

Valentine's Day Around the World

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Introduction ❁

Valentine's Day is a special day in the United States and many countries around the world. Below are some countries that celebrate Valentine's Day. Not every country or person celebrates it in the same way, of course, but giving chocolates, gifts, cards, and flowers is what most people in the U.S. and Canada do. Is that true for you?

Vocabulary, Pronunciation ❁

1. **to celebrate:** to do something special (for example, have a party)
2. **cookies:** small, flat, sweet cakes
3. **a gift:** something you give to another; a present

Dictation ❁ *Fill in the blank spaces with the words you hear. With a partner, check your answers and talk about them.*

1. The Dominican Republic and El Salvador

In these countries, friends and family _____ . In the Dominican Republic, _____ is called *Angelito*, and in El Salvador it is called *Amigo Secreto* (secret friend). Friends write _____ of another person (boy or girl) on a small piece of paper. Then each player _____ this friend a _____.

2. Italy and Britain

Young women stand by _____ in the early morning on Valentine's Day. They believe that _____ they see will be their husband!

3. Japan

Japan _____ Valentine's Days. On February 14th, _____ dark chocolate to the boys _____, and on March 14th, _____ cookies or _____ chocolate to the girls they like.

Discussion ❁

Work with a partner, and answer these questions. Share your responses with the class.

1. If your country is not mentioned in this unit, tell the class
 - a. if you have this special day, what customs do you follow?
 - b. if you don't have this day, what other holiday do you celebrate?
2. Valentine's Day is a big day for candy stores. What other stores do a big business on this day?
3. A Valentine's Day Poem. Practice this with your class.

*Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are you!*

Now finish the poem with your line.

*Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,*

Follow-up activity ❁

You will find these expressions printed on candy hearts. To find out what they mean, ask an American friend.



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| 1. Be Mine! | 2. True Love | 3. 100 Hugs | 4. Love me! | 5. Kiss Me! |
| 6. Marry me! | 7. Call Me! | 8. Cutie Pie | 9. Lover Boy | 10. Smile! |

❖ DICTOGLOSS AND PARTIAL ❖

The Youngest College Professor

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Introduction ❖

Alia Sabur is an amazing woman because she was appointed to teach physics and math as a college professor at Southern University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Why was this big news? Because Alia was only 19 years old!

Vocabulary, Pronunciation ❖

1. **amazing:** surprising
2. **to graduate:** to receive an academic degree from a high school or university
3. **a Master's degree:** a college degree above a Bachelor's
4. **a Ph.D.:** a Doctor of Philosophy degree; an advanced university degree above a Master's



Dictogloss ❖ *Listen to a complete sentence only once. Write down the words you can remember. With a partner, try to reconstruct the sentence in writing as accurately as possible.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Dictation ❖ *Write the correct word or words in the blank space.*

When Alia graduated from Stony Brook University in New York, _____ the youngest woman in U.S. history to do so. Her education continued at Drexel University _____ Pennsylvania, where _____ her Master's and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering. She _____ because she feels she can help _____ people.

Discussion ❖

Talk about these items with a partner, and share your answers with the class.

1. At what age do most children _____?
a. begin school b. learn to read
2. At what age do students usually graduate from _____?
a. high school b. college
3. At what age did Alia graduate from _____?
a. high school b. college
4. What problems, if any, might a woman like Alia have _____?
a. in her social life b. in her professional life
5. Alia is also good at playing the clarinet, and she has a black belt in *tae kwon do*. People like Alia are called *prodigies*. A *prodigy* is a super intelligent person who can do things well. There are children like this in every country. Do you know of any?

Discussion ❖

Don't be fooled! Here are some brain teasers. Work with a partner and see if you can get the answers. Answers are on page 92.

Example: When the Vice-President of the U.S. dies, who is the President?
Answer: The President!

1. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. Why not?
2. Why do Chinese men eat more rice than Japanese men do?
3. Bobby's mother had four children. The first was April, the second was May, and the third was June. What was the name of the fourth child?
4. How many months have 28 days?

Follow-up activity ❖

Find a funny riddle or brain teaser and tell it to the class.

How Green Are You?

full text on page 93 (cd track 13)

Introduction ❖

Are you green? If you are, you think it is important to protect the environment. You want your children to grow up in a healthy world. Name a few things you already do to help save our planet.

Vocabulary, Pronunciation ❖

1. **a hybrid:** a car that runs on both gasoline and electricity
2. **purchases:** the things we buy
3. **to recycle:** to save things and use them again
4. **waste:** the things we throw away

Dictation (a) ❖ Write the words you hear in the blank space.

Dictogloss (b) ❖ Listen only once. Write what you can remember. With a partner, try to reconstruct the sentence and write it down. Check the items that you already do, and discuss with a partner.

1. With your car:

___ a. I don't _____. I take the bus _____ to work.

___ b. _____.

2. With your food:

___ a. I eat more vegetables _____ than I used to.

___ b. _____.

3. With your waste:

___ a. I recycle newspapers, _____, _____, and plastic.

___ b. _____.

4. With your purchases:

___ a. I try to buy products that _____ environmentally friendly, even if they are _____.

___ b. _____.

Discussion ❖

*Work with a partner and talk about the following.
Share your answers with the class.*



1. Ways to save water in your home:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Ways to save electricity:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Ways to save paper:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. Ways to have cleaner air:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

Follow-up activity ❖

Ask two students outside of your class these questions. Bring your responses to class and share them.

Question	Student 1	Student 2
1. Would you buy a hybrid car? Why or why not? 2. What is one thing you are doing in your home to help save the environment?		

Script for **Valentine's Day Around the World** *Dictation on page 21 (cd track 11)*

1. The Dominican Republic and El Salvador

In these countries, friends and family **play games**. In the Dominican Republic, **the game** is called *Angelito*, and in El Salvador it is called *Amigo Secreto* (secret friend). Friends write **the name** of another person (boy or girl) on a small piece of paper. Then each player **gives** this friend a **gift**.



2. Italy and Britain

Young women stand by **the window** in the early morning on Valentine's Day. They believe that **the first man** they see will be their husband!

3. Japan

Japan **has two** Valentine's Days. On February 14th, **girls give** dark chocolate to the boys **they like**, and on March 14th, **boys give** cookies or **white** chocolate to the girls they like.

Dictogloss and Partial Dictations

Script for **The Youngest College Professor** *Dictation on page 23 (cd track 12)*

Dictogloss

1. She could read and talk at eight months old.
2. She finished high school at age eight.
3. She graduated from the university when she was 14.

Dictation

When Alia graduated from Stony Brook University in New York, she was the youngest woman in U.S. history to do so. Her education continued at Drexel University in Pennsylvania, where she received her Master's and a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering. She chose teaching because she feels she can help a lot of people.

Note to teachers:

Alia Sabur's grandparents are from Iran. In 2008 Alia took a position at Konkuk University in Seoul, South Korea.

Answers to the Brain Teasers, Discussion 2:

1. She was walking.
2. There are more Chinese than Japanese.
3. Bobby
4. All of them

Script for **How Green Are You?** *Dictation on page 25 (cd track 13)*

1. With your car:
 - a. I don't drive. I take the bus or train to work.
 - b. I plan to buy a hybrid car.

2. With your food:
 - a. I eat more vegetables and fruits than I used to.
 - b. I eat less meat than I used to.

3. With your waste:
 - a. I recycle newspapers, glass, cans, and plastic.
 - b. I recycle just bottles and cans.

4. With your purchases:
 - a. I try to buy products that are environmentally friendly, even if they are more expensive.
 - b. I can help save the planet.

