

# Spring Flowers

March 20<sup>th</sup> is the first\* day of spring!

In spring, the snow melts<sup>1</sup>, there is more<sup>2</sup> sun and it is warmer<sup>\*\*</sup>. Spring is a new start for animals, people and flowers. What are the first flowers in spring?

Crocuses can be white, purple, or yellow.

## In the forest

The first wild<sup>3</sup> spring flowers are white, just like snow.

You can often see them near snow.

Spring Snowflakes

Wood Anemones

### LANGUAGE NOTE

\* first – 1<sup>st</sup> / \*\* warmer – more warm  
\*\*\* Dutch – from the Netherlands

Daffodils

## In the garden

You can also have snowdrops in your garden. And there are garden flowers that you can find in the wild, too. For example daffodils in the UK, and crocuses in some mountains.

Tulips

### TULIP FIELDS IN THE NETHERLANDS

There are millions of tulips in the Netherlands<sup>4</sup>. Some are in greenhouses<sup>5</sup>, some in the fields. Visit Keukenhof spring gardens, about 20km from Amsterdam, the Dutch<sup>\*\*\*</sup> capital. There are gardens, forests, viewing towers<sup>6</sup>, a windmill<sup>7</sup>, a castle, and millions of flowers. The best time to visit is April.

Crocuses

### START YOUR HERBARIUM

Go to forests and meadows and pick<sup>8</sup> some wild flowers. Put them in a book to dry out<sup>9</sup>. Then start your herbarium.



### MATCH

Match the English to the Czech translation.

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| 1. snowdrop         | a. sněžěnka |
| 2. spring snowflake | b. tulipán  |
| 3. wood anemone     | c. sasanka  |
| 4. daffodil         | d. krokus   |
| 5. tulip            | e. narcis   |
| 6. crocus           | f. bledule  |

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### TICK THE CORRECT ANSWER

Where do tulips come from? Watch the video and choose the correct answer.



Tulips originally come from ...

- a.  Turkey. b.  the Netherlands. c.  the Himalayas.

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### VOCABULARY

<sup>1</sup> to melt [melt] – tát | <sup>2</sup> more [mɔ:] – více | <sup>3</sup> wild [wɔɪld] – divoký | <sup>4</sup> the Netherlands ['neðələndz] – Nizozemsko | <sup>5</sup> greenhouse ['grɪnhaʊs] – skleník | <sup>6</sup> viewing tower [vju:ɪŋ 'taʊə] – rozhledna | <sup>7</sup> windmill ['wɪndmɪl] – větrný mlýn | <sup>8</sup> to pick [pɪk] – trhat, sbírat | <sup>9</sup> to dry out [draɪ aʊt] – vyschnout

### DISCUSS

- What are your favourite spring flowers?
- What are your mum's favourite spring flowers?
- What colours are tulips?