로 가득 차 있습니다.
나이가 들면서 저는 매 순간을 살아가는 것을 즐기는 것을 배우게 되었고 여러분도 그러시라고 부탁 드립니다.

1. Wellesley College 97 Oprah Speech

I am asking this graduation class, those of you here, I've asked all of my viewers in American and across the world to do this one thing. **Keep a grateful journal**.

Every night list five things that happened this day, in days to come that you are grateful for.

What is will begin to do is to change your perspective of your day and your life.

저는 이 한 가지를 해달라고 현재 이곳에 계산 올해 졸업생들에게 부탁하고 있고, 미국과 전 세계에서 제 방송을 시청하시는 분들에게 부탁을 해 왔습니다. **감사에 찬 일기를 쓰라고요**.

매일 밤 오늘 일어난 일, 그리고 앞으로 일어날 일에서 내가 감사해야 하는 일 다섯 가지를 적으십시오. 우선은 여러분의 하루와 인생에 대한 시각을 바꾸는 것으로 시작해야 합니다.

1. Wellesley College 97 Oprah Speech

I believe that if you can learn to focus on what you have, you will always see that the universe is abundant and you will have more.

If you concentrate and focus in your life on what you don't have, you will never have enough. **Be grateful. Keep a journal**.

You all are all over my journal tonight.

저는 만약 여러분이 지금 가진 것에 집중하는 법을 배운다면, 여러분은 이 우주는 풍성하며 여러분은 더 많은 것을 얻을 수 있으리라는 것을 항상 보게 될 것이라고 믿습니다.

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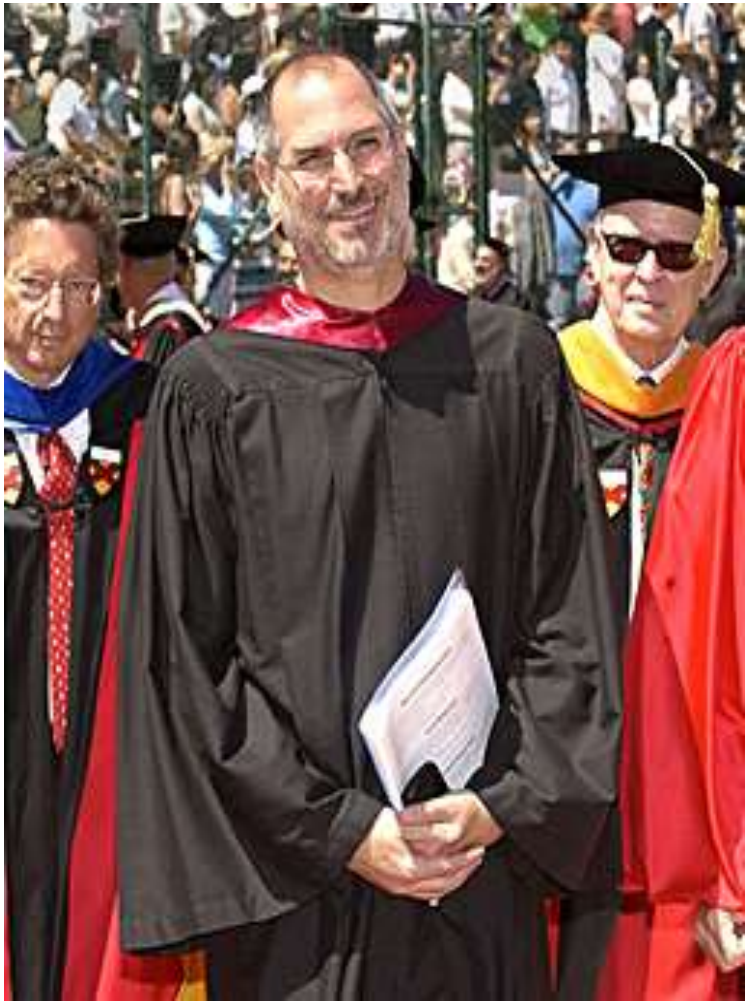
2. Steve Jobs Stanford University Speech



How to live before you die

2. Steve Jobs Stanford University Speech

- **Who is He?**

  Steven Paul Jobs (February 24, 1955 – October 5, 2011) was an American businessman.

