

MAY, 2007

**Commemoration of Atatürk,  
Youth and Sports Day  
19 May 1919**



**Mustafa Kemal lands in Samsun  
to start the national liberation  
movement on May 19, 1919**

May 19, 1919 is the day Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, then Mustafa Kemal, who would become independent Turkey's first president, landed on the main peninsula of Turkey to begin leadership of the liberation effort. In early 1920, Mustafa Kemal convened the first Turkish Grand National Assembly in Ankara, and by 1922 all of Anatolia was freed from foreign rule. The independent Republic of Turkey was declared a year later. During the course of his term as president, Atatürk himself proclaimed May 19 as "Youth and Sports Day."

19th May 1919, the day Mustafa Kemal Pasha arrived in Samsun, is accepted as the starting point of the Turkish Nationalist movement. He stayed in Samsun for about a week and then moved to Havza, a smaller town where he could work more peacefully. First, he brought under control of the Greeks in and around Samsun who were working for a Greek state of Pontus, and reestablished order in the area.

Then he established permanent contact with all the commanders in Anatolia, putting himself at the head of the Nationalist organization. His aim was to inform people of the situation and to prepare them for the struggle ahead.

On 26th May he addressed the leading citizens of Havza: "We shall never despair. We shall struggle and we shall save the country. They do not wish to kill us, they wish to bury us alive. We are at the edge of a pit. One last act of courage may save us. In any case, we cannot turn." His first plan of defence was to hold broad fronts with small guerilla forces and to use the available regular forces only in concentrated action.



## I AM THINKING of MUSTAFA KEMAL

*I am thinking of Mustafa Kemal:  
On a bay horse with a mane of flame  
He passes the high mountains, the deep  
seas.*

*His gold hair waves in the wind,  
His blue eyes burning bright.*

*I am thinking of Mustafa Kemal:  
In the burnt, ravaged fields of war  
He creates epics such as the world has  
never seen,*

*Great armies follow him,  
Each soldier like Mustafa Kemal.*



*I am thinking of Mustafa Kemal:  
Worth all the heroes of history  
He rules the boundless skies,  
A naked sword on a bay horse  
He goes from victory to victory.*

*I am thinking of Mustafa Kemal:  
He did not die one November morning!  
He is still with us everywhere,  
He lives in all parts of the land  
In the veins of our hearts.*

*I am thinking of Mustafa Kemal:  
His gold hair waves in the wind,  
I see his blue eyes shining bright.  
He enters my dreams at night.  
I kiss his hands.*

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1919 - Commemoration of the beginning of the national liberation movement, initiated in 1919 by Ataturk's landing in Samsun. An official holiday dedicated to the youth of Turkey.



## THE BANDIRMA SHIP

She went into the history of Republic of Turkey, when Mustafa Kemal Pasha, who was appointed shortly before Inspector General of the 9th Ottoman Army in eastern Anatolia, boarded SS *Bandırma* on May 16, 1919 in İstanbul to go to Samsun. He was sent to Anatolia by sultan's decree to oversee the process of disbanding the Ottoman Army that was ordered by the Entente powers occupying the capital and controlling the Ottoman government.

Mustafa Kemal Pasha, accompanied with 22 officers, 25 soldiers and 8 administrative staff sailed in heavy weather on the old steamer with a not functioning compass needed to navigate in the wavy Black Sea, and set foot on land in Samsun on May 19, 1919. Upon landing, Mustafa Kemal Pasha started the Turkish national movement contrary to the orders given to him by the Ottoman government in İstanbul that resulted in the declaration of Republic of Turkey after the Turkish War of Independence almost four years later.

# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Mother's Day is a special day  
for everyone! We use this  
day to honor our mothers all  
over the world!



