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Dreaming of Snow

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Give Me A Second

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February is very cold in Japan! In the cold winter months, many parts of the world are covered in snow. This second issue of *Impress* is all about snow. Please enjoy it!

In the future, we're going to add more content that we hope helps you in learning English. Talk to us to let us know what you'd like to see more of!

日本の2月はとても寒いです！寒い冬には、世界中の多くの地域では雪におおわれます。Impress第2弾は雪特集です。お楽しみください。

今後、英語を学ぶのに役立つ内容も追加しました。もっと見たいことがあったら、ぜひ私たちに連絡してください！

— the Team

Happy New Year!



New Year's Traditions Around the World

(upper left to bottom right)

Singapore: Wishing Sphere festival

Siberia: Santa Tree Dive event

Norway: Kransekage cake

France: Champagne

Talca, Chile: New Year's in the
graveyard

Denmark: Dish smashing tradition

Brazil: Flowers for the Sea Goddess
Iemanjá festival

New York: Times Square ball drop



We Love Snow



Pictures of Snow

Upper left: School bus covered in snow

Upper center: Snowman with carrot nose

Upper right: Sledding with Dad

Middle left: Snow castle

Middle center: Girl throwing snow

Middle right: Snow fortress

Lower left: "Oh, no!"

Bottom center: Pile of snowballs

Lower right: Snow fort

Days of Snow

by Martin Campbell



In the United States, the weather is very cold during the winter. Sometimes it snows outside¹. Sometimes the snow can be very deep²! If it snows too much, people cancel classes and work. This is called a snow day.

What do we do on a snow day? We do many things. We have a



snowball³ fight. Many friends can throw⁴ snow at each other. To protect ourselves, we can build a snow fort⁵. Snow forts are fun to build! Please try to make a very big one!

We also love to build a snowman⁶.

We often use a carrot⁷ as the snowman's nose. A snowman can have many different designs⁸. They are unique⁹ just like people! We also can make a snow angel¹⁰. We lie down in the snow and make the shape¹¹ of an angel.

If there is a hill or slope¹², we also go sledding¹³ with our friends.



Sledding is very exciting. We can use many items for sledding like food trays¹⁴, lids¹⁵ from big plastic¹⁶ boxes, and big pieces of cardboard¹⁷.

When we finish playing, we can take a hot bath, drink hot cocoa, play a game, or read a book inside¹⁸. It is a very fun day!



Learn about Snow Days

Vocabulary

1. Outside	外で
2. Deep	深い
3. Snowball	雪の玉
4. Throw	投げる
5. Fort	砦
6. Snowman	雪だるま
7. Carrot	にんじん
8. Design	デザイン
9. Unique	ユニークな
10. Angel	天使
11. Shape	形状
12. Slope	斜面
13. Sledding	そり
14. Tray	トレイ・盆
15. Lid	ふた
16. Piece of cardboard	段ボールの一個
17. Inside	内部

Summary

アメリカで、たまに雪が降りすぎて、仕事と学校に行けません。「雪休日」と呼ばれます。

雪休日に何をしますか？雪合戦をするために、城壁を作ります。ニンジンの鼻の雪だるまも作ります。人のように、雪だるまにはユニークなデザインがあります。雪の上に横になり、腕と足を動かすと、天使のような形も作れます。

丘や坂があったら、友達たちとスレディングに行きます。その代わりにトレイ、プラ箱のふた、段ボールなどの多くのものを使うことができます。

遊び終わったら、温かい風呂に入り、ココアを飲みます。ゲームをしたり部屋で本を読むこともします。とても楽しい日です！

Questions

- 1) What do people use for a snowman's nose?
 - 2) What can we use for sledding?
 - 3) What do you do on a snow day?
- 1) 人々は雪だるまの鼻を作るために、何を使いますか？
 - 2) スレディングをするとき、（そりの代わりに）、何を使いますか？
 - 3) あなたは、雪が多くて、学校がない日に、何をしますか？

Days of Love

by Rachel Beilsmith



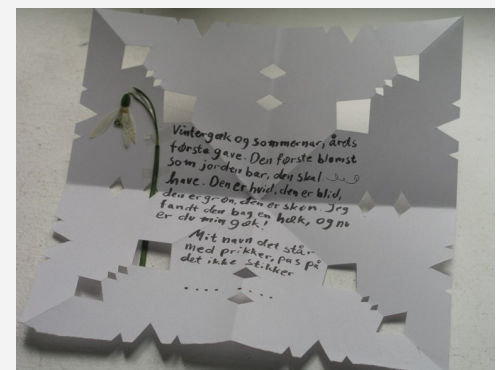
We celebrate¹ Valentine's Day on February 14th. There are many different Valentine's Day traditions² around the world.

