

# National holidays

## 1. Match the holiday with the picture

New Year's Day

Christmas Day

St Valentine's Day

Easter

Victory Day

Independence Day

St Nicholas Day



## 2. Match the holidays with their dates

New Year's Day

14 February

Christmas Day

1 January

St Valentine's Day

19 December

Easter

9 May

Victory Day

24 August

Independence Day


7 January (or 25 December)

St Nicholas Day

a Sunday in April (or May)




### 3. Listen and read the comments. Say if the sentences below are true or false.




**JANE, 12, USA    THANKSGIVING DAY**

Every year in November Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a celebration of the arrival of the first Pilgrims to America. People celebrate this day with their families and friends. Sometimes they give presents, for example flowers or chocolate. The traditional meal is roast turkey, corn and potatoes.



**STEFAN, 11, Germany    EASTER**

This is a religious holiday in honour of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice<sup>1</sup>. We celebrate it in spring. Egg Hunt<sup>2</sup> is the most popular Easter game. One day before Easter people paint eggs and hide them in their homes. At Easter children try to find the eggs and put them into their baskets called 'Osterkranz'. On Easter morning people go to the church, then they have brunch with their families. They begin the festive meal by knocking the eggs with each other and then they eat them. Kids get sweets for their good job.



**LIZ, 10, Canada    SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY**

This day is a celebration of love. It is on 14th February. It is a tradition to give or send presents, flowers, sweets and postcards to people you like. These presents are usually in the shape<sup>3</sup> of a heart as a symbol of love. A lot of couples<sup>4</sup> also go for dinner or to the cinema. The most popular colours on this day are pink and red.

1. Americans celebrate Thanksgiving in October. **True / False**
2. People paint eggs and hide them before Easter. **True / False**
3. Kids have brunch with their friends on Easter Day. **True / False**
4. White and blue are the colours of St Valentine's Day. **True / False**
5. People give or send presents on St Valentine's Day. **True / False**