*Read the texts below. Match choices (A-H) to (27-32). There are two choices you do not need to use.*

## VALENTINE'S DAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**27. Brazil**

Brazilians skip the February 14 celebrations and instead commemorate Saint Anthony, the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking, on June 12.



**28. Peru**

Thanks to countrywide Carnaval celebrations, most Peruvians are on holiday on February 14, which means they have extra time to plan their loved-up itinerary. Instead of exchanging roses, many choose a flower native to the country. They even hold mass weddings to accommodate all the couples saying "I do" on the most romantic day of the year.

**29. Finland**

For anyone flying solo, Finland is the place to be. You don't have to worry about feeling left out of the festivities because in this country it's all about celebrating with your mates. The day is even called 'Friend's Day' in Finnish, not Valentine's. The official flower is the pink rose, but mates are happy to receive gifts, cards or candy, too.

**30. The UK**

In the UK, couples get seriously romantic on Valentine's Day. Lovebirds all over the Isles exchange gifts of flowers, chocolates and jewelry. In the evening, couples typically enjoy a nice dinner on the town or opt for a candle-lit spread at home. Either way, love is in the air.

**31. South Korea and Japan**

It's the men who are pampered in this part of the world on Valentine's when women buy chocolates for their male partners, family members and coworkers as a token of affection and appreciation. But don't worry ladies, the favor is returned a month later. On March 14, known as White Day, men reciprocate with cake, candy and flowers.

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**32. The United States**

Lovers in the United States go all out in displaying their fondness for each other: Every year, Americans spend a sweet 18 billion dollars on candy, cards, chocolates, flowers and jewelry. Greeting cards are the most common gift, but not just for couples. Family, friends and schoolchildren also exchange cards with notes of friendship, affection and appreciation. America's most popular Valentine's Day candy isn't a box of chocolates, though – it's the little conversation hearts with messages like "Be Mine" and "Kiss Me".

**Where do people .... ?**

**A** *celebrate friends*
**B** *give the men nice things*
**C** *celebrate in summer instead*
**D** *try hard to show admiration*
**E** *stock up on the pieces of purposeful writing*
**F** *opt for orchids*
**G** *go on dream dates*
**H** *buy jewellery or fancy underwear*

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