



EXTRA CLASSES - ELEMENTARY

Brazilian Valentine's Day

1. Answer:

- a) Do people go out for dinner on Dia dos Namorados?
- b) What gifts do people give each other on Dia dos Namorados?

2. Read the text:

WHY BRAZIL CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY ON JUNE 12?

Many countries celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14 but Brazil differs from those countries because of a few reasons

Our Valentine's Day is called Dia dos Namorados (translated as "Lovers' Day", "Day of the Enamored", or "Boyfriends' / Girlfriends' Day"). Although it is celebrated in a similar way of the American and European tradition, we don't celebrate it because of Saint Valentine.

The Dia dos Namorados is celebrated on June 12 because of its proximity to Saint Anthony's Day on June 13. This Saint is very known in Brazil as they believe he blessed young couples with a prosperous marriage. Fun cultural fact: There are superstitions around ways in which you can sort of put pressure on Saint Anthony to find you a husband soon. Some people will, for example, leave the saint upside down inside a glass of water or cachaça until they get married.

On this special date, couples exchange gifts, flowers and chocolates, they also have dinner.

If you are single, don't you worry! Usually the nightclubs, movie theatres and bars also have a special schedule for the singletons.

The reason why the traditional Valentine's Day is not celebrated in Brazil is because it usually falls during the Carnival Week, which is one of biggest events in the country.

3. Answer the questions:

- a) When is Dia dos Namorados celebrated?

- b) Why is Dia dos Namorados celebrated on June?

- c) What are the superstitions around Saint Anthony for women to find a husband?

d) What do couples do on Dia dos Namorados?

e) If a person is single, what can he/she do on Dia dos Namorados?

f) Why isn't Dia dos Namorados celebrated in February?

4. Look at the wordsearch, find the words related to Dia dos Namorados:

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Write down the words that you found:

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