

- 1** Read the Valentine's Day poem and match the words in bold to the pictures.

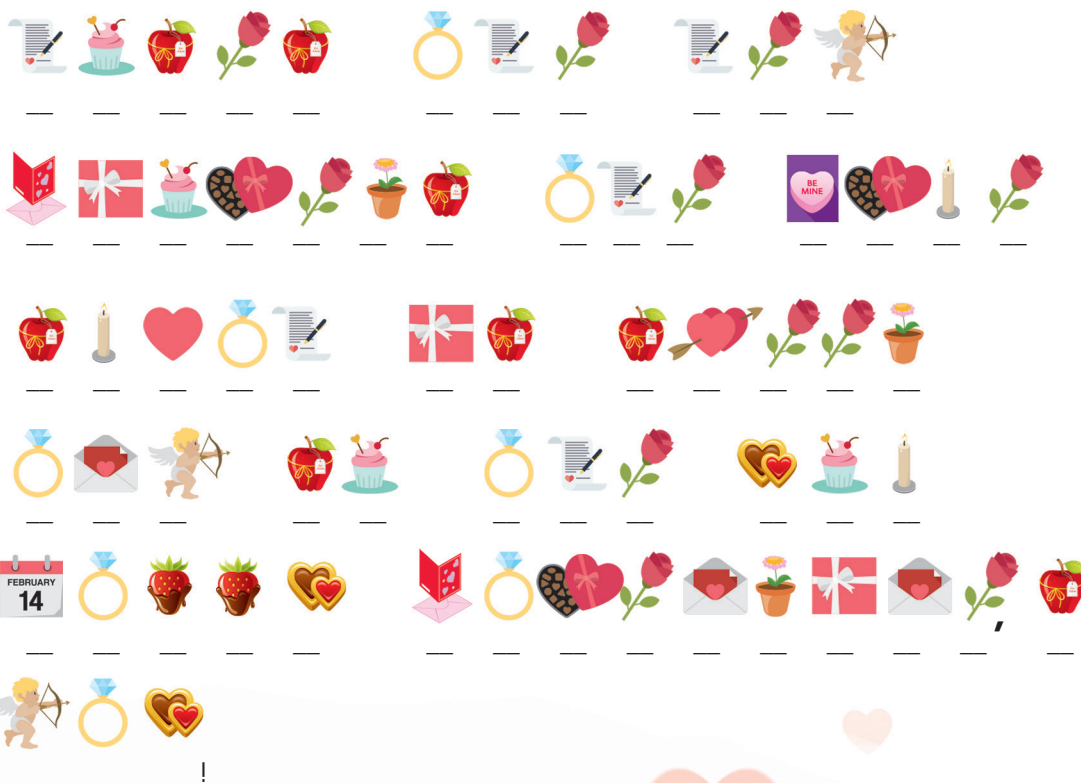
Valentine's DAY

On 14th February, you can share
1) gifts with friends to show you care!

We give them valentine cards and
2) hearts and flowers of pink and red.

Valentine's Day is lots of fun
with **3) sweets** and treats for everyone!

- 2** Write the letters below the pictures to solve the puzzle and read a special Valentine's Day message for you!



