

EXTRA CLASSES - ELEMENTARY

Mother's Day Reading

1 Read the questions and discuss with your friends:

- A) When is Mother's Day celebrated in your country?
- B) Do you celebrate it? How do you celebrate?
- C) Do you buy a gift to your mother? What do you usually buy?
- D) What are some Mother's Day traditions from your country?



2. Read the text:

Mother's Day is one of the most popular days around the world. Mother's Day is celebrated around the world. Mother's Day has a long history. Some believe it started with ceremonies held to honour mother goddesses, specifically Cybele, the Greek mother of gods. In North America, the holiday started around the end of the 19th century. International Women's Day was created in 1909. Later, Mother's Day was created in 1912. The name was created by Anna Jarvis. Today the holiday is celebrated by many different countries at many different times. However, the most common day is the second Sunday in May. This is true in English speaking countries like the United States, Canada, England, and Australia. In these countries Mother's Day is not a national holiday. However, because it is on a Sunday, families have time to spend together. People celebrate by giving gifts to their mothers, especially flowers. It is also a common tradition to take the mother out for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

3. Choose TRUE or FALSE about the text:

- A) Mother's Day is celebrated on the same day in all countries. **True/False**
- B) Mother's Day was created in 1909. **True/False**
- C) Mother's Day isn't a holiday in Canada. **True/False**
- D) In the United States Mother's Day is always on a Sunday. **True/False**
- E) It is common for families to take mothers out for food on Mother's Day. **True/False**

4 Answer the questions:

- A) When did the holiday start in North America? _____
- B) When is it usually celebrated? _____
- C) Is Mother's Day a national holiday? _____
- D) What day of the week does the holiday take place?

- E) How do people usually celebrate the holiday? _____