

VALENTINE'S DAY IN THE U.S.



Printable Worksheet for A2-B1 English Classes

Teacher Notes

Nível: A2-B1

Faixa etária: 12+ anos

Tempo estimado: 45-60 minutos

Habilidades trabalhadas: leitura, vocabulário, speaking, escrita e gramática

Objetivos da aula:

- ampliar o vocabulário relacionado ao Valentine's Day
- desenvolver compreensão leitora em inglês
- revisar o Simple Present em contexto
- estimular interação oral em pares
- produzir um pequeno texto funcional em inglês

Vocabulary Review

Word	Tradução
love	amor
heart	coração
rose	rosa
chocolate	chocolate
gift	presente
card	cartão
bouquet	buquê
couple	casal
hug	abraço
friendship	amizade

Warm-up Questions

1. What do people usually do on Valentine's Day?
2. Do people in your country celebrate love and friendship on special dates?
3. What is a good Valentine's Day gift? Why?
4. Do you think Valentine's Day should be only for couples? Why or why not?

Reading Activity

Read the text and answer the questions.

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14 in the United States. For many people, it is a day to show love, kindness, and appreciation. Couples often go out for dinner, give chocolates, buy flowers, or write special cards. Red roses and heart-shaped gifts are common symbols of the celebration.

However, Valentine's Day in the U.S. is not only about romantic love. Children often bring small cards to school and share them with classmates. Some teachers organize simple class activities so students can celebrate friendship too. Friends and family members may also exchange kind messages or small presents.

Stores usually decorate their windows with red, pink, and white colors during February. People can see hearts, flowers, balloons, and gift boxes everywhere. For this reason, Valentine's Day becomes part of everyday life before the actual date arrives.

Although Brazil celebrates Dia dos Namorados on June 12, both celebrations share a similar idea: showing affection and making other people feel special.

Reading Comprehension

1. When is Valentine's Day celebrated in the United States?
2. What gifts are common on Valentine's Day?
3. Why do children celebrate Valentine's Day at school?
4. What colors are common in store decorations?
5. What is similar between Valentine's Day in the U.S. and Dia dos Namorados in Brazil?

Grammar Focus

Simple Present

Usamos o Simple Present para falar sobre hábitos, fatos e rotinas.

Structure:

- I / You / We / They + base verb
- He / She / It + verb + s

Examples:

- People give cards on Valentine's Day.
- She writes a message for her friend.
- Children share cards at school.

Controlled Practice

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. Many people _____ chocolates on Valentine's Day. (buy)
2. She _____ a card for her best friend every year. (write)
3. Children _____ small cards at school. (exchange)
4. My father _____ flowers for my mother. (give)
5. We _____ special dates with our family. (celebrate)

Speaking Activity

Discuss with a partner.

1. How do people celebrate Valentine's Day in your country?
2. What is better: flowers, chocolates, or a handmade gift?
3. Do schools in your country celebrate friendship? How?
4. What makes a gift special for you?
5. Is it important to celebrate love and friendship? Why?

Writing Task

Write a short Valentine's message (50-70 words) to one person.

You can write to a friend, family member, classmate, or romantic partner.

Use these ideas:

- greeting
- kind words
- reason why this person is special
- closing

Cultural Corner

1. In the United States, many children give Valentine's cards to classmates, not only to a boyfriend or girlfriend.
2. Red roses are one of the most popular symbols of Valentine's Day.
3. Many stores decorate early in February with hearts, balloons, flowers, and gift displays.

Answer Key

Reading Comprehension

1. It is celebrated on February 14.
2. Common gifts are chocolates, flowers, cards, and small presents.
3. They celebrate it to share friendship and kind messages.
4. The common colors are red, pink, and white.
5. Both celebrations are about showing affection and making people feel special.

Controlled Practice

1. buy
2. writes
3. exchange
4. gives
5. celebrate

Teacher Extension

Homework:

Peça aos alunos que escrevam um segundo card em inglês para outra pessoa, usando vocabulário da aula.

Pair Work:

Organize entrevistas em pares com as perguntas da seção de speaking e incentive respostas completas no Simple Present.

Mini Project:

Os alunos podem criar um mini poster com o título Valentine's Day Around the World, comparando os EUA e o Brasil com frases curtas e imagens desenhadas.

Online Class Adaptation:

Use salas simultâneas para o speaking, compartilhe o reading na tela e peça que os alunos escrevam a mensagem final no chat ou em um documento colaborativo.