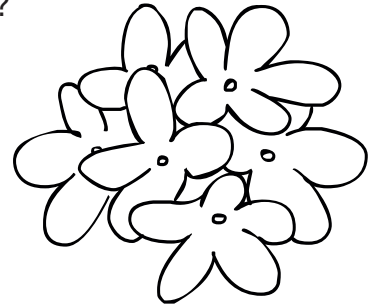


**1. Work in pairs and answer the questions.**

What do you know about May Day? Do Polish people celebrate it? How?

**2. Read the text about May Day celebrations around the world.**

## May Day



May Day, which is on May 1<sup>st</sup>, is a spring festival and a public holiday in many countries. The celebrations are different around the world.

In the USA, people hang May baskets on their neighbours' or friends' doorknob. May baskets are small baskets with flowers or sweets. There is no card inside, so people do not know who the basket is from.

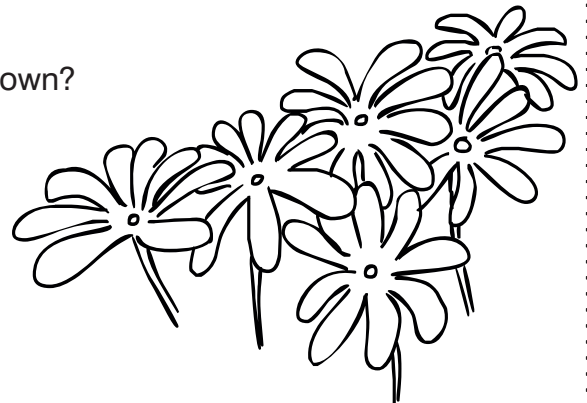
In Germany, on May Day or the night before, people put a maypole in the middle of their town. A maypole is a tree trunk which people decorate with colourful ribbons and flowers. Each town wants to have the prettiest maypole. In many places, people perform a special dance around the maypole.

French people give a bouquet of Lily of the Valley to their relatives and friends. Lily of the Valley is a plant with small white flowers, which look like little bells. It is a symbol of good luck. Families with children go to the forest and pick the flowers themselves. Other people buy the bouquets in the streets of their towns.

In Hawaii, May Day is called Lei Day. A lei is a traditional garland of flowers which people wear around their necks. It is a symbol of friendship. On May 1<sup>st</sup> people exchange lei and kiss each other.

**3. Answer the questions.**

1. What's inside a May basket?
2. When do people put the Maypole in the middle of their town?
3. What is Lily of the Valley?
4. What do people wear around their necks in Hawaii?



4. Match the definitions with the highlighted words in Activity 2.

- 1. to give each other something – .....
- 2. the people in your family – .....
- 3. the main part of a tree – .....
- 4. a round handle which you turn to open or close the door – .....
- 5. a collection of flowers, cut and tied together – .....
- 6. to remove flowers from the ground with your fingers – .....
- 7. a ring of flowers – .....
- 8. long pieces of fine material, used as decoration or to tie something – .....

5. Work in pairs and answer the question.

Which May Day tradition is your favourite? Why?

