

Valentine's Day in different places comparing practice

Try to put the two subjects given after the statements below in the right gaps.

In the USA, much more chocolate is eaten around _____ than is eaten around _____. – Halloween/ Valentine's Day

_____ have just one romantic day in February, whereas in _____ they have a whole Week of Sweetness in July. – Argentina/ most countries

_____ spend far more on Valentine's Day than _____ do. In complete contrast, _____ spend considerably more than _____ do. – American men/ American women/ Indian men/ Indian women

While _____ celebrate Valentine's Day, _____ eat black noodles to mark Black Day on April fourteenth. – Korean couples/ Korean single people

A slight difference between two countries is that Valentine's Day is the most popular day to propose and get engaged in the _____, but it's the most common day to get married in the _____. – Philippines/ USA

Most of _____ celebrate Valentine's Day in the same way as in Hollywood movies, but _____ has two major differences: the Day of San Dwywnwen is on 25 January, and couples exchange handcrafted wooden spoons. – the UK/ Wales

Although red roses are the most popular Valentine's Day flowers in _____, in _____ they usually exchange white snowdrops. – Denmark/ many countries

_____ have much less fun on Valentine's Day than in most other countries, because they usually buy chocolates instead of getting them. On the other hand, they usually get more expensive chocolates from _____ on White Day on the fourteenth of March. – Japanese men/ Japanese women

South Korean _____ do not usually get chocolate on Valentine's Day. On the contrary, they usually give it to _____. – men/ women

Even though most chocolate is given to _____ on Japanese Valentine's Day, the best chocolates are saved for _____. – coworkers, classmates and friends/ romantic partners

The government in Belgorod, _____ tried to ban Valentine's Day and Hindu nationalists in _____ often protest this day. Nevertheless, it is still popular in both countries. – India/ Russia

Despite pigs not seeming romantic in _____, gifts connected to that animal are common on Valentine's Day in _____. – Germany/ most countries

Check as a class or with the suggested answers, then ask about any which you don't understand, think can't be true, etc.

Suggested answers

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Most of the UK celebrate Valentine's Day in the same way as in Hollywood movies, but Wales has two major differences: the Day of San Dwynwen is on the twenty fifth of January, and couples exchange handcrafted wooden spoons.

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Suggested answers with comparing language underlined

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Find pairs of underlined expressions above that are similar to each other.

Find language above that is similar to "nonetheless", "whilst", "though", "in spite of", "turning to the advantages", "big differences", "by contrast", "the reality is very different", "a lot more...", "not as...as" and "substantially more..."

Comparing language practice

Without looking above, put one word into each gap. Words not above are also possible.

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*Check above. Other words may be possible, so please check if you wrote something
different.*

Use similar language to compare other festivals and compare festivals in different places.