

1. ORIENTATION AND PREDICTING

1. Don't read the text yet! First, read the explanation.

EXPLANATION

Before you read a text, you think about what the text is about. You make a **prediction**. To make a prediction you look at the:

- title
- headings
- pictures
- words that stand out (**bold**, *italic*)

Then you think about what you already know about it. What have you read, heard or seen about it?

This way you activate your **background knowledge**. You think about words you already know. This helps you to understand the text better.

The title of text is: **Happy Valentine's Day**.

The headings are: **History of Valentine's Day** and **How Valentine's Day grew**.

These are the pictures that come with the text:



Talk about your **prediction** together and write down some key words in the table below and on the next page.

| Title, photos and headings | Prediction |
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| The title : Happy Valentine's Day | |

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| The pictures | |
| First heading : <i>History of Valentine's Day</i> | |
| Second heading : <i>How Valentine's Day grew</i> | |

2. READ THE TEXT & WORDS TO HELP YOU

1. Read the text together with a classmate. Use the 'Words to help you'.
Underline these words in the text. Do you see more difficult words? Underline them too!

the present = het cadeautje

the admirer = de bewonderaar

scary = eng

the emperor = de keizer

to agree = het eens zijn

the law = de wet

the jailer = de gevangenvaarder

to sign = ondertekenen

traditional = zoals we dat al heel lang gewend zijn

2. Do you understand now what the text is about? Did you **predict** this?



3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Now, you have read the whole text. What is the text about? Work together with a classmate and answer the questions. They help you to understand the text better. Write down some key words to remember your answers.

1. **When** is Valentine's Day celebrated?

2. **What** is Valentine's Day about?

3. **Who** did priest Valentine in ancient Rome send a letter? And **why**?

4. **What** do people send each other on Valentine's Day?

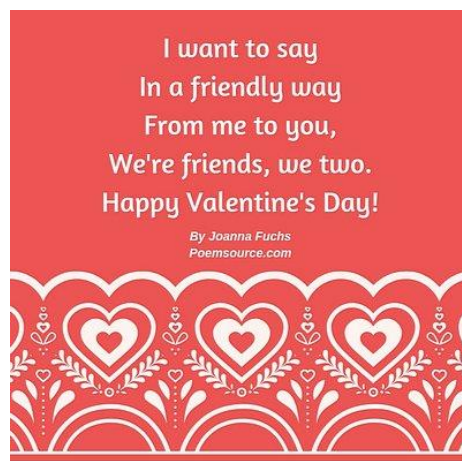
5. **What** would you like to give to someone you love?



4. WRITE A POEM

In the text you read about cards sent on Valentine's Day. You can send a card to someone you like or love. For example, a friend or family member. On such a card you can write a poem.

Here is an example:



Now, write your own poem. You can write about Valentine's Day or you can write something nice for someone special. Try to rhyme (like *say-way-day* and *you-two* in the example above).

You can also make a small drawing under your poem.