

Saint Valentine's Day (a worksheet)

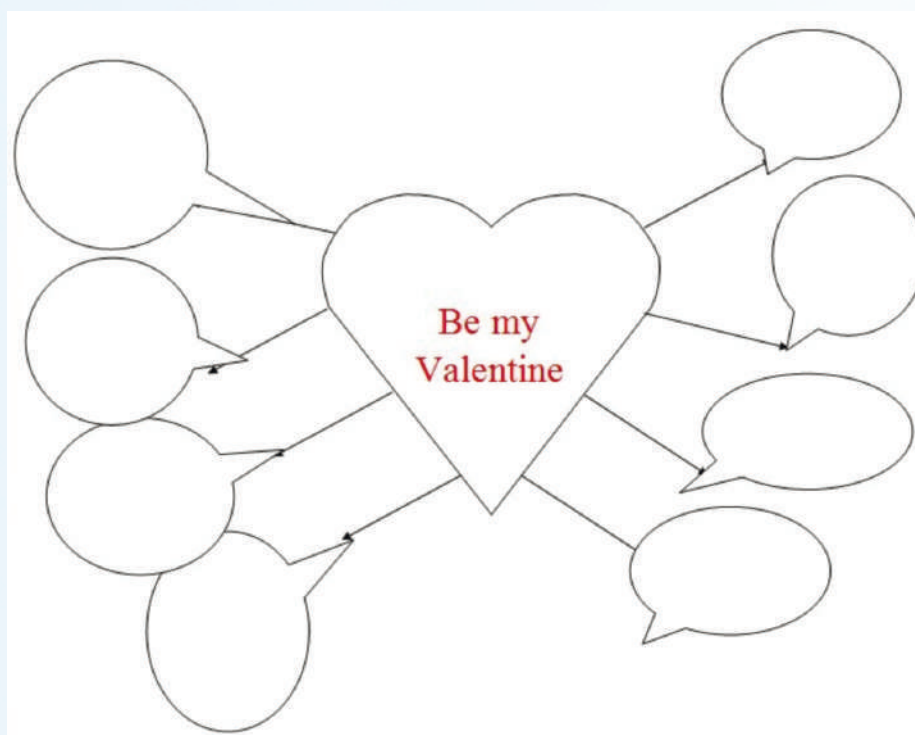
Activity 1

What do you know about Saint Valentine's holiday? In which countries do people celebrate it?



Activity 2

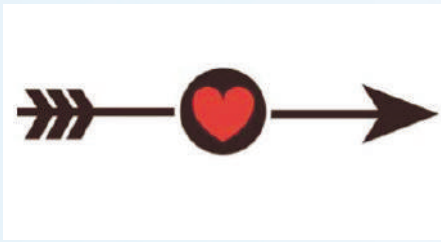
Write down all the words you associate with it.



Activity 3

Tick the things you can see in the pictures.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lovers | <input type="checkbox"/> signed | <input type="checkbox"/> date | <input type="checkbox"/> martyrdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cupid | <input type="checkbox"/> balloon | <input type="checkbox"/> celebrate | <input type="checkbox"/> priest |



Activity 4

Watch the [video](#). Is Saint Valentine's day a religious feast or not?



Activity 5

Watch the first part of the video (00:00 - 01:45) again and do the quiz.

1. What do people celebrate on Saint Valentine's day?
A. friendship C. marriage
B. love D. wisdom
2. What do people usually give each other on this day?
A. greeting cards and C. a car
some chocolate D. a mug
B. expensive pens
3. Who was Valentine?
A. a singer C. an actor
B. a writer D. a priest
4. What did Valentine cure his jailer's daughter from?
A. pneumonia C. deafness
B. blindness D. cancer
5. When was February 14th made Saint Valentine's day?
A. 490 C. 496
B. 416 D. 446

Activity 6

Watch the second part of the video (01:45 - 03:31) and mark the sentences true or false.

1. The connection of romantic love with St. Valentine's day didn't appear until the middle ages.
2. People adopted the habit of sending romantic text messages to each other.
3. In the 1900s Esther Howland was motivated by the fancy and intricate cards being made in England.
4. Esther Howland became known as the mother of British Valentine.
5. Valentine's day has been criticized for being too religious.

Activity 7

Read the text and find differences in celebrating Saint Valentine's day in your country and in the UK.



	In the UK	In your country
Presents		
Poems		
Greeting cards		
Flowers		

Saint Valentine's Day in the UK

Valentine's Day is celebrated in the UK on February 14th. It is a feast of love between husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends and even just friends. Here are some of the ways in which people celebrate Valentine's Day in England.

Many people exchange greeting cards on this day. Sometimes people who are shy and cannot tell about their feelings, send letters to their beloved ones. Cards can also be sent to children or to friends to show their love.

People can also find some love poems written inside a Valentine's card. You can buy cards with a poem already written inside, or some people make them up to describe the special love between them and their partner. Poems are often used to express love.

Even from a young age, children write poems for Valentine's Day. There is a popular poem which begins, 'roses are red, violets are blue'. The next line changes and the last word must rhyme with 'blue'.

You can create romantic versions, such as:

Roses are red, violets are blue, Sugar is sweet, and so are you!

Traditionally people in the UK give flowers (especially red roses) and chocolates to their beloved ones. However, recently, teddy bears have become a popular gift from boys to girls, and balloons, too, are seen everywhere on Valentine's Day!

Activity 8

Discuss the questions:

1. When do you celebrate the lovers' day in your country?
2. How do you (other people) celebrate it?
3. Is the feast of Saint Valentine popular among teenagers?
4. Have you ever fallen in love?
5. Have you ever sent greeting cards with a love confession in it?

Activity 9

*Make a Valentine card for your beloved ones or just friends.
Here are some nice samples.*



Activity 10 Homework

Write a short essay about your first love using the words mentioned below.

Words to use:

first love, to fall in love with, to kiss, to date, flirt, ask out, love at first sight, hug, break up, start a relationship with.