**M**...is for the million things she  
gave me,

**O**... means only that she's growing  
old,

**T**... is for the tears she shed to save  
me,

**H**...is for her heart of purest gold;

**E**... is for her eyes, with love-light  
shining,

**R**... means right, and right she'll  
always be.



## MILITARY MOMS

This year on Mothers Day  
We should think of offspring lost  
And Mothers of all those Troops  
Who paid the ultimate cost.

They 've watched Sons and Daughters  
Sent off to a foreign land  
To fight wars and give their all  
In some conflicts so ill planned.  
But no matter what the reasons  
They ve always stepped up to the line  
To give their lives for Freedoms  
Enjoyed by all of yours and mine.

We must Honor all those Mothers  
Of all those who have Served  
And Sacrifices that they made  
With our, Thanks! , so well deserved.  
It takes a very Special Lady  
To let Her Child go off to War  
Or just to join the Military  
With the pride and fear and more.

There's too many Gold Star Mothers  
And if you might know of one  
Please send Her a special wish  
To praise Her Daughter or Son.

Military Moms are the Greatest  
With a strength beyond compare  
Who hope and pray their loved one  
Comes Home safe, from over there.  
So, let s keep them in our thoughts  
And hope their prayers come true  
All those Moms and all those Troops  
Who stand Strong and Proud, and  
True.

Del Abe Jones



## COMMON MISTAKES IN ENGLISH



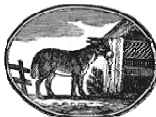
### AM / PM

“AM” stands for the Latin phrase *Ante Meridiem*—which means “before noon”—and “PM” stands for *Post Meridiem*: “after noon.” Although digital clocks routinely label noon “12:00 PM” you should avoid this expression not only because it is incorrect, but because many people will imagine you are talking about midnight instead. The same goes for “12:00 AM.” Just say or write “noon” or “midnight” when you mean those precise times.



### ADVANCE / ADVANCED

When you hear about something in advance, earlier than other people, you get advance notice or information. “Advanced” means “complex, sophisticated” and doesn’t necessarily have anything to do with the revealing of secrets.



### BY / 'BYE/ BUY

These are probably confused with each other more often through haste than through actual ignorance, but “by” is the common preposition in phrases like “you should know by now.” It can also serve a number of other functions, but the main point here is not to confuse “by” with the other two spellings: “bye” is an abbreviated form of “goodbye” (preferably with an apostrophe before it to indicate the missing syllable), and “buy” is the verb meaning “purchase.” “Buy” can also be a noun, as in “that was a great buy.” The term for the position of a competitor who advances to the next level of a tournament without playing is a “bye.” All others are “by.”



### BARE / BEAR

There are actually three words here. The simple one is the big growly creature (unless you prefer the Winnie-the-Pooh type). Hardly anyone past the age of ten gets that one wrong. The problem is the other two. Stevedores bear burdens on their backs and mothers bear children. Both mean “carry” (in the case of mothers, the meaning has been extended from carrying the child during pregnancy to actually giving birth). But strippers bare their bodies—sometimes bare-naked. The confusion between this latter verb and “bear” creates many unintentionally amusing sentences; so if you want to entertain your readers while convincing them that you are a dolt, by all means mix them up. “Bear with me,” the standard expression, is a request for forbearance or patience. “Bare with me” would be an invitation to undress. “Bare” has an adjectival form: “The pioneers stripped the forest bare.”



### BACKWARD / BACKWARDS

As an adverb, either word will do: “put the shirt on backward” or “put the shirt on backwards.” However, as an adjective, only “backward” will do: “a backward glance.” When in doubt, use “backward.”



### PAGE / SITE

In the early days of the Internet, it became customary to refer to Web sites as “pages” though they might in fact consist of many different pages. The *Jane Austen Page*, for instance, incorporates entire books, and is organized into a very large number of distinct Web pages. This nomenclature is illogical, but too well established to be called erroneous. However, it is not wise to write someone who has created a large and complex site and call it a “page.” Not everyone appreciates having their work diminished in this way.



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