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# Mother's Day

## Why people celebrate Mother's Day

In many countries, there is a special day of the year when children of all ages celebrate their mothers. On this day – Mother's Day – children tell their mothers that they love them, and thank them for their love and care.

Mother's Day is not a new celebration. Historians say that it started as a spring festival in ancient Greece. The modern festival of Mother's Day probably comes from England in the 1600s, when people had a day off from their jobs to visit their mothers on a day they called "Mothering Sunday." They took small gifts and a special cake called "simnel cake." In the United States, Mother's Day became an official holiday in 1914.

People in different countries celebrate Mother's Day on different days. In Spain and Portugal, Mother's Day is the first Sunday in May. In Australia, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Turkey, and the United States, it's on the second Sunday in May,

whereas in France and Sweden, it's on the last Sunday in May. In Argentina, Mother's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in October.

Although many countries celebrate Mother's Day at different times of the year, the holidays have one purpose in common – to show love and appreciation for mothers. For example, on Mother's Day morning, some children give their mothers gifts they made especially for this holiday.

What are you going to do next Mother's Day? Maybe you can use some of these ideas to make your mother feel special.

- *Make or buy your mother a beautiful Mother's Day card*
- *Write her a letter telling her why you appreciate her*
- *Make her a special meal or bake a cake*
- *Plant a flower or tree somewhere she can see it*



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