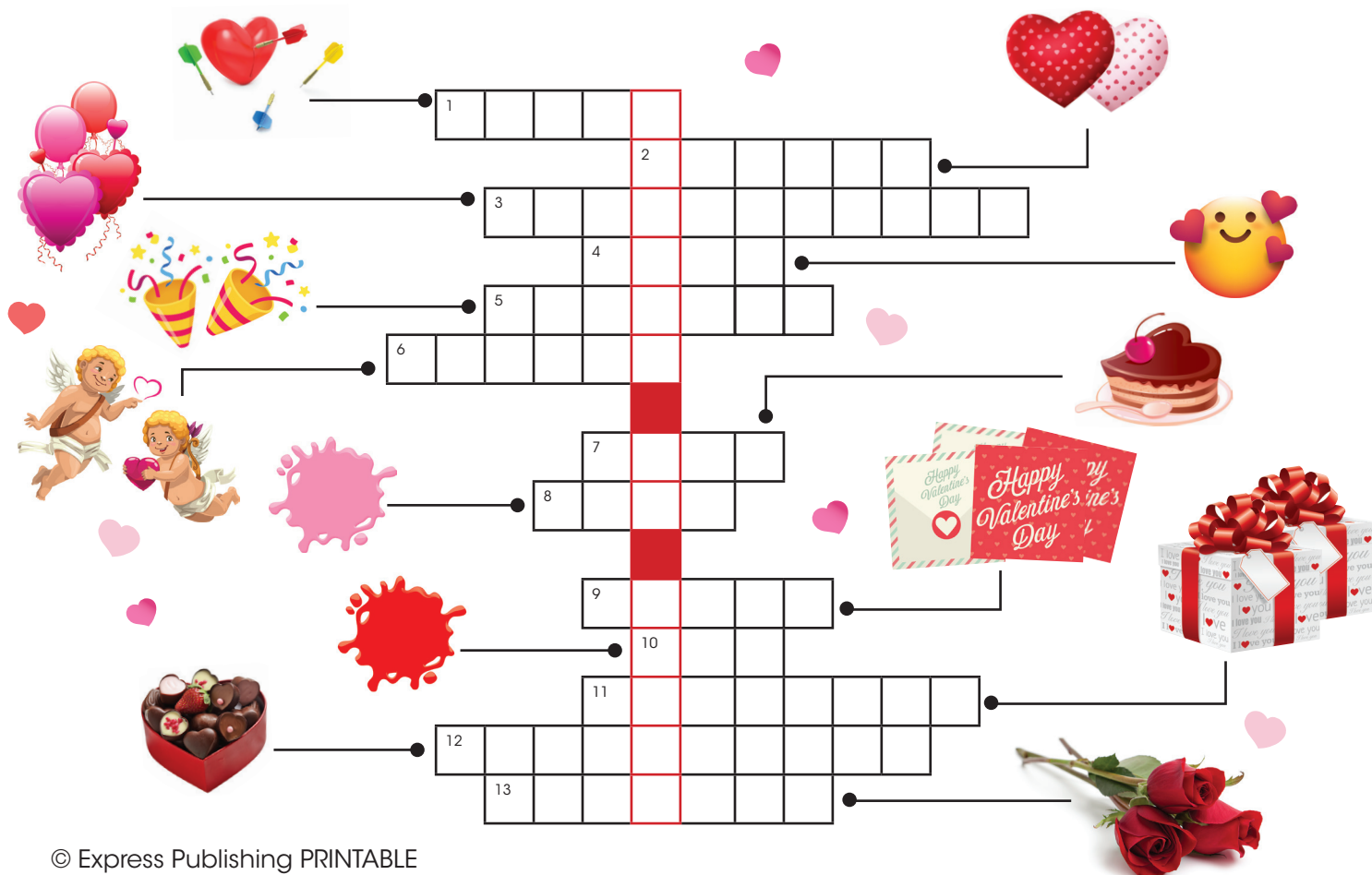
1 Read the text. Use the words in bold to do the crossword and solve the puzzle.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is on 14th February. It's a day for **love**! People wear **red** and **pink**. There are Valentine's Day **decorations** like **hearts** and **cupids**, and lots of people go to **parties** to spend Valentine's Day together. They give **cards** to their friends and play **games**.

Some people also give **presents** to the person they love on Valentine's Day, like **flowers**, **chocolates** or a **cake**. It's a happy day!

How does
CUPID
make people
fall in **LOVE**?



The Legend of Saint Valentine

1 Read the text and complete the gaps with the words in the box.

- wedding
- daughter
- gifts
- priest
- fighters
- prison
- death
- married
- ruler
- orders

Saint Valentine was a Christian **1)** _____ who lived in Rome about 1,700 years ago. The **2)** _____ of Rome at that time was Emperor Claudius II, who decided that keeping men single would make them more likely to join his army and to be better **3)** _____. He made a law that said no young men would be allowed to get **4)** _____. In fact, he said that any priest caught performing a **5)** _____ would be put to death!

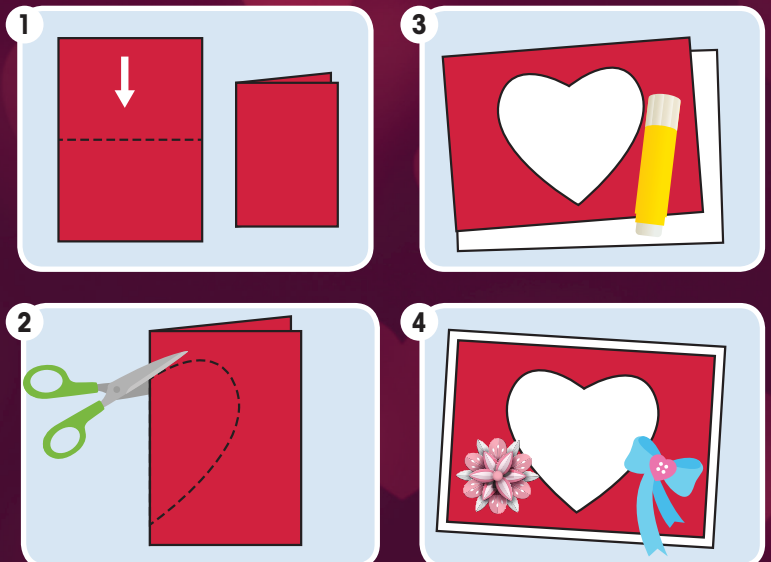
According to the legend, Saint Valentine disagreed with the emperor's **6)** _____, so he started performing secret weddings. He knew there was a chance of being caught, but he did it anyway. However, Claudius found out what he was doing and had him thrown into **7)** _____. Many of the young couples he married came to the prison to thank him for what he had done. They gave him flowers and notes, and they promised that they would always remember him.

