

EXTRA CLASSES - ELEMENTARY

Valentine's Day

1. Read the text. Can you notice any mistake?

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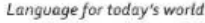
Many countries have their own days when love is celebrated. In Brazil, for example, they celebrate "Lovers Day" on 12th June, and in Colombia the "Day of Love and Friendship" is celebrated on 20th September. Rather than being only for couples, the day is a get-together for groups of friends, who might go out together for drinks or dinner. Black Day, celebrated in South Korea on 14th April, is for singles only. Young people not in a friendship dress up in black clothes and eat black noodles. This is a great way to meet someone else who is single, so the people who participate probably will not be single for long.

2. Read the text again, correct the mistakes (the mistakes are underlined, but one of them is not, try to find it).

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3. Think about a special person. Write a Valentine's Day message for this person.

