

FEBRUARY

guided reading passages

F Valentine's Day

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① What does Kim do?
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② Who makes the cards?
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Vocabulary

Valentine's Day is celebrated all over the world each year on February 14. It is a day for people to tell each other that they care. When people think of Valentine's Day, they think of the colors red, pink, and white. They think of hearts and love. In South Africa, people wear red and white clothes to celebrate. Women pin hearts to their shirts that say the names of the people they love. People also think of cards, candy, flowers, and stuffed animals when it is Valentine's Day. In the United States, it is common to give all of those things as gifts to celebrate. It is also common to call or visit loved ones on Valentine's Day to show them that they are loved. Students often bring cards and candy to their classmates on Valentine's Day. In Germany, it is common to give gifts, too. They give each other pigs as good luck. In Taiwan, people give big bouquets of flowers. In Japan, women send chocolates to men. Finland celebrates Valentine's Day differently. People send cards and small gifts to their friends anonymously. How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?

① What makes Germany's celebration different?
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② How are many of the celebrations similar?
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H Valentine's Day

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What should I do to make it special? She cared about them. Valentine's Day tomorrow. Kim said. "That is a great idea!"

What should I do to make it special? "That is a great idea!"

The next day, Kim said, "Happy Valentine's Day!"

① How does Tim think Valentine's Day is?
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② Why do they bring gifts?
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I Valentine's Day

Name _____

Vocabulary celebrate statues bouquets

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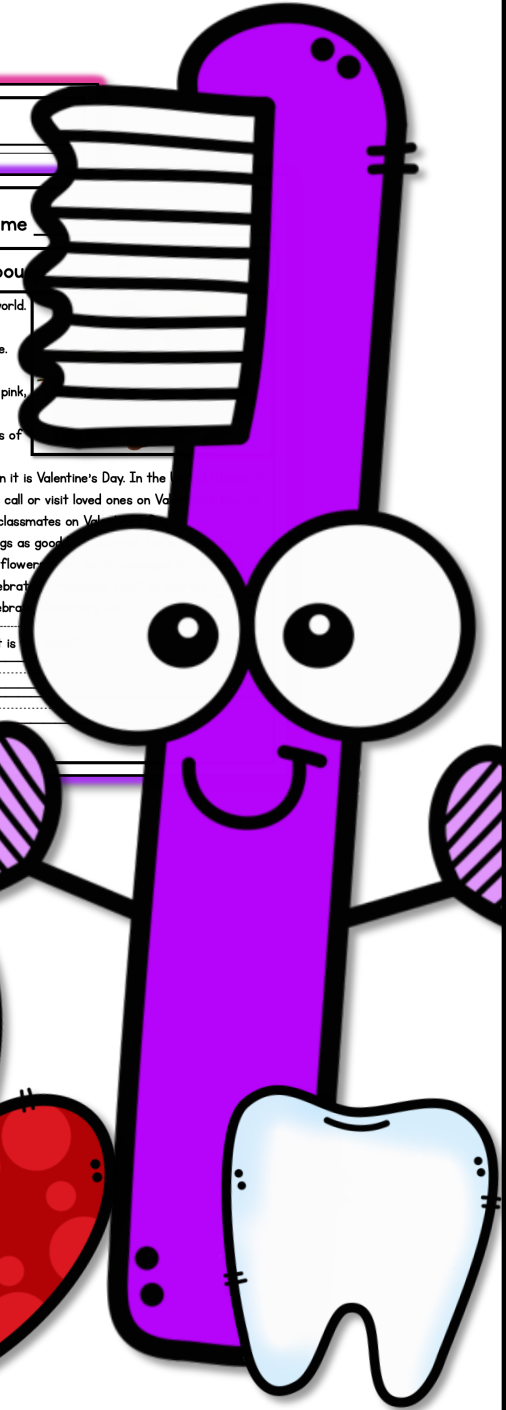
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① What does Finland do differently on February 14? What do they do that is different?
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② What do Germans send each other? flowers cards



