VALENTINE'S DAY

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
THE READING / TAPESCRPT

Valentine's Day is one of the most famous holidays in the world. It falls on February the 14th and is celebrated across the world. It is the traditional day for lovers to express their love to each other. They do this by sending Valentine’s cards with romantic messages. It is common to leave the card unsigned. Other traditions on this day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European thing, but now it has gone all over the world. It has become very commercial. Companies that make Valentine’s goods even encourage people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, only women give Valentine’s gifts – to all the men they know.

There is confusion over which Saint Valentine the day is named after. It is either Valentine of Rome, who lived in the third century, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, from the 14th century. The custom of exchanging romantic messages seems to have started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland, started producing and selling Valentine cards. Today, over one billion are sent worldwide, with women sending 85 per cent of them. Different companies slowly saw the opportunities to make money from Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond companies began promoting jewellery as the ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants are also very busy on this day.
PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1. It falls on
   a. unsigned

2. the traditional day for lovers
   b. American and European thing

3. It is common to leave the card
   c. to express their love

4. Valentine’s Day used to be an
   d. give Valentine’s gifts

5. It has become
   e. February the 14th

6. In Japan, only women
   f. very commercial

Paragraph 2

1. confusion over
   a. are sent worldwide

2. The custom of
   b. Valentine’s gift

3. over one billion
   c. very busy on this day

4. opportunities to make money
   d. which Saint Valentine

5. the ultimate
   e. exchanging romantic messages

6. Italian restaurants are also
   f. from Valentine’s Day
LISTENING GAP FILL

Valentine's Day is ________________ famous holidays in the world. It falls on February the 14th and is celebrated across the world. It is the traditional day for lovers ________________ love to each other. They do this by sending Valentine’s cards with romantic messages. ________________ leave the card unsigned. Other traditions on this day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European thing, but now ________________ over the world. It has become very commercial. Companies that make Valentine’s ________________ people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, only women give Valentine’s gifts – ________________ they know.

There ________________ which Saint Valentine the day is named after. It is either Valentine of Rome, who lived ________________, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, from the 14th century. The custom of exchanging romantic messages ________________ started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland, started producing and selling Valentine cards. Today, over one billion ________________, with women sending 85 per cent of them. Different companies slowly saw the opportunities to ________________ Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond companies began promoting jewellery as the ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants ________________ on this day.
Valentine's Day is __________ of the most famous holidays in the world. It falls on February the 14th and is celebrated ____________ the world. It is the traditional day for lovers to express their love to each other. They do ____________ by sending Valentine’s cards with romantic messages. It is common to leave the card unsigned. ____________ traditions on this day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European thing, but now it has ____________ all over the world. It has become very commercial. Companies that make Valentine’s goods ____________ encourage people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, ____________ women give Valentine’s gifts – to all the men ____________ know.

There is confusion ____________ which Saint Valentine the day is named ____________. It is either Valentine of Rome, who lived in the third century, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, ____________ the 14th century. The custom of exchanging romantic messages ____________ to have started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland, started producing and selling Valentine cards. Today, over one billion are sent worldwide, ____________ women sending 85 per cent of them. Different companies slowly saw the opportunities to ____________ money from Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond companies began promoting jewellery ____________ the ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants are also ____________ busy on this day.
CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD
Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of italics.

Valentine's Day is one of the mostly / most famous holidays in the world. It falls / fell on February the 14th and is celebrated across the world. It is the traditional day for lovers to expression / express their love to each other. They do this at / by sending Valentine’s cards with romantic messages. It is common to leave the card unsigned. Other / Another traditions on this day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European things / thing, but now it has gone all over the world. It has become very commercial / commercialize. Companies that make Valentine’s goods even encourage people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, only women give Valentine’s gifts – to all / some the men they know.

