

Valentine's Day

WORKSHEET A

In English-speaking countries, Valentine's Day is the name of the important date on the calendar when couples celebrate their love for each other by _____ romantic cards and _____.

Valentine's Day is on February 14, and some countries, where English is not the native language, have their own equivalent celebrations on the same date.

Flowers, chocolates, perfume and aftershave are popular gifts on Valentine's Day. As for the cards, almost all of them contain the colours red or pink, and many include the image of a _____ to symbolize love.

As well as couples sending each other Valentine's Day cards or gifts, there is also the tradition of single people sending cards anonymously to those who they would like to have a relationship with. When they sign the card _____ sending it, they often just put 'from your Valentine' or 'from ?', which can obviously make the receiver very curious!

No-one really knows how Valentine's Day got its _____. However, the most popular _____ is that Valentine was the name of a priest in Rome in the third century AD, at a time when the Roman emperor Claudius II decided that _____ men would make better soldiers for his army than men with wives or girlfriends. He therefore made _____ illegal for young men, but Valentine thought this was very _____ and continued to perform secret weddings for young couples. Unfortunately, according to the story, Claudius _____ what Valentine was doing and ordered him to be killed.

An extra part of the story suggests that before his death Valentine spent some time in prison, where a young _____ visited him regularly. He fell in love with her, and shortly before he died he wrote her a romantic letter saying goodbye. According _____ the story, the expression he used in signing the letter was the one that people have copied ever since: 'from your Valentine'.

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WORKSHEET B

A

Fill the twelve gaps in the text on Worksheet A with the correct words from the box below. There are four words that you will not need to use.

unfair	before	marriage	discovered
good	to	gifts	said
heart	head	single	exchanging
name	explanation	from	woman

B

Below are eight quotes about love that have each been split into three parts and mixed up. Can you put them back together again?

1	It is	in life is to learn how to give	stories never have endings.
2	Love is not just looking	someone you can live	win by losing their heart.
3	The most important thing	love	late to fall in love.
4	Love is a	is love, there is	it is not love.
5	Love is not finding	is not madness,	with, it's finding someone you can't live without.
6	True	never too	life.
7	Where there	game that two can play, and both	other, it's looking in the same direction.
8	When love	at each	out love, and to let it come in.