

# Student's Worksheet 1

## Mother's Day around the world



### Students' Reading Cards

#### **Australia**

In Australia, the day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. The tradition was started by Mrs Janet Heyden in 1924. This year Mrs Hayden visited a State Home for Women, where she met many lonely and forgotten mothers. She decided to help them and she organised an event in which the local children gave gifts to the women in the Home. The traditional flower given to mothers on this day is a chrysanthemum.

#### **Belgium**

The day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. At school the children make presents, which they give to their mothers in the early morning on their special day. Fathers go out early to buy fresh croissants and other delicious food, and they serve breakfast in bed to their wives.

#### **China**

In this country the holiday is becoming more and more popular. The most popular flowers to give on the second Sunday in May are carnations, and the celebrations are mainly unofficial and take place in people's homes. Since 1997 the day has also been a day to remember and help women in poorer areas of China.

#### **Thailand**

In Thailand the day falls on 12 August – the birthday of Queen Sirikit. The whole country celebrates their Queen, who is also 'the mother of all Thai people'. Sirikit is loved by her people for caring for the poor and the elderly. The day is also a celebration of kindness and generosity.

#### **Norway**

In Norway the day falls on the second Sunday in February and has been celebrated since 1919. Typically, mothers receive breakfast in bed on this day and the family also bake her a special kind of cake.

#### **Mexico**

The day is celebrated on 10 May. The tradition is that all the children (no matter what their age) come to their mother's house on the evening before her day. All local mothers are given a special kind of breakfast, and an orchestra plays outside. The families also go to church together on the day. Flowers and cards are given, and plays and performances are organised by schools.

# Student's Worksheet 2

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### TASK 1. Answer the questions.

1. Where is Mother's Day not celebrated in May?
2. Where do mothers get a special breakfast?
3. Where is there a religious ceremony?
4. Where is the day also connected to helping the poor?
5. Where are flowers given as gifts?
6. Where is the celebration an official one?
7. Where is the celebration a family one?

### TASK 2. Write about Mother's Day in Poland.

#### Poland

Mother's Day is celebrated on .....

The typical flowers given are .....

Other traditional presents are .....

Families .....

Schools .....

In my family, .....

