



Valentine's Day (A2)

Valentine's Day, 14 February, is the perfect day to say, "I love you". There are different traditions for Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in many countries. Its origins were in Ancient Rome with **pagan spring** fertility festivals and two early Christian martyrs associated with love. But each country has its own variations.

In America, kids give Valentine cards to lots of people: their **classmates**, teachers, parents, friends... and dogs, cats and other pets! They can buy packs of cards for their classmates and their teacher.

In Britain, Valentines are generally for romantic partners, not family or friends. Valentines must be anonymous. People often sign "From a secret admirer".

Valentine's cards generally have poems. The poem in this card is:

Love is sweet.

Love is kind.

Love is you.

But people don't always want to be seriously romantic. Often cards are funny. Some are nice and romantic, but others are definitely not! Which would you choose to write? Or to receive?

Help:

- **pagan** (adj): religions celebrating nature and multiple gods/deities.
- **spring** (n): the season after winter and before summer.
- **classmates** (n): pupils in your class.

