

St. Valentine's day



St. Valentine's day is the holiday of all the sweethearts. It's celebrated on the 14th of February. Hearts, doves and Cupids are the symbols of Valentine's day.

There are several legends about this holiday. One of the legends says that Valentine was Christian priest who lived in the third century A.D. He was put into prison by roman authorities. According to the legend, he performed a miracle – he cured his jailer's daughter of her blindness. Before the execution, he wrote her a letter signed **"From Your Valentine."**

Now it's the day when people in love express their feelings for each other.

And the quick and modern way to do it is with a Valentine card. You can make a card yourself or buy a ready-made one. You can put your name or send it unsigned.

People send candies, fresh roses or jewelry to those whom they love. Some valentines are very fancy, they are decorated with red ribbons, paper lace and images of Cupids. They also share lovely SMS.

This day is chosen probably because it is one day before the Saint Anthony's day, there known as the marriage saint, when many single women perform popular rituals in order to find a good husband.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin overhead on Valentine's day. It meant she would marry a sailor.

If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

Answer the questions

1. When do people celebrate St. Valentine's day?
 - a) the 14th of February.
 - b) the 15th of February.
 - c) the 16th of February.
2. Who was Valentine?
 - a) He was a sailor
 - b) He was a priest
 - c) He was a soldier
3. What do people give each other on this day?
 - a) fresh roses and cards
 - b) fresh tulips and cards
 - c) fresh snowdrops and cards
4. What is the name of the god of love?
 - a) Poseidon
 - b) Jupiter
 - c) Cupid
5. What did it mean when a woman saw a robin overhead on Valentine's day?
 - a) It meant she would marry a cook
 - b) It meant she would marry a sailor
 - c) It meant she would marry a farmer
6. What did it mean when a woman saw a sparrow on Valentine's Day?
 - a) It meant she would marry a rich man and live in luxury.
 - b) It meant she would marry a poor man and be very happy
 - c) It meant she would marry a foreigner and live abroad
7. Why do people send presents to each other on this day?
 - a) They want to have fun
 - b) They want to express their love
 - c) They want to travel around the world

Read and write True(T)/ False(F)

1. St. Valentine's day is the holiday when people play tricks or jokes on each other.
2. Valentine was Christian priest who lived in the third century A.D.
3. Valentine's day started with the Greeks.
4. Now it's the day when people in love express their feelings for each other.
5. Red is a colour of love.
6. A parrot is a bird that symbolizes Valentine's day.

Connect the right and the left halves.

Complete the sentences with the word

priest's roses heart Cupid rings

1. In some countries, men and women exchange _____ when they get engaged or married.
2. The _____ is a symbol of love and it is also a symbol of Valentine's Day.
3. _____ are flowers of love.
4. _____ could cause people to fall in love by piercing them with one of his magic arrows.
5. This day got its name from a _____ name.

Match words with pictures

Cupid sailor priest dove ribbon letter sparrow candies
jewelry St. Valentine's day miracle sweetheart



Complete the sentences with the word

dove letter priests candy ribbon Cupid St. Valentine's Day
sweetheart jewelry sailor miracle sparrow

1. _____ is believed to shoot love arrows at single men and women on Valentine's Day.
2. My uncle worked as a _____ on a big ship.
3. My mother likes wearing _____.
4. I married my high school _____.
5. Please remember to mail the _____.
6. There is still a ban on women _____ in the Catholic Church.
7. It was a _____ that he recovered.
8. _____ is a sweet food made from sugar or chocolate.
9. _____ is the day for romantic love among couples.
10. A _____ is a small brown bird.
11. A _____ is a white or grey bird, often used as a symbol of peace.
12. Anna has a red _____ in her hair.

