

MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

Reading strategy: predicting

Language: writing a poem

Method:

To give the pupils the opportunity to talk about the text and exercises, it is best to let them work in pairs or threes.

1. ORIENTATION AND PREDICTING

Do not hand out the text, but read the explanation first. Explain that activating your background knowledge is very useful every time you read a text, not only in the English lessons. Open the text on the interactive whiteboard by using the relevant button on the *Newswise* website. Click on the blurred sections to open the title, headings and pictures.

Model how you would use the reading strategy *predict* by thinking aloud. If you like, you can use the following frame:

'I read ... [the title, the headings]

I see ... [in the picture(s), in the figure, by the font]

I know that ... [because I saw that on television last week, because that happened to me]

So I think that'

The pupils make a prediction about the text, based on the title, headings and pictures. They write their predictions (key words) down in the table. Let the pupils also think about what they already know about the subject.

Now, show the pupils the following clip about the history of Valentine's day and some facts:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeCvcMs-p0g> (3.16).

2. READ THE TEXT & WORDS TO HELP YOU

Now, hand out the text and read it aloud first (or use the Readspeaker function on the website). The pupils read along with you. After that, you can either let every pupil in the class read some sentences out loud, or the pupils read the text in pairs. While reading, the pupils use the 'Words to help you'. They underline the words from the 'Words to help you' in the text. If they come across other difficult words, they underline those words too and they can use a dictionary to translate them.

After reading, the pupils tell what the text is about and they look back at the predictions they made in exercise 1.

3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

The pupils answer the questions about the text in pairs or threes. Discuss the answers in class. You can find the correct answers on page 2 of this manual.

4. WRITE A POEM

In this exercise the pupils write a poem. They can write about Valentine's Day or write something nice for someone special. They try to write a poem with some rhyming words in it.

ANSWERS

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1. Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th.
2. It's the day to say 'I love you' (by sending a present to someone).
3. He sent the daughter of the jailer a letter to say he loved her.
4. They send each other, for example, flowers, sweets and cards.
5. *own answer*