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| Reading Lesson Plan |
| Title: Valentine’s Day Celebration Around the World |
| Teacher | Student Level & Age | No of Students | Length |
| Jaylin Seo | Intermediate / Over 20s | 13 | 50 mins |
| Materials:White board, Markers, Projector, Computer, Audio system, Paper, Pens |
| Aims:-To help students:\* Practice reading and comprehension skills by reading the articles\* Develop summarizing skill by introducing word’s celebration each other without the text\* Get them stimulate to speak based on the knowledge of reading |
| Language Skills:Reading: Reading the articles about Valentine’s daySpeaking: Discussion with group members, sharing their ideas and experience related Valentine’s dayListening: During the conversation and discussion activityWriting: Making the advertisement of “selling your home-made chocolate!” |
| Language Systems:Phonology: Pronunciation of “V” and “B”. (Valentine’s day – Balentine’s day)Discourse: Introducing each other about the celebration styles around the worldLexis: New vocabularies used in the reading material (extravagant, Gold-rush)Functions: Explaining about the celebration styles to each other during main activityGrammar: Making the advertisement (Grand Open →Grand Opening) |
| Assumptions:Students may not know about the history (origin) of Valentine’s day. |
| Anticipated Errors and Solutions:N/A |
| References:http://www.ibtimes.co.in/articles/538852/20140214/happy-valentines-day-2014-celebration-secret-street.htm |
| Notes: N/A |

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| Warm-ups |
| Title:Using a poem to elicit the topic of “Valentines’ Day” | Aims:-To get used to English poem-To draw out the interests to the topic from the students -To elicit the topic “Valentine’s Day” from the students-To pronounce well with “B” and “V” | Materials: Work sheet \_Sheet of poem printed (15ea) |
| Time | Set Up | Students | Teacher  |
| 6 mins | Whole class | -Students read the poem teacher handed out-Tell teacher about the atmosphere of the poem -Answer teacher’s questioning about favorite snacks-Think about today’s topic using the poem and answer the questions teacher throws-Ss can answer the “Valentine’s Day” by themselves | -Handout the sheet of poem-Ask them about the feeling, related words (Guiding Q)-Connect the sweets using pooh and honey-Ask them about the favorite snack/ sweets-Elicit the word “Chocolate”-Throw the question about “do you usually give the chocolate to your friends or family as a gift?”(Guiding Q)-Elicit the “Valentine’s Day” from the students-CCQ: Ask students today’s topic at the end of the warmer |
| Notes:Tell the Ss about the poem that people gives the lovely poem on Valentine’s Day. |

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| Task Preparation |
| Title:The History of Valentine’s Day | Aims:-To understand about the history of Valentine’s Day-To prepare with back ground knowledge before the main topic and activity-To get the main idea and share through discussion using schema/experience | Materials: -Reading article\_ “Valentine’s Day Special: The History of Valentine's Day Innovations” (15ea) |
| Time | Set Up | Students | Teacher  |
| 9mins | -Whole class during questioning -Arranging the group with 3-4 students for the group discussion-Individual for reading the article | -Think about the origin/ history of Valentine’s Day using their background knowledge-Share the idea with group members about the origin-Read the article individually-Ss gets the main points from the reading article-After reading, to answer the questions about the main legends/history of Valentine | -Ask about the origin of the Valentine’s Day before handout the reading material-Divide into groups-Let them do discuss the origin/history-Handout the reading article after having little talk (2-3min.)-let Ss read individually with scanning not in detail-CCQ: Remind the topic of Valentine’s day-ICQ: Asking to read the article with scanning only not in detail. Just to get the idea-Questioning about the history(the main two legends) |
| Notes:-Hand out “Valentine’s Day Special : The History of Valentine's Day Innovations”-Reading needs to be just scanning before main task-Cover the contents in brief |

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| Task Realization |
| Title:Summarize and explain different celebration of the Valentine’s Day around the world | Aims:-To fully understand the reading and summarize the main points of Valentine’s day celebration-To develop speaking skills by explaining of celebration style using their own words not looking at the reading article | Materials: -Reading article\_ ”Happy Valentine's Day 2014: How People Around the World Celebrate; From Secret Celebration to Street Dance” (15ea)-Slice of paper with country name written on-Paper cups for each group(4ea)-Paper & Pens |
| Time | Set Up | Students | Teacher  |
| 27 mins | Arranging the group with 3-4 students Individual reading | -With the guiding Q, Ss share the experience how they celebrate the Valentine’s Day using shema-During reading the articles, summarize / write down key words only-After done reading individually, ss pick one slice of paper at the paper cup-Ss explain the celebration style of the country they picked to the group-When ss explain, they should not look the article(face down the reading article) | -Guiding Q: How do you celebrate the Valentine’s Day? Elicit the experience on Valentine’s Day.-Before give the handouts provide brief instruction for the activity“Read the article individually and summarize with your own words. And Pick up the one slice of paper with country named on it. Then, it’s your country you have to explain to your group members.”\*During this activity face down the reading article-Demonstrate as an example-CCQ: Ask what the article is about -ICQ: Check with ss about the instruction understanding after the demonstration(Show them as an example via demonstration)-Divide into groups-give them the paper cups per each group with slice papers in |
| Notes:-Look around and monitor for each team doing right following to the instruction-Let Ss keep facing down the reading article during group activity |