In prison, Saint Valentine fell in love with the **8)** _____ of one of the guards. She visited him as often as she could, and they wrote each other notes on the days that she couldn't visit. Emperor Claudius ordered Saint Valentine be put to **9)** _____ on 14th February, and on that day, he left one last note for the guard's daughter. At the bottom, he signed it, "from your Valentine." Today we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving our 'Valentine' – the person we love – cards, flowers and **10)** _____ to remember Saint Valentine and to remember the importance of true love.

How to make a valentine card

It's quite easy to make a valentine card. All you need is a white sheet of paper, a red sheet of paper, a pencil, a pair of scissors and some glue.

First, fold the red sheet of paper in half. Next, use your pencil to draw a line on the red sheet of paper that looks like half a heart. Make sure the folded part of the paper is on the inside of the line! Then, use your scissors to cut carefully along the line. Unfold the cutout and you will have two red heart shapes – the cutout and the cutaway! Finally, glue one of the red heart shapes to the white sheet of paper. You can decorate your card with glitter, stickers or paint to make it special! Write a message on the inside of your card and sign it 'from your valentine', and it's finished. You are ready to give it to your valentine on Valentine's Day!



2 Which of the steps can you see in the pictures 1-4?

3 Now make your own valentine card.

- 1 Read the text and complete the gaps with: *myth, music, name, three, gifts, friendship, world, boyfriend, residents and countries*. Which traditions are followed in your country?



Valentine's Day around the WORLD

England



In parts of England, there is a 1) _____ around Valentine's Day similar to the story of Father Christmas at Christmas. People spend the evening of 13th February, Valentine's Eve, waiting for Jack Valentine. Jack knocks on the door and leaves sweets and gifts at each house. This custom started in Norfolk, England almost two hundred years ago, and 2) _____ of the area continue the fun tradition to this day!

Brazil



Brazilians have a day to celebrate love, but it isn't 14th February like in many other countries. Instead, they exchange 3) _____, sweets and flowers with their loved ones on 12th June, which they call Dia dos Namorados, or 'Day of Sweethearts'. It's not just a day for romantic love, either. People spend time with family and friends, and give them gifts too, to celebrate everyone that they love. It's a fun day for everyone with parties and live 4) _____ all over the country!

Finland



In Finland, people don't celebrate romance on Valentine's Day like in other 5) _____. They want everyone to feel included, so 14th February is a holiday called Ystävänpäivä, which translates to 'Friends' Day'. People exchange gifts and cards with each other to let their friends know how much they mean to them. It's a great way to show each other how important 6) _____ is, and everyone can feel special!

South Korea



South Koreans don't just have one day to celebrate relationships; they have 7) _____. It starts with Valentine's Day, or 'Red Day', on 14th February. Red Day is when women give the special person in their life sweets, flowers or chocolates. Then, on White Day, which is celebrated on 14th March, it's the men's turn to give the person they love special gifts. For those who don't have a girlfriend or a 8) _____, there's Black Day on 14th April. Singles get together with friends to eat jajangmyeon – pasta with a black sauce made from bean paste.

South Africa



South Africans celebrate Valentine's Day in many of the same ways as others do around the 9) _____ – giving their loved ones flowers, sweets and valentine cards to show their love. However, there is a unique tradition that comes from an ancient Roman custom called Lupercalia. Women write the 10) _____ of the person they care for on a piece of paper and pin it to the sleeve of their shirt on Valentine's Day. It's a fun way to let someone know you like them!

- 2 Match the broken hearts to connect the tradition with the country where it is celebrated.



England



Brazil



Finland



South Korea



South Africa

Women wear the name of someone special on their shirt-sleeves.



People celebrate 'Friends' Day' to include everyone in the fun of exchanging gifts and cards.



People spend time with family and friends listening to live music, eating, and exchanging gifts.



There are 3 days to celebrate – one for women to give gifts, one for men and one for single people to get together!



People wait for Jack Valentine to leave gifts on their doorstep on Valentine's Eve.



- 3 **ICT** Collect information about another country's Valentine's Day celebration. Present it to the class.

Valentine's Day A1

1

A2

B3

C1

2

ROSES ARE RED

VIOLETS ARE BLUE

SUGAR IS SWEET

AND SO ARE YOU

HAPPY VALENTINES

DAY

Valentine's Day A2

1

1 GAMES

2 HEARTS

3 DECORATIONS

4 LOVE

5 PARTIES

6 CUPIDS

7 CAKE

8 PINK

9 CARDS

10 RED

11 PRESENTS

12 CHOCOLATES

13 FLOWERS

Answer: He shoots an arrow!

Valentine's Day B1

1

1 priest

2 ruler

3 fighters

4 married

5 wedding

6 orders

7 prison

8 daughter

9 death

10 gifts

2

1- First, fold the red sheet of paper in half.

2- Then, use your scissors to cut carefully along the line.

3- Finally, glue one of the red heart shapes to the white sheet of paper.

4- You can decorate your card with glitter, stickers or paint to make it special.

3

Ss' own answers

Valentine's Day B2

1

1 myth

2 residents

3 gifts

4 music

5 countries

6 friendship

7 three

8 boyfriend

9 world

10 name

2

1E

2C

3B

4D

5A

3

Ss' own answers