

1 Read the text and match the activities in bold (A-D) to the pictures (1-4).

# Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day lots of people celebrate on the second Sunday in May every year. On this day, people show their mum how much they love her and thank her for everything she does for them.

Lots of children **A) make a special Mother's Day card** for their mum. Inside the card, they write short messages like 'Happy Mother's Day!', 'I love you very much!', and 'Thanks for everything, Mum!'.

Often, they **B) surprise their mum with flowers**, or **C) give her a gift** like a box of chocolates or sweets. Finally, lots of children do things for their mum. They **D) make breakfast and bring it to her in bed**. They also help tidy up the house.

So, what are you going to do for your mum on Mother's Day?



2 Read the instructions (A-D) and put them into the correct order.



This is a great Mother's Day gift for mums. Coupons are small pieces of paper with a chore or an activity on them that you can do to help or spend time with your mum. They're really simple to make and your mum is going to love them!

**You need:** paper/card, scissors, markers or crayons, glitter/stickers/ribbons for decoration

Here are some ideas for things you can write on the coupons:  
 ✿ tidy my room ✿ make breakfast ✿ feed the dog ✿ do the washing-up  
 ✿ watch a film with you ✿ read a book with you

- A**  Finally, decorate each coupon with drawings, stickers and glitter.
- B**  Then, on each coupon, write one of the nice things from your list just like in the picture.
- C**  Firstly, make a list of nice things you can do for your mum on some paper.
- D**  Next, cut a piece of paper or card into rectangles  with the scissors – these are the coupons.



**1** Read the text and complete the gaps with the words from the box.

• gift • breakfast • chores • flowers • card • time



Every year, people all around the world celebrate Mother's Day. It's a special day when people spend lots of **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ with their mother and thank her for everything that she does. In most countries, Mother's Day takes place on the second Sunday in May.

On this day, lots of people make their mother a Mother's Day **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ and write a nice message inside to thank their mum for taking such good care of them. They also often give their mother a bunch of **3)** \_\_\_\_\_, bake her a cake or buy her a **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ such as a box of chocolates or some perfume.

Mothers work very hard to take care of their children, so on Mother's Day, lots of children want to help their mum so that she can relax. Some children do **5)** \_\_\_\_\_ to tidy up the house or make **6)** \_\_\_\_\_ for their mum in the morning and take it to her in bed.

**2** Look at the pictures and complete the words.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_



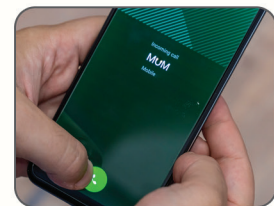
**3** Now, use the letters above each symbol in Ex. 2 to find out what gift Tom gave to his mum.



**1** Read the text and then write questions to which the words/phrases in bold (1-6) are the answers.

# Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a special day that people all around the world celebrate. Most countries celebrate Mother's Day on **1) the second Sunday in May**. On this day, people thank their mother for all that she does by giving her cards, flowers and gifts. They also write poems or do something nice for their mothers such as making her breakfast in bed or taking her out to a restaurant for a meal.



## Did you know?

### M is for Mother

In almost every language in the world, the word for mother begins with the 'm' sound. This is **2) because it is one of the first sounds that a baby can make**.

### An ancient celebration

The very first celebration of mothers dates back to Ancient Greece. The ancient Greeks held celebrations in spring each year for Rhea, **3) the goddess of motherhood**.

### Flower Power

In most countries, people give their mother flowers on Mother's Day. Carnations are the most popular flowers on this day because **4) they are a symbol of love**. In Japan, people often buy their mothers white carnations, but in Australia and the USA, mothers receive red or pink ones.

### Calling out for Mum!

There are more telephone calls on Mother's Day than on any other day of the year. In the USA alone, **5) more than 122 million calls** take place on Mother's Day each year.

### Eating out

Mother's Day is one of the busiest days of the year for **6) restaurants** around the world as people take their mother out to treat her to a special meal.

**2** Read the poem and choose the correct word (A,B or C) for each gap.

## Happy Mother's Day

I want to thank you Mum, for everything you **1)** \_\_\_\_ .  
 Thank you for taking care **2)** \_\_\_\_ me and thanks for being you!  
 I made you a card and **3)** \_\_\_\_ in bed,  
 I bought you some **4)** \_\_\_\_ ; they're pretty and red.  
 Today, you can put your feet up. It's time to have a **5)** \_\_\_\_ .  
 I really want to **6)** \_\_\_\_ you Mum, that I think you're the best!