In the United States, we give gifts³ to the people we love. Women and men usually both give and receive gifts on Valentine's Day. Chocolate, roses⁴, and jewelry⁵ are popular gifts. Children often exchange⁶ Valentine's cards with their friends.



In South Korea, chocolate is also a popular gift on Valentine's Day. But the tradition is a little different. On February 14th, only the women give presents⁷ to their friends and loved ones. White Day is one month later, on March 14th. On White Day, the men give presents in return.

In Denmark, people send "lover's cards" which are written on delicate⁸ white paper. Some people send pressed white flowers⁹, which are called "snowdrops". Danish men also write funny love poems for their girlfriends or wives, but they don't sign the card. It's a secret¹⁰!



In Brazil, "Lover's Day" is celebrated on June 12th. This day is not only for couples, it's for family and friends, too! People often give gifts of chocolate and flowers. There are also many food and music festivals for Brazilian people to enjoy together.

Vocabulary

1. Celebrate	祝う
2. Tradition	伝統
3. Gift	贈り物
4. Rose	バラ
5. Jewelry	宝飾
6. Exchange	交わす
7. Present	贈り物
8. Delicate	精巧
9. Pressed flower	押し花
10. Secret	秘密

Questions

- 1) In South Korea, who gives gifts on Valentine's Day?
 - 2) What is a "Snowdrop"?
 - 3) When do Brazilians celebrate "Lover's Day"?
 - 4) How do you celebrate Valentine's Day?
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- 1) 韓国のバレンタインデーに、ギフトをあげる方は誰ですか？
 - 2) 「スノードロップ」というものは何ですか？
 - 3) ブラジルの「ラバースデイ」はいつ祝いますか？
 - 4) あなたはバレンタインデーをどのように祝いますか？

Summary

バレンタインデーは2月14日です。世界中にたくさん伝統があります。

アメリカでは、好きな人にギフトをあげます。女性でも男性でも普段はギフトをあげたりもらったりします。子供はバレンタインカード交換をします。

韓国では、女性たちだけがギフトをあげます。「ホワイトデー」という日、3月14日に、男性たちはお返しします。

デンマークでは、人々はラバーカードと「スノードロップ」という花をプレゼントします。男性たちはラブポエムを書くとき、誰からかを秘密にして、自分の名前を書きません。

ブラジルの「ラバースデイ」は6月12日です。カップルだけではなく、家族と友達のための日です。チョコレートと花をあげます。皆さんと一緒に楽しめる食べ物や音楽祭もあります。

Learn about
Valentine's Day





Days of Old

by George Liu

How Valentine's Day start?

Valentine's Day is one¹ of the world's many romantic² holidays. It is not an official³ public holiday⁴, but it is very popular. On average⁵, Americans spend \$130 per person⁶ and send three cards through the mail⁷ on Valentine's Day.

How did Valentine's Day start? Of course, Valentine's Day comes from Saint⁸ Valentine of Christianity⁹.

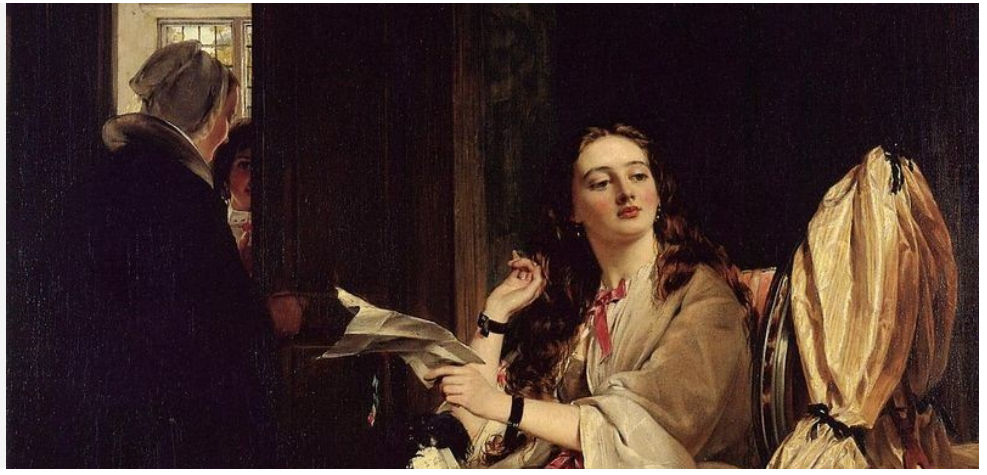
There are several¹⁰ St. Valentines. One¹¹ was a man who did wedding ceremonies for young people when the law¹² said young people should not get married. Another was a man who helped Christians¹³ escape¹⁴ prisons¹⁵.

