BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW: VALENTINE'S DAY



https://youtu.be/neb7dbPW0Sk

You will watch a video about Saint Valentine's Day. For questions 1-26, complete the sentences with a words or short phrase.

Valentine's Day is one of America's most **(1)** _____.

More than **(2)** _____ percent of Americans celebrate Saint Valentine's Day.

American people send greeting cards and **(3)** _____, give candy or other gifts or enjoy romantic **(4)** _____.

The origins of Saint Valentine's Day date back to an ancient Roman **(5)** _____ festival celebrated in **(6)** _____ called *Lupercalia*.

Later, the Christian Church chose this time of year in order to Christianize this **(7)** _____.

There was more than one Christian **(8)** _____ named Valentine.

One of them was sentenced to death for performing marriage ceremonies **(9)** _____ after Emperor Claudius II banned marriage for **(10)** _____.

Claudius II thought that single men made better **(11)** _____.

Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as date for honouring the soft-hearted Valentine at the end of the **(12)** _____.

However, this holiday didn't become definitively associated with love and romance until the **(13)** _____.

At that time, people believed that February 14th was also the beginning of **(14)** _____ mating season.

The first written Valentine **(15)** _____ appeared in the 15th century.

By the 17th century, people in **(16)** _____ had started a tradition of exchanging Valentine's cards or **(17)** _____.

In the United States, the first mass-produced cards emerged in the **(18)** _____.

It is estimated that **(19)** _____ Valentine cards are sent each year.

More than **(20)** _____ heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold and more than **(21)** _____ roses are produced in a typical year.

Altogether, Americans spend **(22)** _____ dollars on Valentine's Day or an average of some **(23)** _____ dollars per person per year.

Nearly 20% of Americans splurge on **(24)** _____.

According to a recent survey, as many as six million **(25)** _____ are likely to **(26)** _____ on February 14th.

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