VALENTINE'S DAY

READING COMPREHENSION

Read the text and answer the questions.

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th every year. It is a day for expressing love and affection to partners, friends, and family. The history of Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Rome. In the 3rd century, a priest named Valentine helped Christian couples marry secretly. At that time, the Roman Emperor Claudius II had banned marriages for young men, believing that single men made better soldiers.

Valentine was arrested for his actions and was eventually executed. Legend says that while in prison, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and sent her a letter signed "Your Valentine." This expression of love became a tradition.

In the Middle Ages, February 14th was believed to be the beginning of the mating season for birds, adding to the idea of romance. Over the years, people started exchanging cards and gifts to show their feelings. Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world with flowers, chocolates, and romantic dinners. It's a day to celebrate love in all its forms.

True or false?

a) Valentine helped couples marry in secret. _____

b) The holiday is only celebrated in America. _____

c) Birds are believed to mate in the middle of February. _____

d) Valentine sent a letter to the jailer's daughter. _____

e) Valentine's Day began in the 4th century. _____

Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are extra words.

Valentine, king, emperor, Roman, executed, February, hugs, awarded, cards

a) Valentine's Day is celebrated on _____ 14th.

b) The priest's name was _____.

c) He was _____ for helping couples marry.

d) The Roman _____ Claudius II banned marriages for young men.

e) People began exchanging _____ to express their feelings.



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