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Spring Surprises

by Guy Belleranti

Spring has arrived with surprises.

A lot of them are weird.

My Dad is growing fins and gills

My goldfish grew a beard.



Zoo animals are leafing out.

Gardens are sprouting fur.

Cats are meowing, "Ruff, ruff, ruff"

And dogs are saying, "Purrrrrr".

Bees are making chocolate milk.

Cows are giving honey.

Birds aren't singing, they're telling jokes!

Most of them are funny.

Kids are going to work each day.

Parents are back in schools.

And here's the top surprise of all—

Happy April Fool's!

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Then write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.



1. s _ _ _ o u _ _ i n g

clue: budding; growing

1. _____

2. _ _ e _ _ r _ _

clue: strange; unusual

2. _____

3. _ _ o _ _ _ y

clue: sweet sticky liquid made by bees

3. _____

4. _ _ u _ _ p _ _ i _ _ e

clue: an unexpected event

4. _____

5. g _ _ _ _ s

clue: organs in fish that allow them to breathe

5. _____

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3. honey

4. s u r p r i s e

clue: an unexpected event

4. surprise

5. g i l l s

clue: organs in fish that allow them to breathe

5. gills

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