Valentine's Day also comes from a non¹⁶-Christian festival that celebrates fertility¹⁷.

Valentine's Day became a popular holiday in the 1600s. Letters began to be sent in the 1700s, and cards became popular in the 1900s.

These days, we buy chocolates and gifts and send cards on Valentine's Day. In Asia, White Day has become popular, too.

Learn about the history of Valentine's Day



Vocabulary

1. One of	~の一つ
2. Romantic	ロマンチックな
3. Official	公式な
4. Public holiday	祝日
5. On average	平均的に
6. Per person	一人当たり
7. Through the mail	郵便を通じて
8. Saint	成人
9. Christianity	キリスト教
10. Several	複数な
11. One	一つ
12. Law	法律
13. Christians	キリスト教徒
14. Escape	脱出する
15. Prison	刑務所
16. Non	非
17. Fertility	肥沃

Summary

バレンタインデーは世界のロマンチックな休みの1つです。公休ではないですが人気です。平均してアメリカ人は1人130ドルは使い、カードは郵送で送ります。

バレンタインデーはどのように始まったのでしょうか。もちろん、キリスト教の聖バレンタインに由来します。

いくつかの説があります。1つは、法で定められた若年結婚をやぶり結婚した男性、もう1つは、キリスト教信者を刑務所から逃がす手助けをした男性でした。

また豊かな土地に感謝する、キリスト教信者以外の祭りに由来するともいわれています。

1600年代に人気の休日になったと言われます。手紙は1700年代に、カードは1900年代に人気になりました。最近では、アジアで、ホワイトデーも人気となっています。

Questions

- 1) When did Valentine's Day become a popular holiday? 1) バレンタインデーはいつ人気な休日になりましたか？
- 2) What are some romantic holidays in Japan? 2) 日本で、何のロマンチックな休日がありますか？
- 3) Do you think White Day is popular in the US? 3) アメリカで、ホワイトデーは人気があると思いますか？

Days of Fun

by George Liu



In Japan, spring is the end and the start of the school year¹, which ends in March and starts in April. Teachers and students are often busy preparing² for the next year during the spring break.

In the US, the school year ends in June and starts in September. Spring break usually includes the Easter³ holidays. Many students have homework to do, but it is a good time⁴ to relax and have fun.

Students often go to 1-day camps⁵ or festivals. They can watch TV, read books, or go see movies. Or they can go to parks, zoos, or museums, which often have discounted⁶ admission⁷. It's a good time to go to the beach, too.

What do you do during spring break?



Vocabulary

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. School year | 学年 |
| 2. Prepare | 準備をする |
| 3. Easter | イースター
(キリスト教の休日) |
| 4. A good time to | ～するためのいい
チャンス |
| 5. 1-day camp | 1日間のキャンプ |
| 6. Discount | 値引き |
| 7. Admission | 入場料 |

Summary

日本で、春は学年の終わり（3月）と始め（4月）です。先生たちと生徒たちは来年の準備をするために忙しいです。

アメリカでは、学年は6月に終わって、9月に始めます。春休みには普通、イースターの休日も含まれます。多くの生徒たちは宿題がありますが、春休みはリラックスしたり、楽しんでるいいチャンスです。

生徒たちはよく1日だけのデイキャンプや祭りに行きます。彼らはテレビを見たり、本を読んだり、映画を見に行きます。それか、公園や動物園や博物館に行きます。入場料は割引になります。春休みには何をしますか。

Questions

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1) When does the American school year start and end? | 1) アメリカの学年はいつ始まり、いつ終わりですか？ |
| 2) What can students do during spring break? | 2) 生徒たちは春休みに何することができますか？ |
| 3) What do you do during spring break? | 3) あなたは春休みに何をしますか？ |

Learn about
Spring Break



Showcase



Do you know of
red-bean-filled yakimanzu?

I live in Gunma.

It's in the middle of Japan.

My city, Iseaki, is not famous.

But I like my city because there is yakimanzu in my town.

If you know of yakimanzu, do you also know of yakimanzu filled
with red bean paste? It is very delicious.

Have you ever eaten yakimanzu filled with red bean paste?

- A. R. Sakai Kita Junior High

Have you ever been to the Iseaki
Hatsuichi and Joshu Yakimansai?



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