

Mother's Day (worksheet)

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Task 1

Look at the picture. What associations do you have? Brainstorm any ideas that come to your mind while looking at this picture.



Task 2

Discuss the questions:

- 1.** Are there any holidays in your country honouring mothers? When are they celebrated?
- 2.** Do you know any International holidays dedicated to mothers?
- 3.** Do you celebrate it in your family? How?
- 4.** Do you usually give a present to your mother on this day? If yes, what is it? If not, would you like to change it?
- 5.** If you could buy anything for your mother, what would it be?



Task 3

Watch the video and answer the questions.

a. Watch the video. What photo did Meghan Markle share on Instagram for Mother's Day? What did she write under this post?



b. Do you remember your first photo taken with your mom? When and where was it taken? Where do you keep it?

Task 4

Match the words with their definitions. If necessary, use your dictionary.

1. Take place		A. great in size or amount
2. Ancient		B. To try very hard to do
3. Annual		C. Happen
4. Strive		D. A close personal relationship that forms between people (as between husband and wife or parent and child)
5. Gain popularity		E. To attempt with great effort
6. Craft		F. Very old
7. Immense		G. Happening every year
8. Struggle		H. To become famous
9. Bonding		I. An activity in which you make something using a lot of skill, especially with your hands.

Task 5

Read the text and choose the best heading for it.

1. Ancient Greeks celebrating Mother's Day
2. The History of Mother's Day
3. Mother's Day in Russia
4. Mother's Day in different countries

The story of Mothers Day is not a recent phenomenon as many people believe it to be. In reality, Mother's Day celebrations are first said to have **taken place** in the time of **ancient** Greeks and Romans hundreds of years ago. The tradition of Mothers Day started with the ancient Greeks who celebrated their **annual** spring festival in honour of Rhea, the mother of many Gods and Goddesses in Greek mythology.

However, the 'Founder of Mothers Day' is considered to be a loving daughter from West Virginia, Anna Jarvis. Anna kept the word of her activist mother, Mrs Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis who once expressed a wish that someone should **strive** to provide mothers with their due recognition. After her mother's death in 1905, Anna struggled harder and she along with several supporters started demanding to accept Mother's Day as

an official holiday. Anna began to send her mother's favourite flowers, carnations in her local church requesting people to wear them in honour of their mothers. The idea **gained immense popularity** over the years and in 1910, West Virginia became the first state to recognize Mother's Day holiday.

Today Mothers Day is celebrated in more than 46 countries around the world at different times of the year. In Russia, Mother's Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of November. This day became popular amongst Russian women who declared a day for rebellion women **struggling** for equal rights in the 1940s. Mother's Day in Russia is celebrated with lots of excitement and fun. Mother's Day is seen as an opportunity to promote a great **bonding** in the family. Children thank their mothers for everything they have done for them. They thank them for their love and care. Young children give handmade cards and **crafts** to their mothers and write small quotes on them to express their deepest feelings.

The text adapted from <https://www.mothersdaycelebration.com>
<http://www.fundootimes.com/festivals/russia-mothers-day.html>

Task 6

Look through the text one more time and work in pairs.

a. Discuss the questions:

1. What did ancient Greeks celebrate to honour Rhea?
2. Who is the founder of Mother's Day?
3. What did Anna do after her mother's death?
4. When is the holiday celebrated in Russia?
5. What did the Russian women struggle for in the 1940s?

b. Ask questions to which these can be answers:

1. To honour Rhea, the mother of many Gods and Goddesses in Greek mythology.
2. After her mother's death.
3. In 1910.
4. More than 46 countries.
5. Handmade cards and crafts.



Task 7

Watch the video and answer the questions.

a. Watch [The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon](#) about the messages sent by mothers. What is the funniest text message in your opinion?



b. Does your mother usually text or call you?

c. What is the most memorable text message you have ever got from your mother? Do you keep it?

Homework

a. Watch the [video](#) about creative ideas of gifts on Mother's Day. Which one would you choose? Why?



b. Design your own gift for your mother.

Keys

Task 4

1. - C
2. - F
3. - G
4. - E
5. - H
6. - I
7. - A
8. - B
9. - D

Task 5

The History of Mother's Day

Task 6

- A.**
1. Annual spring festival.
 2. Anna Jarvis.
 3. Anna's determination became strong and she along with several supporters started demanding the proclamation of Mother's Day as an official holiday.
 4. On the last Sunday of November.
 5. For equal rights.

- B.**
1. Why did the ancient Greeks celebrate annual spring festival?
 2. When did Anna start demanding to accept Mother's Day as an official holiday?
 3. When was Mother's Day holiday recognised in West Virginia?
 4. How many countries celebrate the holiday nowadays?
 5. What do children usually present to their mothers on this special day?