

8. *Better Hearing and Speech Month*

Better Hearing and Speech Month is held in May of each year. It is sponsored by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Millions of Americans have speech, language, and hearing disorders. The association is committed to ensuring that they receive the services needed to help them communicate effectively. To this end, an annual nationwide public information campaign is conducted to promote awareness about communication disorders and treatments that can improve the quality of life for those who have them. Many resources are made available to families, schools, and communities.

9. *Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*

Arthur Conan Doyle was born on May 22, 1859, in Edinburgh, Scotland. He studied medicine under Dr. Joseph Bell, became a physician, and had his own practice until 1891. He later served as a physician during the Boer War (1899-1902). Doyle became famous, however, for his creation of the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes. It is believed that Doyle's medical mentor, Dr. Bell, was the model for his keen-eyed and extremely logical Holmes character. The first Sherlock Holmes tale was "A Study in Scarlet" and was published in 1887. Over the next 40 years, Doyle published an additional 56 short stories and four novels that featured Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr. Watson. These tales have been gathered into collections and are still beloved today. Doyle became Sir Arthur Conan Doyle when he was knighted for his medical work in the second South African War.

10. *Climbing Mount Everest*

Mount Everest in the country of Nepal is the tallest mountain in the world, and there have been more than 4,100 recorded successful climbs to its summit. People will pay professional mountain guides large sums of money to lead their climbing expeditions. The country of Nepal makes a great deal of tourism revenue from the climbers and charges individuals as much as \$25,000 to obtain a climbing permit. Mount Everest is not considered to be the most challenging mountain to climb in terms of technical difficulty, but it has many inherent dangers, including altitude sickness, weather, and wind. The summit of Mount Everest was first reached at 11:30 a.m. on May 29, 1953, by the team of Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal. While at the top, they took photographs and buried some sweets and a small cross in the snow. Norgay and Hillary insisted it was completely a team effort to reach the summit, but after two years of public speculation and debate, Norgay revealed that Hillary's was the first human foot to step onto the summit of the great Mount Everest.