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| Post Task  |
| Title:Summarize the reading article and Comprehension Q | Aims:-To check students fully understood the different styles of each country on Valentine’s Day-To get to know exact grammar, “Grand Open →Grand Opening”  | Materials: -Worksheet for the SOS activity (15ea) |
| Time | Set Up | Students | Teacher  |
| 8 mins | -Whole class during wrap-up-Individual / group | -Based on their main activity, ss can answer the question about each country’s celebration style-Ss make the poster of advertisement about ”Home-made Chocolate” on Valentine’s Day-Share the AD posters with group members | -To wrap up the reading, ask students about the styles for each country (3-4 countries) with Comprehension Q-In case of time-left, do SOS activity(Making the Advertisement poster of selling the “Home-made chocolate”)\_eg. chocolate drawing, Name of chocolate, Price, specialty, etc-Tell ss to use “Grand Opening” instead of “Grand Open” if needed |
| Notes: -Prepare some color pens for SOS activity |

**Poem for the Valentine’s Day**

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**Valentine’s Day Special**

**: The History of Valentine's Day Innovations**

St Valentine's Day has roots in several different legends that have found their way to us through the ages. One of the earliest popular symbols of the Valentine's day is Cupid, the Roman god of love, who is represented by the image of a young boy with bow and arrow. Several theories surround the history of Valentine's Day.

**Was There a Real Valentine?**

Three hundred years after the death of Jesus Christ, the Roman emperors still demanded that everyone believe in the Roman gods. Valentine, a Christian priest, had been thrown in prison for his teachings. On February 14, Valentine was beheaded, not only because he was a Christian, but also because he had performed a miracle. He supposedly cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness. The night before he was executed, he wrote the jailer's daughter a farewell letter, signing it "From Your Valentine." Another legend tells us that this same Valentine, well-loved by all, received notes to his jail cell from children and friends who missed him.

**Bishop Valentine?**

Another Valentine was an Italian bishop who lived at about the same time, AD 200. He was imprisoned because he secretly married couples, contrary to the laws of the Roman emperor. Some legends say he was burned at the stake.

**Feast of Lupercalia**

The ancient Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia, a spring festival, on the 15th of February, held in honor of a goddess. Young men randomly chose the name of a young girl to escort to the festivities. With the introduction of Christianity, the holiday moved to the 14th of February. The Christians had come to celebrate February 14 as the saint day that celebrated the several early Christian martyrs named Valentine.

**Choosing a Sweetheart on Valentine's Day**

The custom of choosing a sweetheart on this date spread through Europe in the middle Ages, and then to the early American colonies. Throughout the ages, people also believed that birds picked their mates on February 14!

In AD 496 Sain Pope Gelasius I declared February 14 as "Valentine's Day". Although it's not an official holiday, most Americans observe this day.

Whatever the odd mixture of origins, St Valentine's Day is now a day for sweethearts. It is the day that you show your friend or loved one that you care. You can send [candy](http://inventors.about.com/od/foodrelatedinventions/a/Conversation-Hearts.htm) to someone you think is special. Or you can send roses, the flower of love. Most people send "valentine" a greeting card named after the notes that St Valentine received in jail.

**Greeting Cards**

Probably the first [greeting cards](http://inventors.about.com/od/weirdmuseums/ig/Valentine-s-Day-Cards/index.htm), handmade valentines, appeared in the 16th century. As early as 1800, companies began mass-producing cards. Initially these cards were hand-colored by factory workers. By the early 20th century even fancy lace and ribbon-strewn cards were created by machine.

**Happy Valentine's Day 2014**

**: How People Around the World Celebrate; From Secret Celebration to Street Dance**

Valentine's Day, which falls on 14 February, was historically a religious festival to mark the feast of St. Valentine, one of the saints from Catholic Church who was martyred. But today, the day is celebrated by people from across the globe irrespective of religion and region. It has turned into an occasion where people express their love for someone close to them - lovers, friends, and family members - and different countries have their unique ways of celebrating it.

