

VALENTINE'S DAY SURPRISE

Read the text and do the multiple choice questions.

In my country, Valentine's Day is usually for couples, so I never pay much attention to it. That's why I was surprised when my teacher said we were going to do something special at school.

On Monday, she wrote on the board: "Valentine's Day Activity - Friday." She didn't explain anything else. Immediately, people started asking questions. Some students thought we had to bring cards. Others were worried because they didn't like romantic activities at school. I just hoped it wouldn't be embarrassing.

During the week, strange things started happening. My friend Diego asked me if I was bringing chocolates. Another friend said she was writing messages, but she didn't say for whom. At that point, I was very confused and decided to do nothing. I thought it was safer.

On Friday, we went to the hall. The teacher arrived with a big box and told us not to worry. She explained that Valentine's Day doesn't have to be romantic. It can also be about friendship, kindness, and appreciation.

Inside the box were lots of small cards. During the week, students had written kind messages about classmates, friends, and teachers. We didn't know who wrote the cards, but we knew who they were for.

When I opened mine, I felt surprised and happy. One card said, "Thanks for always helping people when they don't understand." Another said, "You make the class more relaxed."

In the end, I was glad I hadn't brought chocolates. I realized the activity wasn't about giving things, but about noticing people. Now, when I hear "Valentine's Day," I don't only think about couples. I think about small messages that can make a normal school day better.

1 What does the author mainly want to say about Valentine's Day?

- A that is can make students uncomfortable.
- B that in her country it is only for couples.
- C that it can give us a way to show kindness and appreciation to others
- D that schools should avoid celebrating it.

12 How did the writer feel at the beginning of the week?

- A excited about celebrating Valentine's Day at school.
- B confused and a little worried about the activity.
- C angry because the teacher gave no information.
- D sure that the activity would be romantic.

15 Which text message would the writer most likely send to a friend about this activity?

A Valentine's Day at school was really awkward. I hope we never do it again.

C The teacher didn't explain the activity very well, so nobody enjoyed it.

13 Why did the writer decide not to bring anything to school?

- A Because she thought it was safer not to bring gifts.
- B because she didn't have time to prepare.
- C because she forgot about the activity.
- D because the teacher told students not to bring gifts.

14 What surprised the writer on Friday?

- A that students had to read their cards aloud.
- B that the cards were only for teachers
- C that the activity focused on friendship and kindness.
- D that everyone received chocolates.