The History of Valentine's Day Cards

1 Read and answer the questions.

Valentine's Day is on 14th February. It's a day when millions of people all over the world celebrate love.

The first Valentine's Day cards were created in England in the 1700s. They were printed on paper or made from wood, and were decorated with different symbols of love, like hearts and flowers. Sometimes there were also short love poems painted by hand inside.

By the 19th century, sending Valentine's Day cards was very popular, especially in America. Some of the cards had beautiful handmade designs, making them very expensive tiny works of art to buy and send!

Today, giving and receiving Valentine's Day cards is a tradition all around the world. With the help of the Internet, e-cards have made Valentine's Day trendier than ever before!

1 When is Valentine's Day?
2 What do people celebrate on Valentine's Day?
3 Where were the first Valentine's Day cards made?
4 What materials did people use to make the first Valentine's Day cards?
5 Why were Valentine's Day cards expensive in America in the 19th century?
6 What do people today send online on Valentine's Day?

2 Read again and find a word that means ...

1 to take part in a special occasion = _____
2 created by hand = _____
3 something that has got a high price = _____
4 very small = _____
5 more popular = _____

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