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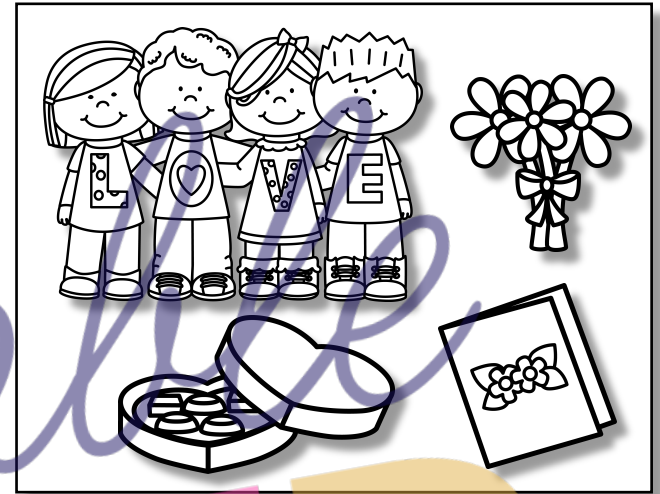
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Valentine's Day Name _____

"Happy Valentine's Day," Mrs. Nash said. "You can pass out your treats to your friends." Tim got the flowers out of his bag. He passed one flower to each person. "Happy Valentine's Day! I picked these from our garden," he said. Kim got the cards out of her bag. She passed one card to each person. "Happy Valentine's Day! My mom helped me make these cards for you," she said. Jim got the chocolates out of his bag. "Happy Valentine's Day! I picked these chocolates out at the store last night," he said. "I love Valentine's Day. It is so fun to share with my friends," Tim said. "I am so glad we are friends," Kim said. "Me, too!" Jim said.



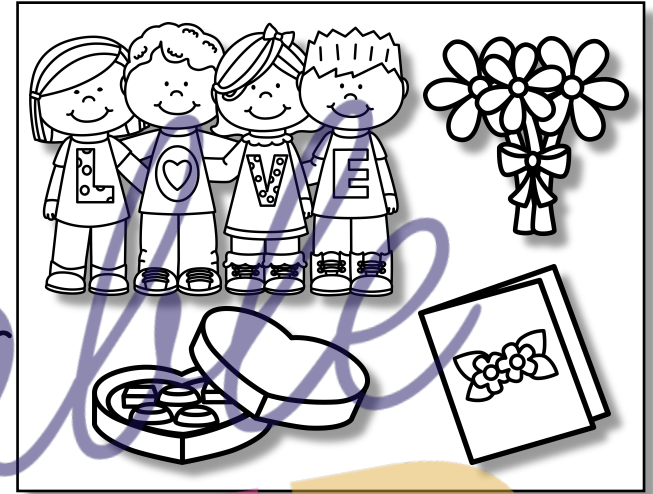
① What does Tim bring to share?

② Who makes his or her treat? Jim Kim Tim

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Valentine's Day Name _____

"Happy Valentine's Day," Mrs. Nash said to the class. "You each get to share one thing with your friends." Tim got his bag. He took out flowers and passed one to each person. "Happy Valentine's Day! I picked these flowers from our garden. There is one for each of you," he said. Kim smelled her flower. "This flower smells so nice. Thank you, Tim!" she said. Kim got her bag. She took out cards and passed one to each person. "Happy Valentine's Day! My mom helped me make these cards for you. There is one for each of you," she said. Jim looked at his card. "The picture you drew is so pretty. Thank you, Kim!" he said. Jim got his bag. He took out chocolates and passed one to each person. "Happy Valentine's Day! I picked these chocolates out at the store last night. There is a box for each of you," he said. Tim picked up a piece of chocolate. He ate it. "This chocolate tastes very good. Thank you, Jim!" Tim said. Kim, Tim, and Jim smiled at each other. "I am glad we are friends!" they said.



① What do they bring to share?

② Why do they share? They have to share. They want something. They are friends.

