



IES Calderón de la Barca English Department
British Television Video Comprehension
Lesson.



Today's topic: St David's Day & Welsh culture

For this activity, you're going to learn about **St. David's Day** which is a **public holiday in Wales**. You need to watch THREE video clips from YouTube about St. David's Day.

You'll need to watch the following clips:

First YouTube link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1G9gtSBAJII&t=15s> (CBeebies – Preparing for St. David's Day – Let's Celebrate)

Second YouTube link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awy4whEQt4A&t=15s> (CBeebies – Celebrating St. David's Day – Let's Celebrate)

Third YouTube link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUR5jB7O5OU&t=83s> (British English Holidays – St. David's Day)

Once you have watched the videos, answer the questions below **IN FULL SENTENCES**.

1. When is St. David's Day? What importance does this date have with St. David's life?
2. In the first video, Sian goes to St. Non's Well. Who was St. Non? What information does Sian give about the well? What do Sian and the people with her do at the well?
3. At school, what are Sian and her classmates making for the St. David's Day parade?
4. In the first video [2:11], Sian and her friend Jessica are wearing a traditional Welsh costume as they sing a song called "*diwrnod o haf*." According to Sian, what does *diwrnod o haf* mean when translated from Welsh into English? Describe what the traditional Welsh costume Sian and Jessica are wearing looks like.
5. What is the name of the flower Welsh people usually wear on St. David's Day?
6. What ingredients do you need in order to make Welsh cakes? How does Sian's mum cook the Welsh cakes? Would you like to try Welsh cakes? Explain why you would/wouldn't want to try this.

7. Cawl is a traditional Welsh stew. What are the main ingredients in this traditional dish according to Sian? Would you eat cawl? Explain why you would/wouldn't want to try this dish.

8. The flag of the United Kingdom is called the Union Jack. The flag is supposed to represent the nations that make up the UK. This is why it has the white cross of St. Andrew (for Scotland), the cross of St. Patrick (for Northern Ireland) and the cross of St. George (for England). Why is the Welsh flag not represented in the Union Jack flag?

9. Who was St David? What was his job?

10. According to legend, what happened to St. David whilst he was preaching?

11. The Daffodil and the leek are national emblems (national symbols) of Wales. Why did St. David tell the Welsh people to wear the leek?
BE CAREFUL: 'leak' and 'leek' are pronounced the same, but they mean two different things. To leak (verb) = *Gotear [ES]* # A leek (noun) = *Puerro [ES]*

12. Using the internet or any books you may have, write 5 interesting facts about Wales and Welsh culture.
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