

Advanced English Lesson 2 – Holidays and Traditions

What is Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world on February 14th. Valentine's Day is named after Saint Valentine, a Christian Saint who married couples when it was forbidden by the Emperor of Rome in the 3rd century. Today, it is known as the day of romance. On Valentine's Day, couples exchange letters, cards, poems, and gifts, and celebrate together. At school, students celebrate Valentine's Day by making cards and giving candy to their classmates. In America, some popular gifts are bouquets of red roses and boxes of chocolate. So make sure you tell your boyfriend, girlfriend, fiancée, husband or wife today that you love them!

Talking about holidays:

A tradition

Traditionally

To celebrate (by)

To exchange/give (gifts/presents/cards/etc...)

A ritual/a custom

A religious holiday/a secular holiday

On (holiday), we remember/we celebrate/we honor

A Valentine's Poem:

Roses are red

Violets are Blue

Sugar is sweet

And so are you!

Talk about holidays!

1. What holidays are celebrated in Comoros?
2. What is your favorite holiday? Why?
 - a. When do you celebrate it?
 - b. Why do you celebrate it? Is it a religious or secular holiday? What is the history behind your holiday?
 - c. What do you do to celebrate? What traditions do you have on this day?