

**1** Read the texts and complete the gaps with words from the box.

- villagers • parade • May Queen • rings • bushes • luck • balloons  
• picnic • funnel cakes • village • tradition • ribbons

# May DAY traditions around the world

## The UK



In the UK, the most common types of May Day celebration include dancing around a maypole with long, colourful **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ and watching a May

Day **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ with musicians, dancers and the **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ who wears a white dress and a crown of flowers on her head.

## Finland



In Finland, people celebrate May Day by spending time outdoors with their friends and family. A lot of people buy colourful **7)** \_\_\_\_\_

with pictures on them. Then, for lunch, they have a **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ outside. They eat special fried cakes with sugar called **9)** \_\_\_\_\_.

One May Day

**4)** \_\_\_\_\_ in Ireland is the May Bush. People go out and decorate hawthorn **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ and trees with ribbons, strings and eggshells. Some people tie their clothes or personal items to the May Bush to bring them good **6)** \_\_\_\_\_.

## Ireland



## Germany



In Germany people raise the maypole on May Day. It is usually tall with green **10)** \_\_\_\_\_ around it. On the night before May Day, some **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ stay awake to guard the maypole because it is common for others to try to take it away and raise it in their own **12)** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Use information from the text to find the answer to the clues.

A girl who wears a white dress and flowers:

**1**

\_\_\_\_\_

A place where people decorate plants:

**4**

\_\_\_\_\_

Something colourful people dance with in Britain:

**2**

\_\_\_\_\_

An item that lots of Finnish people buy:

**5**

\_\_\_\_\_

A sweet cake people in Finland eat:

**3**

\_\_\_\_\_

Something German people guard on 30th April:

**6**

\_\_\_\_\_

**3** Use the highlighted letters from Ex. 2 to complete the sentence below!

*In the UK and Ireland, they celebrate May Day on the first*

*\_\_\_\_\_ in May!*