

Teaching Calendar

Here you'll find selected cultural, political, and commemorative dates and upcoming events that may be of interest, relevant to the LINC Curriculum to support language training instructors.

May 2019

Days of Religious Significance This Month

(See <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/> for more information)

May 03, 2019	Feast of Saints Philip & James - Christian National Day of Prayer USA - Interfaith Yom HaShoah - Jewish
May 06, 2019	Ramadan begins - Islam
May 09, 2019	Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Jewish
May 18, 2019	Visakha Puja - Buddhist
May 20, 2019	Pentecost - Christian
May 23, 2019	Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i Lag B'Omer - Jewish
May 26, 2019	Feast of Saint Philip Neri - Christian
May 30, 2019	Ascension of Jesus - Christian

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Observances and Celebrations This Month

Asian Heritage Month

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/asian-heritage-month/about.html>

<http://www.asian-heritage-month.org/alpha/events/index.html>

Food Allergy Awareness Month

<http://foodallergycanada.ca/2016/05/may-is-food-allergy-awareness-month-events-activities-and-more/>
(features events and activities throughout the month)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/allerg/fa-aa/index-eng.php>

Hepatitis Awareness Month

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hc-ps/dc-ma/hep-eng.php>

South Asian Heritage Month

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Asian_Heritage_Month

Days and Weeks of Cultural Significance This Month

May 01, 2019

World Asthma Day

<http://www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/worldasthmaday.html>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_asthma_day.html

(includes reading, listening, vocabulary, spelling, unscramble the sentences and discussion questions;
includes the links below)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_asthma_day.mp3

(MP3 listening file)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_asthma_day-g.htm

(interactive online exercise)

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May 01 – 07, 2019 National Summer Safety Week

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/category/campaigns/summer-safety-week/>

May 03 – 05, 2019 Mississauga Marathon

<http://mississaugamarathon.com/>

May 05, 2019 Clean Your Hands Day

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/en/>

<http://www.web-esl.com/wash/wash.htm>

(based on an excerpt from *Action English Pictures*, site contains beginner-level online activity package with steps in hand washing: match the pictures/text, reorder the words/reorder the sentences)

<http://www.eslfast.com/easyread/es/easy045.htm>

(beginner-level, simple-sentences text with audio about hand washing – could be used, all or in part, as a dictation)

http://www.eslvideo.com/esl_video_quiz_beginning.php?id=13668

(“ESL Video Quiz: Hand Washing” – two-minute video featuring Alberta’s top doctor demonstrating the proper hand-washing technique, with multiple-choice questions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Q9RPzLnDI0>

(“I Wanna Wash My Hands” – five-minute musical video produced by the Brant Community Health Care System, featuring useful statistics on the importance of hand washing and an energetic, themed interpretation of the Beatles hit song “I Wanna Hold Your Hand”)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XveEzMzXxA>

(“I’m A Believer in Clean Hands!” – four-minute musical video from the Stop Infections Now Collaborative (SINC) Team Members from the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute and the CK Hui Heart Centre, focusing on the importance of hand washing and featuring an energetic, themed interpretation of the Neil Diamond hit song “I’m a Believer”)

May 05 – 11, 2019 Emergency Preparedness Week

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/ep-wk/tlkt-en.aspx>

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-en.aspx>

(everything you need to know about emergencies and emergency kit)

<http://www.carlowmayo.ca/deptdocs/Emergency%20Preparedness%20Newsletter%20Spring%202018.pdf>

(from 2016 – excellent practical information on how to be prepared during an emergency)

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May 06 – 12, 2019 Drinking Water Week

<http://www.valueofwater.ca/teaching-resources/classroom-lessons/>

(contains classroom lessons and resources – could be adapted for ESL and LINC)

<http://www.region.peel.on.ca/pw/education-outreach/>

May 08, 2019 World Red Cross Day

<http://www.calendarlabs.com/holidays/international/world-red-cross-day.php>

<http://www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/worldredcrossredcrescentday.html>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_red_cross_red_crescent_day.html

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(MP3 listening file)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/world_red_cross_red_crescent_day-q.htm

(interactive online exercise)

May 10, 2019 National March for Life (Ottawa)

<https://marchforlife.ca/>

May 13 – 19, 2019 National Police Week

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/national-police-week> (references 2018 dates)

<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/community/diversity/esinc.php>

(overview of Halton Regional Police Services annual ESINC event)

<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/community/diversity/multilingualdocuments.php>

(multilingual documents + useful series of short videos on topics such as Interacting with Your Police Service, Missing Child Information, Break and Enters, etc.)

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May 14, 2019

Mother's Day

<https://www.statutoryholidays.com/mothers-day.php>

<https://blog.esllibrary.com/2012/05/09/podcast-mothers-day/>

(3 min. 7 sec. long podcast. Access to associated lesson plan, however, requires a paid subscription)

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/mothers_day.html

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(interactive online exercise)

<http://www.michellehenry.fr/mothers.htm>

(lists many different kinds of activities – reading, listening, video etc.)

May 15, 2019

International Day of Families

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/family/2018/01/23/idf/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/international-day-of-families>

http://www.eslholidaylessons.com/05/international_day_of_families.html

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May 20, 2019

Victoria Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/victoria-day>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WV_wm2eJFDI

(Puneet Birgi looks at the holiday's history, practice and, relevance in this 2 min. 30 sec. long video that's useful for English language learners)

<https://blog.esllibrary.com/2012/05/16/podcast-victoria-day/>

(3 min. 15 sec. long podcast. Access to associated lesson plan, however, requires a paid subscription)

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https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Lower-Levels_Victoria-Day.pdf

(for lower levels - CLB 1 to 4)

https://listn.tutela.ca/wp-content/uploads/Resources-for-Higher-Levels_Victoria-Day.pdf

(for higher levels - CLB 5 to 8)

May 23 – 30, 2019 Peel Children’s Water Festival (takes place at Heart Lake Conservation Area)

<https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/chwaterfest/>

<https://www.peelregion.ca/conservation/teachgreen/resource.asp?rid=177>

(day field trip aimed at primary school students, but suitable for English language learners)

May 24 – 26, 2019 Carassauga – Festival of Cultures (29 pavilions this year)

<http://www.carassauga.com/?pageid=sponsor%20us&pid=sponsorship%20programs>

May 24 – 27, 2019 Aboriginal Awareness Week (AAW)

http://bestofthereader.ca/Ebooks/Canada_print.pdf

(PDF file featuring three-level text from the Westcoast Reader with short biographies of famous Canadian Aboriginal people and stories about traditional events, art, animals and food, each accompanied by language activities and answer key; see also [Teachers’ Guide](#))

May 26, 2019 Journey to Conquer Cancer (Run or Walk) - Mississauga

<http://runorwalk.ca/>

May 31, 2019 World No Tobacco Day

<http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/un/world-no-tobacco-day>

http://whyquit.com/world_no_tobacco_day.html

(contains useful information and tips for quitting smoking)

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/no-tobacco-day/2018/event/en/>

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May 31 – June 03, 2019 Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival

<https://www.breadandhoneyfestival.ca/>