  He was best known as the co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer (CEO) of Apple Computer and of Pixar Animation Studios.

  This is a **Stanford University commencement speech** delivered by Steve Jobs, **on June 12, 2005**.

  He wanted to **encourage many young men** through this speech.

2. Steve Jobs Stanford University Speech

I am honored to be with you today at your commencement from one of the finest universities in the world.
I never graduated from college. Truth be told, this is the closest I've ever gotten to a college graduation.

Today I want to tell you **three stories from my life**.
That's it. No big deal. Just three stories.
The first story is about **connecting the dots**.

먼저 세계 최고의 명문으로 꼽히는 이 곳에서 여러분들의 졸업식에 참석하게
된 것을 영광으로 생각합니다. 저는 대학을 졸업하지 못했습니다.
솔직히, 태어나서 대학교 졸업식을 이렇게 가까이서 보는 것은 처음이네요.

오늘, 저는 여러분께 제가 살아오면서 겪었던 **세 가지 이야기**를
해볼까 합니다. 그게 답니다.
별로 대단한 이야기는 아니고요. 딱 세가지만요.
먼저, **인생의 전환점**에 관한 이야기입니다.

2. Steve Jobs Stanford University Speech

Stewart and his team put out several issues of The Whole Earth Catalog, and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. It was the mid-1970s, and I was your age. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of and early morning country road, the kind you might find yourself hitchhiking on if you were so adventurous.

Stewart와 그의 팀원들은 Whole Earth Catalog를 여러 편을 찍었으며 출판이 잘 진행되었을 때 그들은 최종 판을 만들었습니다.

최종 판의 맨 뒤쪽 페이지에서는 이른 아침 시골길의 사진이 있었습니다. 말하자면 당신이 모험가라면 히치하이킹을 해야 하는 그런 사진이었습니다.

2. Steve Jobs Stanford University Speech

Beneath it were the words : **“Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.”**
It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for my self. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you.

Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.

Thank you all very much.

아래부문에서는 다음과 같은 글귀가 있었지요.
갈망하라, 바보스럽게 겸손하라.

책을 끝마치면서 작별에 대한 메시지였습니다.
그리고 나는 항상 나 자신을 위해 그 문구를 가슴에 새겼습니다.

그리고 지금 새로운 시작을 위한 졸업생들에게도 그러하길 바랍니다.

3. Martin Luther King – I have a Dream



3. Martin Luther King Jr. – I have a Dream

- **Who is He?**

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech delivered by **American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr**. on August 28, 1963, in which he **calls for an end to racism in the United States**.

Delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington, the speech was a **defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement**.

3. Martin Luther King – I have a Dream

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream **deeply rooted in the American dream**.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that **all men are created equal**."

나는 오늘 이 순간 여러 가지 난제와 좌절들을 무릅쓰고 나의 친구인 여러분에게 말하려 합니다. 나는 지금 꿈을 갖고 있습니다.
그것은 아메리칸 드림에 깊이 뿌리를 둔 꿈입니다.

나는 꿈이 있습니다. 어느 날 이 나라가 모든 사랑은 평등하게 만들어 졌다는 것을 명백한 진실로 여기고 그 진실한 신념의 의미를 갖는 날이 오는 꿈입니다.

3. Martin Luther King – I have a Dream

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the **sons of former slaves** and **the sons of former slaveowners** will be able to **sit down together** at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be **transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice**.

나는 꿈이 있습니다. 어느 날 조지아의 붉은 언덕 위에 **농노의 자식과 농주의 자식들이 함께** 형제처럼 **식탁에 둘러앉는 꿈**입니다.

나는 꿈이 있습니다. 어느 날 황폐한 미시피주의 **학대와 불공평의 열기의 무더움** 조차도 **자유와 정의의 안식처로 바뀌는 꿈**입니다.

3. Martin Luther King – I have a Dream

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin **but by the content of their character**.

I have a dream today.

나는 꿈이 있습니다. 나의 네 자식들이 이 나라에 살면서 피부색으로 평가되지 않고 **인격으로 평가 받게 되는 날이 오는 꿈**입니다.

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