- |          |                    |                |                 |
|----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>1</b> | <b>A</b> give      | <b>B</b> make  | <b>C</b> do     |
| <b>2</b> | <b>A</b> for       | <b>B</b> of    | <b>C</b> with   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>A</b> breakfast | <b>B</b> lunch | <b>C</b> dinner |
| <b>4</b> | <b>A</b> flowers   | <b>B</b> gifts | <b>C</b> cake   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>A</b> sleep     | <b>B</b> rest  | <b>C</b> relax  |
| <b>6</b> | <b>A</b> say       | <b>B</b> talk  | <b>C</b> tell   |

**3** **ICT** In groups, find some more Mother's Day facts. Present them to the class.

- 1 a) Read the texts and fill in the gaps with: *bouquet, remain, outing, picked, appreciate, steamed, received, decorated, put on, entrance.*

# Mother's Day

## Traditions around the World

Mother's Day is a special day that is celebrated all over the world in lots of different ways. Most countries celebrate it on the second Sunday in May each year by giving their mother cards, flowers and gifts, but some countries have other interesting ways to celebrate. Despite each country having different Mother's Day traditions, one thing that remains the same is how much people 1) \_\_\_\_\_ their mothers and want to thank them for all that they do.



### Japan

A Japanese Mother's Day tradition is to give carnations to mothers on Mother's Day. In the past, most mothers 2) \_\_\_\_\_ red carnations but over time, white ones became more common. Today, though, Japanese mothers get lots of different kinds of colourful flowers. However, white carnations still 3) \_\_\_\_\_ the most popular choice for Mother's Day. Children in Japan also draw pictures for their mum on Mother's Day and give her gifts.



### The UK

On Mother's Day in the UK, children traditionally 4) \_\_\_\_\_ wildflowers and baked a simnel cake for their mothers. A simnel cake is a special cake made with lots of fruit and 5) \_\_\_\_\_ with marzipan. However, today, it is common for children to give or make their mother a Mother's Day card and write a nice message inside. They also buy her a 6) \_\_\_\_\_ of flowers or a gift. A lot of British families go out on Mother's Day for a family 7) \_\_\_\_\_ or a meal at a restaurant.



### Mexico

Mother's Day in Mexico is a very important day. In the morning, lots of children decorate the 8) \_\_\_\_\_ to their home with colourful paper garlands. They also prepare a special breakfast with atole, a drink made with corn, and tamales, a 9) \_\_\_\_\_ dough. Then, a lot of Mexican families go to church for mass. During the rest of the day, children 10) \_\_\_\_\_ performances for their mothers and give her gifts and flowers to let her know how much they love her.



- b) **ICT** Which of the three countries do you think celebrates Mother's Day on a different day? Check online to find out if you were right.

- 2 Find the answers to the clues (1-8) in the word grid below.

- A Mexican corn-based beverage:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Something used to decorate a traditional British cake:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Something children can do to entertain their parents:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- The most common type of flower to receive in Japan:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Colourful decorations made from paper:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- An event that takes place at a church:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Something traditionally gathered by British children:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- A selection of flowers presented as a gift:  
\_\_\_\_\_

V	B	K	W	K	N	C	J	P	V	C
B	L	O	C	M	A	S	S	E	W	Y
T	C	O	U	C	C	A	J	R	M	E
O	A	T	G	Q	N	Z	U	F	A	S
Q	R	H	A	V	U	C	O	O	R	B
U	N	E	R	P	D	E	V	R	Z	M
E	A	R	L	A	B	T	T	M	I	P
R	T	H	A	R	T	I	Y	A	P	R
U	I	E	N	Q	U	O	A	N	A	K
A	O	O	D	R	M	N	L	C	N	U
L	N	D	S	O	F	Q	U	E	A	B
W	I	L	D	F	L	O	W	E	R	S

- 3 **ICT** In pairs, do some research and find out how Mother's Day is celebrated in a different country. Present it to the class.

## Mother's Day A1

**1**

1D

2B

3A

4C

**2**

1C

2D

3B

4A

## Mother's Day A2

**1**

1 time

2 card

3 flowers

4 gift

5 chores

6 breakfast

**2**

1 chores

2 card

3 flowers

4 breakfast

5 gift

**3**

Chocolates

### **Mother's Day B1**

**1**

1 When do most countries celebrate Mother's Day?

2 Why does the word for mother begin with an 'm' in most languages in the world?

3 Who was Rhea?

4 Why are carnations the most popular flowers on Mother's Day?

5 How many calls take place on Mother's Day each year in the USA?

6 Where do people around the world take their mothers to treat them to a special meal?

**2**

1C

2B

3A

4A

5B

6C

**3**

*Ss' own answers*

### **Mother's Day B2**

**1a**

1 appreciate

2 received

3 remain

4 picked

5 decorated

6 bouquet

7 outing

8 entrance

9 steamed

10 put on

**b**

the UK

**2**

1 ATOLE

2 MARZIPAN

3 PERFORMANCE

4 CARNATION

5 GARLANDS

6 MASS

7 WILDFLOWERS

8 BOUQUET

V B K W K N C J P V C  
B L O C M A S S E W Y  
T C O U C C A J R M E  
O A T G Q N Z U F A S  
Q R H A V U C O O R B  
U N E R P D E V R Z M  
E A R L A B T I M I P  
R T H A R T I Y A P R  
U I E N Q U O A N A K  
A O O D R M N L C N U  
L N D S O F Q U E A B  
W I L D F L O W E R S

3

Ss' own answers