Valentine's Day

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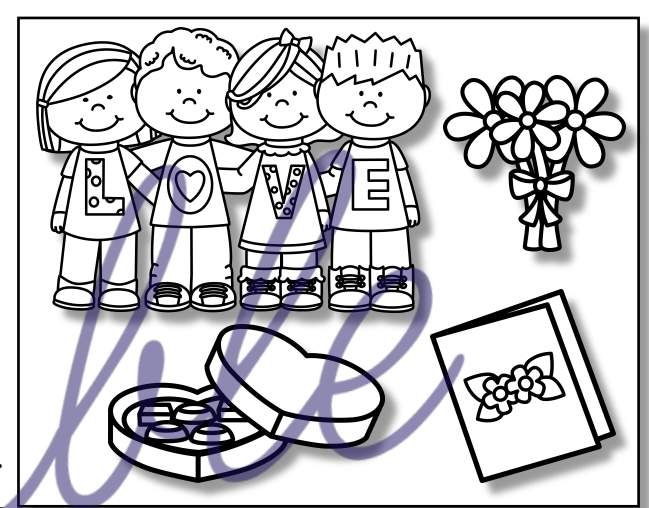
"Tomorrow is Valentine's Day," Mrs. Nash said. "We will have a party to celebrate. You may each bring one thing to share with your classmates." All of her students got ready to go home. They were all thinking about what they could bring to share with their friends.

What should I bring? Tim thought. He wanted to bring something that would be special. He walked up to his front door. He saw all of the flowers he had grown with his dad and had an idea. "Dad, it is Valentine's Day tomorrow. Can I take flowers to share with my friends?" Tim asked. "That is a great idea, Tim," said Dad.

What should I bring? Kim thought. She wanted to show all of her friends that she cared about them. She went into the kitchen and saw the pictures she had made. She had an idea. "Mom, it is Valentine's Day tomorrow. Can you help me make cards for my friends? If you can help me cut them, I can draw on them," Kim said. "That is a great idea, Kim," Mom said.

What should I bring? Jim thought. He walked through the store with his dad. He saw heart-shaped boxes with candies in them and had an idea. "Dad, it is Valentine's Day tomorrow. Can I get chocolates to share with my friends?" he asked. "That is a great idea, Jim," Dad said.

The next day, Tim, Kim, and Jim walked into school with their gifts. Tim passed out his flowers. "These smell so good. Thank you!" his classmates said. Kim passed out her cards. "These are so pretty. Thank you!" her classmates said. Jim passed out his chocolates. "These taste so good. Thank you!" his classmates said.



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① How does Tim think of his gift?

② Why do they bring gifts? They want gifts. They have to bring them. They are friends.

Valentine's Day

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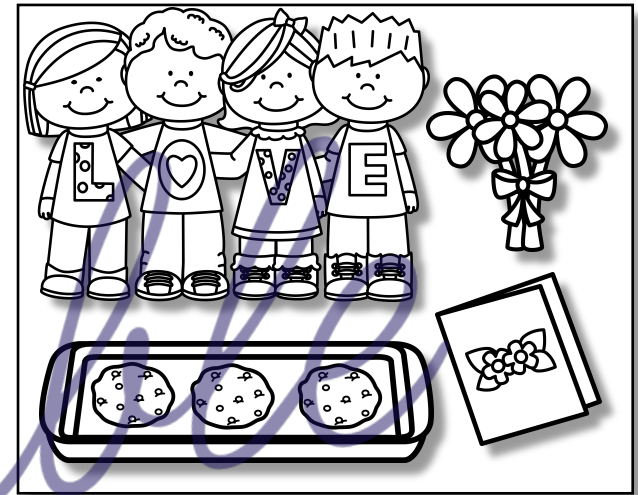
"Tomorrow is Valentine's Day," Mrs. Nash said. "You may each bring one thing to share at the party. There is one rule. The gift you bring must be homemade. You do not need to buy anything to show your friends that you care."

