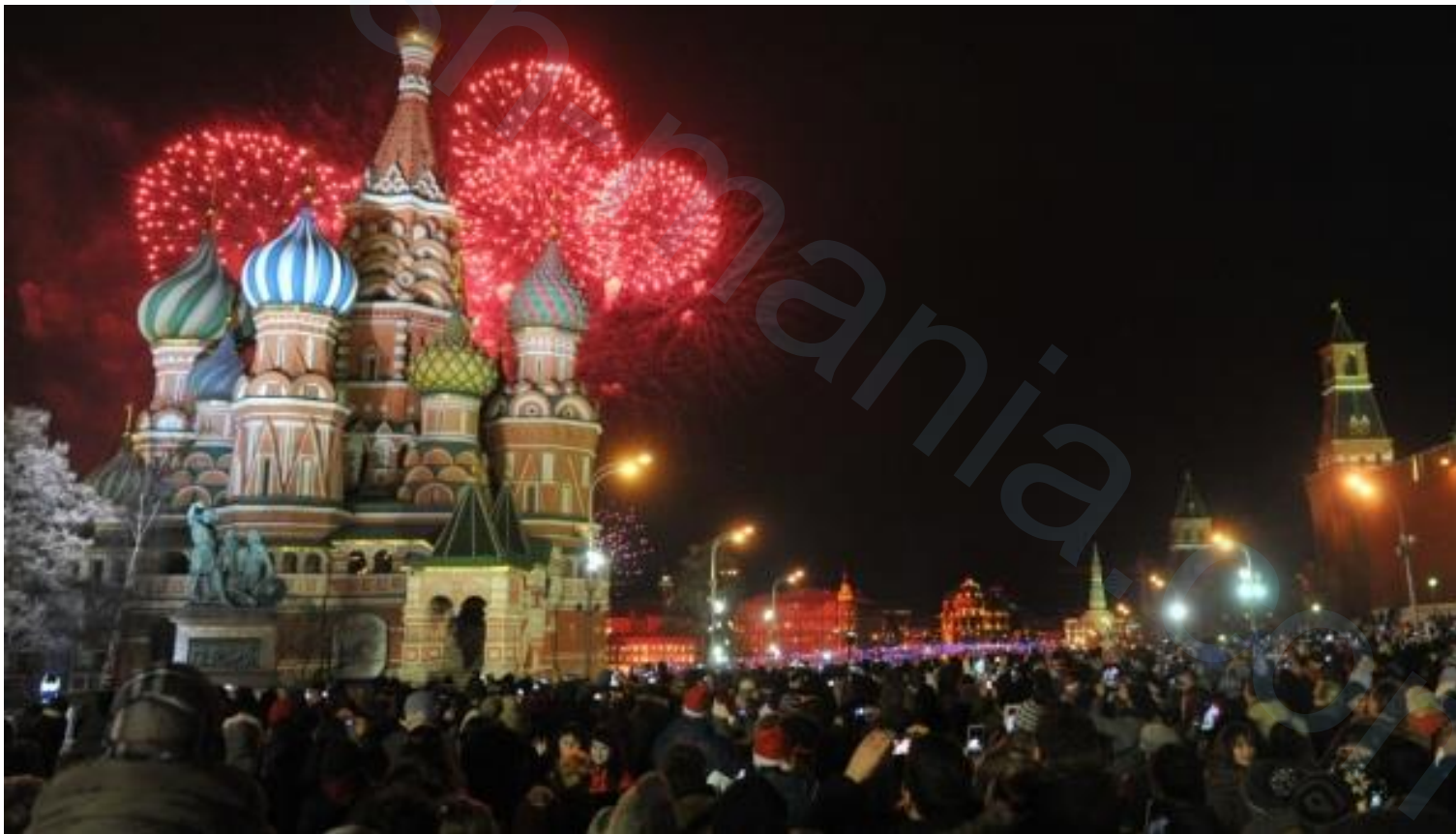


Course: Beginner Level 2

Day № 8

Special Days

What are the special holidays in your country? When are they? Do you give presents? What do you give?



Read the text and answer the questions.

Special gifts and special days

In many countries there is a tradition of giving gifts on special days during the year. For example, in China parents give their children money on New Year's Day. They put the money in small red envelopes called 'Lai-See'. Red is the colour of good luck.

Russians give presents to their wives, mothers and sisters on International Women's Day. That's on 8th March. They usually give candy, chocolates or beautiful yellow flowers called mimosas. People often give flowers to their mothers on Mother's Day. That's a special day in many countries, but it isn't on the same day. In most European countries it's on the second Sunday of May, but in Spain and Portugal it's on the first Sunday in May.

The Japanese have an interesting tradition of giving presents in the middle of the year. The present is called 'Ochugen' and people give it on 15th July. They usually give gifts of food or sweets to people that help them during the year.



1. When is Mother's Day in Spain?
2. What do Japanese people give on the 15th July?
3. What colour are mimosa flowers?
4. Why do Chinese people put presents in red envelopes?

Vocabulary | ordinal numbers and months

- 3** a Read the text again and look at audioscript 2.03 on page 154 to fill in the **red** lines in the table. Then complete the black lines.

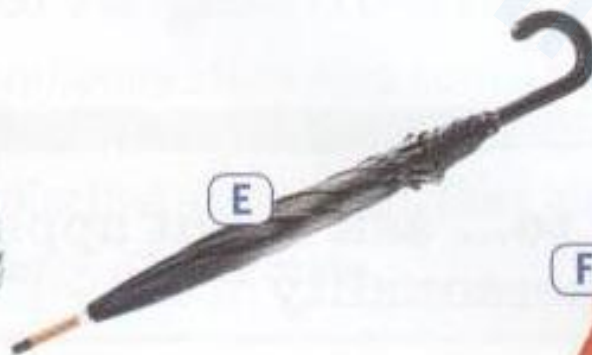
1 st _____	6 th _____	11 th _____	20 th <i>twentieth</i>
2 nd _____	7 th _____	_____ <i>twelfth</i>	22 nd <i>twenty-second</i>
3 rd <i>third</i>	_____ <i>eighth</i>	13 th _____	30 th _____
4 th <i>fourth</i>	_____ <i>ninth</i>	14 th <i>fourteenth</i>	31 st _____
5 th <i>fifth</i>	10 th _____	_____ <i>fifteenth</i>	

Choose the correct words in *italics*.

- 1 My birthday is on the *first/one* of October.
- 2 Our new house has got *three/third* bedrooms.
- 3 In Greece, Mother's Day is on the *second/two* of February.
- 4 This is my *three/third* holiday this year!
- 5 It's Lucy's *nine/ninth* birthday on Saturday.

a Jane has got some presents for her friends.
Match the words in the box with the pictures.

clock A diary DVDs handbag
trainers umbrella



What holiday in your country is your favorite? Why?



***Thank you for
today!***

***We're looking forward to
seeing you again!***