

Valentine's Day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Men buy chocolates or flowers for their wife. Boys send cards to girls, and girls send cards to boys. Usually people don't write their names in the cards. It's a secret. You get a card but who is it from? You don't know! It's a mystery

I always get one card on Valentine's Day. It isn't from a boy. It's from my mum. I know it. She doesn't write her name in the card. She just draws hearts and kisses. But I know the card is from her. I recognise her handwriting on the envelope!

Lucy 10

This year I've got my first Valentine card. There isn't a name in it. But I think it's from Kate. She's a girl in my class at school. She's very cool. These are the words in the card:

"Roses are red, violets are blue,  
Honey is sweet and I love you"

Matt 15

The words in this card are funny. But who can I send it to? I don't have a boyfriend.

Lots of love

Lots of kisses

One day can I be your Mrs?

Alice 12













## **VOCABULARY**

Flowers – send – hearts – kisses – handwriting – envelope – roses – violets – honey – 14<sup>th</sup> February – gift – love – friendship – rings – angels – in love with – chocolate – Cupid



1. MATCH THE PAIRS.



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2. READ THE SENTENCES AND WRITE DOWN THE CORRECT WORD FROM EXERCISE 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ is on the 14th of February. Lovers give each other \_\_\_\_\_.

They sometimes write \_\_\_\_\_ and love letters. Boys give \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to girls.

Lovers give each other \_\_\_\_\_ and they have a Valentine's dinner with \_\_\_\_\_. They eat Valentine's Day \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.



**Part A: Read.**

**Saint Valentine's Day is on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February.**

**People all around the world write cards for their boyfriends or girlfriends on this day. Lots of people buy flowers and other gifts on St. Valentines Day.**

**But why do we have this day? Who was the first Valentine? This is the story of Saint Valentine.**

About 1700 years ago there was a man called Valentine.

He was a priest. He liked to see young people in love.

He wanted people to get married because he wanted them to have a family.

But the Emperor Claudius didn't want men to get married.

He wanted men to fight in the army.

He wanted more soldiers.

Valentine didn't agree.

He helped men and women to get married in secret.

Emperor Claudius didn't know about this.

When Claudius heard the story of Valentine, he was very angry. He put Valentine in jail for 20 years.

After twenty years, Claudius killed Valentine on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Everybody thought Valentine was a good man because he helped lovers. That's why we have St. Valentine's Day every year.

**Part B: True or False.**

1. Valentine was an emperor.
2. Valentine died on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Claudius wanted men to get married.
4. Claudius put Valentine in jail.
5. Valentine was in jail for forty years.
6. Valentine helped people to get married.

**Part C: Answer Yes or No.**

1. Was Valentine a priest?
2. Did Claudius want people to get married?
3. Did Claudius want women to be soldiers?
4. Did Claudius put Valentine in jail?
5. Was Valentine an emperor?
6. Did Valentine help people to be soldiers?

**Part D: Answer the questions. (Write full sentences please.)**

1. Why did Valentine want people to get married?
2. When did Valentine live?
3. What did Valentine help people to do?

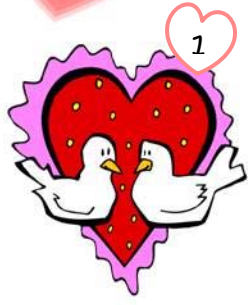
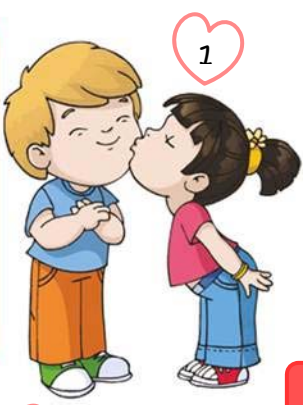
**Part E: Now write three things about Valentine's Day in your country.**



# St. Valentine Day



Match the words to the correct pictures and complete the crossword.



- arrow
- balloons
- broken heart
- cake
- chocolate
- Cupid
- date
- doves
- flowers
- gift
- heart
- hug
- kiss
- love
- poem
- rose
- teddy

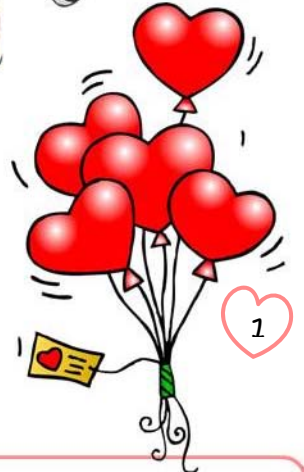
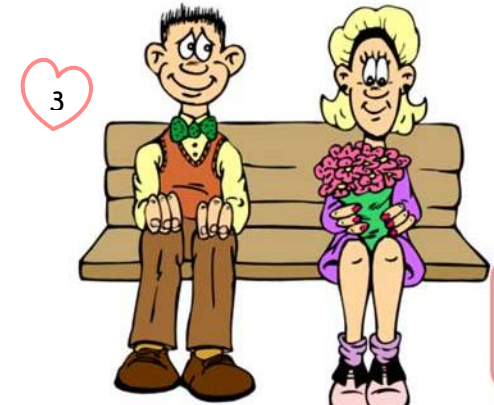
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The secret message is Anyone can catch your eye, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ special to catch your heart.



What do you know about this festivity. Read the following text:

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day is a holiday observed on February 14 honoring one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards.

The day first became associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. It was first established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD, and was later deleted from the General Roman Calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

There is a legend that says that St Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he prohibited marriage for young men. Valentine realized that it wasn't fair. So he defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When his actions were discovered, Claudius ordered to kill him. When he was in prison he sent Valentine's card to a young girl to whom he had fallen in love with.

Nowadays, St Valentine's Day is celebrated in many parts of the world. People in love buy presents, send messages and cards to their lovers.