There is confusion under / over which Saint Valentine the day is named after. It is either Valentine of Rome, who lived / alive in the third century, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, for / from the 14th century. The custom / costume of exchanging romantic messages seems to have started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland, started producing and selling Valentine cards. Today, over one billionth / billion are sent worldwide, with women sending 85 per cent of them. Different companies slowly see / saw the opportunities to make money from Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond companies began promoting / promotion jewellery as the ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants are also very busy / busier on this day.
MULTIPLE CHOICE

Valentine's Day is (1) ___ of the most famous holidays in the world. It falls on February the 14th and is celebrated across the world. It is the (2) ___ day for lovers to express their love to each other. They do this by sending Valentine’s cards with romantic (3) ___. It is common to leave the card unsigned. Other traditions on this day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European (4) ___, but now it has gone all over the world. It has become very commercial. Companies that make Valentine’s goods even (5) ___ people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, (6) ___ women give Valentine’s gifts – to all the men they know.

There is (7) ___ over which Saint Valentine the day is named after. It is either Valentine of Rome, who (8) ___ in the third century, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, from the 14th century. The custom of exchanging romantic messages seems to have started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland, started producing and (9) ___ Valentine cards. Today, over one billion are sent worldwide, with women sending 85 per cent (10) ___ them. Different companies slowly saw the opportunities to make money from Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond (11) ___ began promoting jewellery as the ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants are also very (12) ___ on this day.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

1. (a) only (b) one (c) once (d) ones
2. (a) tradition (b) traditionally (c) traditional (d) traditions
3. (a) messaging (b) messager (c) message (d) messages
4. (a) things (b) thing (c) thingy (d) thingamy
5. (a) encourage (b) encouragement (c) encouraging (d) encourages
6. (a) known (b) knows (c) knowing (d) know
7. (a) confusion (b) confused (c) confusing (d) confuse
8. (a) alive (b) living (c) lived (d) life
9. (a) sales (b) sell (c) selling (d) sells
10. (a) for (b) of (c) by (d) with
11. (a) companies (b) company (c) companies (d) companion
12. (a) busier (b) busiest (c) busily (d) busy
SPELLING
Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1
1. It alfis on February the 14th
2. expsper their love
3. toriacnm messages
4. leave the card uginisden
5. It has become very coilrmeacm
6. alymf members

Paragraph 2
7. nmade after
8. from the 14th ucnrtey
9. one lobnili are sent worldwide
10. make ymone
11. the elmiutat Valentine’s gift
12. Italian tusenrsaan
PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

( ) day are buying chocolates and giving red roses. Valentine’s Day used to be an American and European thing, but now it has

( 1 ) Valentine's Day is one of the most famous holidays in the world. It falls on February the 14th and is celebrated

( ) Valentine’s Day. In the 1980s, diamond companies began promoting jewellery as the

( ) gone all over the world. It has become very commercial. Companies that make Valentine’s goods even encourage

( ) in the third century, or Saint Valentine, bishop of Terni, from the 14th century. The custom of exchanging romantic

( ) sending 85 per cent of them. Different companies slowly saw the opportunities to make money from

( ) messages seems to have started in 19th-century England. In 1847, an American woman, Esther Howland,

( ) sending Valentine’s cards with romantic messages. It is common to leave the card unsigned. Other traditions on this

( ) There is confusion over which Saint Valentine the day is named after. It is either Valentine of Rome, who lived

( ) started producing and selling Valentine cards. Today, over one billion are sent worldwide, with women

( ) across the world. It is the traditional day for lovers to express their love to each other. They do this by

( ) ultimate Valentine’s gift. French and Italian restaurants are also very busy on this day.

( ) women give Valentine’s gifts – to all the men they know.

( ) people to send Valentine’s cards to their parents and other family members! In Japan, only
SCRAMBLED SENTENCES
With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. the the most world famous one holidays of in

2. to traditional express day their for love lovers the

3. is It unsigned card the leave to common

4. become It very has commercial

5. In gifts Valentine’s give women only , Japan

6. of custom The messages romantic exchanging

7. are billion one over , Today worldwide sent

8. companies money make to opportunities the saw slowly

9. Valentine’s ultimate the as jewellery gift

10. this also day very Italian busy restaurants on are
DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)
STUDENT A’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________

5. __________________________________________________________

6. __________________________________________________________

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)
STUDENT B’s QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. __________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________

5. __________________________________________________________

6. __________________________________________________________
THE VALENTINE’S DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Valentine’s Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING

Write about Valentine’s Day for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google’s search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Valentine’s Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Valentine’s Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Valentine’s Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

   Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.