**United States**: Valentine's Day is celebrated extensively in the US though it's not a public holiday. Streets wear a festive look on this day and even classrooms are decorated with heart-shape papers. Besides cards, people exchange gifts like roses, chocolates, flowers, candy boxes and champagne. Programs are organized for children to perform songs, dance and plays on the occasion. Special parties are also organized across the country for couples and lovers on the occasion.

**Brazil**: In Brazil, Valentine's Day is for the romantics and is celebrated like a big social event. People from different parts of the country come together and display their unique cultural heritage. Streets turn today with lights and the celebration is accompanied by music, samba dance and parties. They also exchange gifts like cards and sweets.

[**United Kingdom**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/346/united-kingdom/):People in Britain celebrate the day with buns baked with caraway seeds and plums. They have the tradition of paying tribute to St. Valentine by writing romantic verses, lyrics and sonnets, besides exchanging gifts. Even children celebrate the occasion. They sing their favorite love songs and people give them candies, toys etc in return. Interestingly, there is a belief that the first man a girl sees on Valentine's Day morning is her man.

[**Pakistan**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/378/pakistan/): Being a Muslim society, public display of love and affection is forbidden but the air is slowly changing with youngsters beginning to celebrate the day, mostly in a discreet manner. Despite strict instructions against celebrating Valentine's Day by religious authorities, red roses, red heart-shaped balloons etc are sold on roadsides and special delicacies are baked for the occasion

[**Japan**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/380/japan/): Valentine's Day has more to do with women than men in [Japan](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/380/japan/). It's an occasion for women to shower their men with gifts, especially boxes of chocolates. Interestingly, they celebrate White Day on 14 March, wherein menfolks give chocolate more expensive than the one they received on Valentine's Day to women.

[**South Korea**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/383/south-korea/): Valentine's Day is a popular event in [South Korea](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/383/south-korea/) and their tradition is similar to Japan, wherein men and women shower each other with gifts on different occasions. However, they have created another day for the singles. On 14 April, whoever didn't receive chocolates meet up in restaurants for noodles.

[**China**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/227/china/): For young people in [China](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/227/china/), Valentine's Day is an occasion to give flowers, chocolates and other gifts to their lovers or someone they love. Streets are adorned by colorful decorations and gift items for the day. Many hotels set special menu on the occasion for people on date.

**India**: Indians, especially young people celebrate Valentine's Day like in other countries. People give flowers, sweets, and dine out with someone they love. However, some Hindu organizations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Bajrang Dal, Sri Ram Sena, and Hindu Janajagruti Samiti (HJS) are opposed to people celebrating it, arguing that it's against Indian culture. There was a huge uproar in 2009 after a group of people claiming to be from Sri Ram Sena attacked women in a pub in Mangalore, India. This incident led to Pink Chaddi Campaign or Pink Underwear Campaign, wherein people were asked to protest the stand of the organization by sending pink underwear to its office on Valentine's Day. The campaign received good response from the people and hundreds of underwear were couriered. The issue was solved after the organization and campaigners found a truce.

**France**: French people used to celebrate Valentine's Day in a different custom known as "une loterie d'amour" where single men and women enter the houses that face each other and try to pair off. However, this tradition was banned by the French government. Today, the people celebrate the day like most other countries by exchanging gifts.

[**Germany**](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/352/germany/): Valentine's Day celebration was initially restricted to adults but the youth and the kids became an integral part of the occasion. Gifts like cards, chocolates etc are exchanged between friends and lovers like in other countries. Interestingly, they have brought pigs into the celebration. For them, pigs represent luck and lust, and so it is given in the form of pictures, statues, sweets etc.

**Australia**: Unlike in most countries, Australians give expensive gifts to their loves ones on Valentine's Day. The tradition of gifting extravagant items like cards, satin cushion and flowers was started by merchants in the country in the mid-nineteenth century. [Gold](http://www.ibtimes.co.in/topics/detail/240/gold/) rush in the Ballarat mines led to people showering their loved ones - lovers, friends, spouse and family members - with expensive gifts.

**Italy**: Italians celebrate Valentine's Day by showering gifts to people they love. They have the tradition of gifting Baci Perugina, a small chocolate enclosed with a hazelnut, along with a love note written in four languages. It's also a must to treat your loved ones with pizzas on Valentine's Day.

**To cut by slice of paper for each country**

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**Let’s make Advertisement Poster selling Home-Made Chocolate on Valentine’s Day!**