What should I bring to the party? Tim wondered. He walked up to his house. He passed the garden and had an idea. *We did not buy these flowers. We grew them ourselves. I bet these would make a good gift,* he thought. "Dad, can I take flowers to my friends tomorrow? It is Valentine's Day," Tim asked. "That is a great idea, Tim. I bet your friends will like to get flowers," Dad said.

What should I bring to the party? Kim wondered. She walked into her kitchen. She saw all of her drawings on the fridge. *I like to draw. I could draw cards for my friends,* she thought. "Mom, can you help me cut cards? I will draw on them for my friends for Valentine's Day," Kim said. "That is a great idea, Kim. I bet your friends will like to have your drawings," Mom said.

What should I bring to the party? Jim wondered. He ate his afterschool snack and had an idea. *I made those cookies with Mom last week. We could make more,* he thought. "Mom can you help me make cookies? I want to give them to my friends on Valentine's Day," he said. "That is a great idea, Jim. Your friends will like to taste our homemade cookies," Mom said.

The next day, Tim, Kim, and Jim packed up their homemade gifts. They could not wait to give them to their friends. "That is what Valentine's Day is all about," Mrs. Nash said.



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① Why do you think Mrs. Nash wanted the kids to bring homemade gifts?

② What did Tim bring? cookies flowers cards

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Valentine's Day Name _____Vocabulary annual celebrated popular special

Valentine's Day is an annual holiday. It is celebrated every year on February 14. It is a day for people to show loved ones how they feel. People celebrate Valentine's Day in different ways. Some people buy gifts for those they care about. Cards, flowers, and candy are popular gifts to give. Some people make special meals at home or go out to eat. Valentine's Day is not all about gifts and special meals. The purpose of the holiday is for people to show each other that they care. Each person does this in his or her own special way.



① What is Valentine's Day all about?

② What are popular gifts?

 candy flowers both

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Valentine's Day Name _____

Vocabulary

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Valentine's Day is an annual holiday. It happens each year on February 14. It is a day to celebrate loved ones. People all over the world celebrate the holiday in different ways. People celebrate in the United States with gifts. Many people give cards, flowers, candy, or stuffed animals. It is also common for people to eat out at restaurants. Many classrooms celebrate, too. Students pass out cards and candy to their classmates. People give gifts in Germany, too. They do not give flowers. They give pigs! The pigs could be statues or candies in the shape of pigs. The pig is a sign of good luck. In South Africa, people wear red and white on Valentine's Day. In Finland, they call Valentine's Day "Friendship Day". People give anonymous cards and gifts to their friends. In Taiwan, it is common to give big bouquets of flowers. What do you do on Valentine's Day?



① What makes Germany's celebration different?



② How are many of the celebrations similar? People eat food. People give gifts.

Vocabulary

celebrate decorate bouquets anonymous

Valentine's Day is an annual holiday that is celebrated all over the world. In most places that celebrate, it happens on February 14. It is a day for people to show that they care about one another. The common colors used for Valentine's Day are red, pink, and white. People decorate with hearts in different colors. In South Africa, people wear red and white on Valentine's Day. The women pin hearts on their shirts, too!

In the United States, people give gifts to each other. Common gifts to give are cards, flowers, candy, and stuffed animals. Many people go out to eat on Valentine's Day. They also like to do nice things for the people they care about. A lot of people called their loved ones on Valentine's Day. In schools, students pass out cards and candy to their classmates.

In Germany, people also give gifts to their loved ones. They give pigs to their valentines! It is a sign of good luck. In Taiwan, it is common to give bouquets of flowers. The colors of the flowers send a special message to the people who gets them. In Japan, women send chocolates to men on Valentine's Day. In Finland, they celebrate "Friendship Day" on February 14. People send anonymous cards and small gifts to their friends on that day. How do you like to celebrate Valentine's Day?



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① What are some unique ways in which people celebrate Valentine's Day?

② What do people give each other in Germany? flowers candy pigs stuffed animals

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