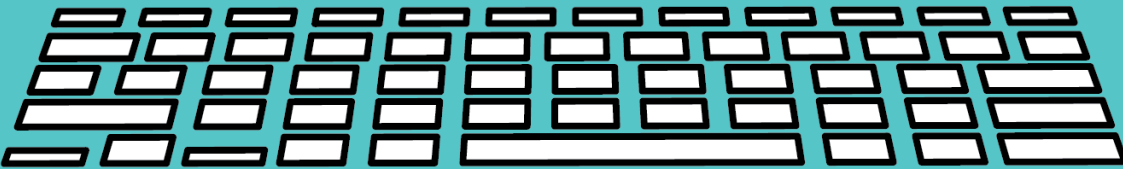


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2. What country celebrates Sobrapaev?	
3. What color rose symbolizes innocence?	
4. What country celebrates a Week of Sweetness?	
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2. What country celebrates Sobrapaev?		10. Baci Perugina are chocolate-covered ___.	
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VALENTINE'S DAY

In the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated every year on February 14th. Originally, the day was created to celebrate Saint Valentinus. Saint Valentinus was a priest who wrote letters for soldiers who were not allowed to marry and was executed for his actions. In the 5th century, Saint Valentinus wrote a letter to a woman who signed "your Valentine." Claudius II was the Roman Emperor at the time who banned (did not allow) marriages and engagements in Rome. He believed that the men in Rome were not willing to join his army because of the ban on their marriages and love. At that time, Valentine's Day was not as important as it is today.

In Argentina, they do not celebrate Valentine's Day in February, but they do celebrate the "Week of Sweetness" in July. The week is known as 'Semana de la Dulzura' and was originally created by a company called Arcor as a marketing campaign. The last day of the week is called 'Friendship Day'.

In Ghana, February 14th is called "National Chocolate Day." Ghana is one of the largest cocoa-producing countries in the world and the second-biggest exporter of cocoa beans. The day was created to promote tourism and the consumption of chocolate.

In Wales, Valentine's Day is celebrated on January 15th, and is known as the "Day of San Dwynwen." As a tradition from the 16th century, people exchange handcrafted wooden spoons on this day. The tradition comes from Welsh sailors at sea that carved beautiful designs into wooden spoons and bringing back to their loved ones at home. The spoons often included carvings of horseshoes, a symbol for good luck, and wheels, to symbolize support.

Spain celebrates the "Feast of Saint Dionysus" on October 9th. The day of love includes festivals and music. Men commonly make a 'macadorna' or marzipan figurine for the woman in their life. Marzipan is a candy-like mixture of almonds, sugar, corn syrup, and egg whites.

The Italian city of Verona receives over 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every year on Valentine's Day. The letters share stories of lost 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 which was published in 1597. Today, a popular Valentine's Day gift in Italy is Baci Perugina. Baci Perugina are chocolate-covered hazelnuts wrapped in a slip of paper with a love quote.

In Denmark, Danish people give white flowers known as snowdrops to their loved ones. Men give women funny poems or cards known as

gækkebreve. If the woman who receives the funny card can guess who sent it to her, she is guaranteed an egg on Easter.

Estonia, a country in Northern Europe, celebrates friendship day known as Sobrapäev on February 14th in an effort to include everyone.

The United Kingdom started the tradition of giving roses on Valentine's Day. The rose was the favorite flower of the Roman goddess of love, named Venus. Red roses have long been considered a symbol of beauty and perfection. The pink rose represents appreciation and grace, the yellow represents friendship and happiness, and the white rose symbolizes innocence.

Brazil celebrates Dia dos Namorados, or "Lovers' Day," on June 12th. The next day is known as Saint Anthony's Day, which honors the patron saint of marriage. On this day, single women perform "simpatia" or rituals to St. Anthony in hopes that he will bring them a husband.

In China, women prepare fruit offerings to Zhinu in hopes of finding a husband. Zhinu is the heavenly king's daughter. China celebrates with the

Qixi Festival, also known as Chinese Valentine's Day. Their Valentine's Day is celebrated on the 7th day of the 7th Chinese lunar month. A popular custom of Qixi was to quickly thread a needle under moonlight. Children pick wildflowers and hang them on the horns of oxen. The legend of the Qixi Festival originated from a story about a female weaver and a cowherd.

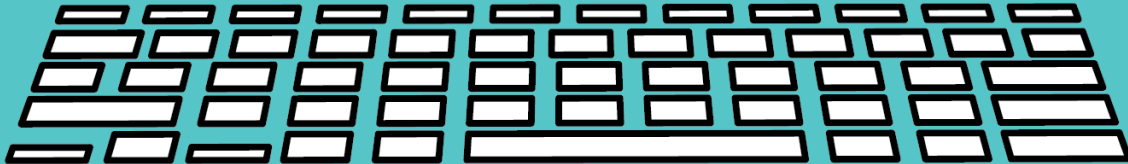
In many, you'll find pig-shaped cookies. The pig is a symbol of luck, prosperity, and good fortune.

In the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated as a festival of love on June 14th where men do the gift-giving. Men present their loved one with a certain number of roses. A single rose represents "I love you," eleven roses mean, "you're my favorite." 108 roses mean "marriage."

In the Czech Republic, it is considered good luck to kiss under a cherry tree. The act is believed to bring happiness and good health.

In Romania, women wash their faces in the sea on Valentine's Day to celebrate health, happiness, and the arrival of spring on February 14th.

In South Korea, women typically give their loved ones a gift of white flowers on "White Day" on April 14th. On this day, single people eat a traditional Korean food dish called jajangmyeon and wear black clothing to mourn their single status.





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