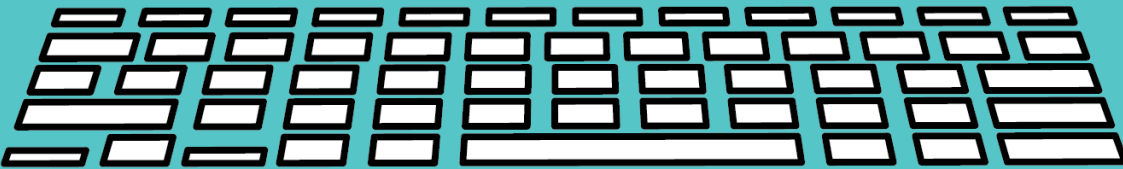
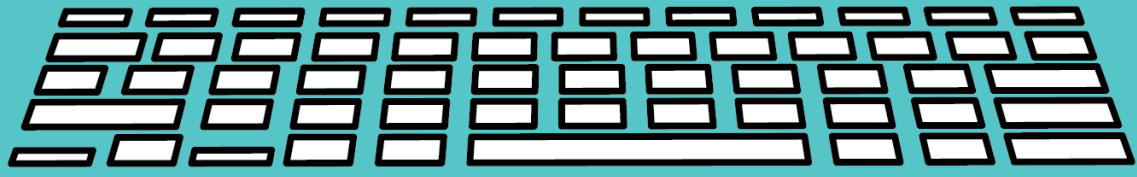


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3. What was Cupid known to shoot?		11. Valentine's Day in Finland is more about celebrating ____.	
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VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on February 14th. Valentine's Day is an annual celebration of love. There are enough candy hearts made each year to go from Arizona to Italy and then back to the pop culture. Valentine's Day is the rose.

Originally, the day was dedicated to celebrate Saint Valentine. Saint Valentine performed marriages for soldiers. He was not allowed to marry. He was killed for his actions. While in jail, Saint Valentine wrote a letter to a woman. His letter was signed "From your Valentine".

Claudius II was a Roman Emperor who banned marriage and engagements in Rome. He believed that the men of Rome were not willing to join his army because of their love for their wives and children. At that time, Valentine's Day was associated with flowers or chocolate.

Valentine's Day is also known as the Feast of Saint Valentine. Nine million people buy pets as a gift on Valentine's Day. About 10 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets. On average, one billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged in the U.S. each year.

Richard Cadbury released the first Valentine's Day candy box. Cadbury thought that when the chocolates had been eaten, the box could be used to store mementos because it was so pretty. The boxes had a beautiful design on the front. He started marketing his artistic heart-shaped boxes in the 1860s. Every year, at least 36 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold.

Cupid is the son of Venus. Venus was the god of beauty and love. Stories say that Cupid shot magical gold-tipped arrows at gods and humans. By piercing their heart with the golden arrow, he would cause individuals to fall deeply in love.

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On Valentine's Day of 1876, Alexander Graham Bell applied for his telephone patent. In the 1800s, doctors commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate if they were heart broken.

In the Middle Ages, men and women drew names from a bowl to determine their Valentine. They would pin that name onto their sleeves for everyone to see. This was where the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve" came from.

In Finland, Valentine's Day is called Ystävänäpäivä, which means "friend's day." It's more about celebrating friendships. In Denmark, Danish people give white flowers known as snowdrops to their loved ones. Men give women funny poems or cards.

In China, women prepare fruit offerings to Zhinu in hopes of finding a good husband. Zhinu is the heavenly king's daughter. In Germany, you'll find plenty of pig shaped cookies. The pig is a symbol of luck, prosperity, and love.

In the Czech Republic, it is considered good luck to kiss under a cherry tree. It is said to bring happiness and good health. In Romania, people kiss their faces in the snow on Valentine's Day to celebrate health, happiness, and the anticipated arrival of spring. It is common to use a Valentine's Day decoration. The word "laci" comes from the Latin word "lacus," which means "to snare or trap" to catch a woman's heart.

The Italian city of Verona receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every year. On Valentine's Day, the letters share stories of love. The Juliet Club answers each letter by hand. Verona is where Romeo and Juliet lived. Romeo and Juliet are featured in Shakespeare's play. William Shakespeare published Romeo and Juliet in 1597.

In the 1800s, Geoffrey Chaucer is credited with linking Valentine's Day with love. The oldest love poem was written on a clay tablet over 5,000 years ago.

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