

VALENTINE'S DAY



1) Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words given below.

On 14th February people all around the 1 _____ send cards, flowers, chocolates and presents to 2 _____ they love. But is this just commercial, or is there a tradition 3 _____ it?

In about AD 350, the 4 _____ killed a man called Valentine on 14th February because he was a 5 _____. Later, in AD 496, the Pope made 14th February into St Valentine's Day – a Christian 6 _____.

In the Middle Ages, 14th February became a special day for people who were in 7 _____. In Europe, people wrote the name of the person they loved on a piece of 8 _____ and stuck it on their clothes. Men started writing poems to the women they loved.

The 9 _____ of secret love messages began in the 19th century, when people could send letters cheaply by post for the first time. At the same time, card companies 10 _____ making special Valentine's cards for people to send. And this year people around the world will send over one billion Valentine's Day cards.

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| 1. a) planet | b) world | c) earth | 6. a) celebration | b) parade | c) meeting |
| 2. a) nobody | b) something | c) someone | 7. a) grief | b) love | c) difficulty |
| 3. a) below | b) behind | c) over | 8. a) wood | b) cloth | c) paper |
| 4. a) British | b) Irish | c) Romans | 9. a) wish | b) tradition | c) habit |
| 5. a) Christian | b) Barbarian | c) Buddhist | 10. a) invented | b) opened | c) started |

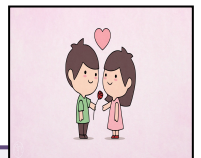
2) Four teenagers are writing about Valentine's Day. Match the sentences (1-5) with the letters (A-D).

A. Jill: This year I got more than one Valentine. The best one was from my boyfriend. He didn't write his name, but I recognized his handwriting. The next one was from my brother! It was a jokey one. The third one is a mystery, I've never had a secret Valentine before.

B. Frank: There's this girl in the year below me who seems to like me a lot. The card I got might be from her. I think I know her handwriting. I feel terrible because I don't feel the same way about her. She's nice, but I only like her as a friend. I really like her sister, though. The card could be from her, but it probably isn't!



1. This person made a special Valentine.
2. This person doesn't usually send Valentine's cards.
3. This person got a card from a relative.
4. This person got one Valentine this year.
5. This person has no idea who her mystery Valentine's card is from.



C. Nick: There's this girl I really like in my class. I'm quite shy when I speak to her, so she probably doesn't know that I like her. I'm not really into Valentine's Day and all that, but I sent her a card, so she still doesn't know. I watched her in class yesterday. She showed my card to her friends. Then she looked at me and smiled. Did she guess the card was from me? I don't know.

D. Mary: I sent two Valentine's cards this year – one was to a boy that I know. I spent a long time making it. Then I wrote a poem in it. I didn't want to buy a card. I wanted it to be different, because I really like him. I hope that he likes me too. He sometimes stops and talks to me. It's usually about homework or something. He didn't send me a Valentine though. The other one I sent was to my granddad!



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Ex. 1)

1 B 2 c 3 B 4 c 5 a 6 a 7 B 8 c 9 B 10 c

Ex.2)

1 D 2 C 3 A 4 B 5 A