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Receptive Skills Lesson- (Special days around the world)

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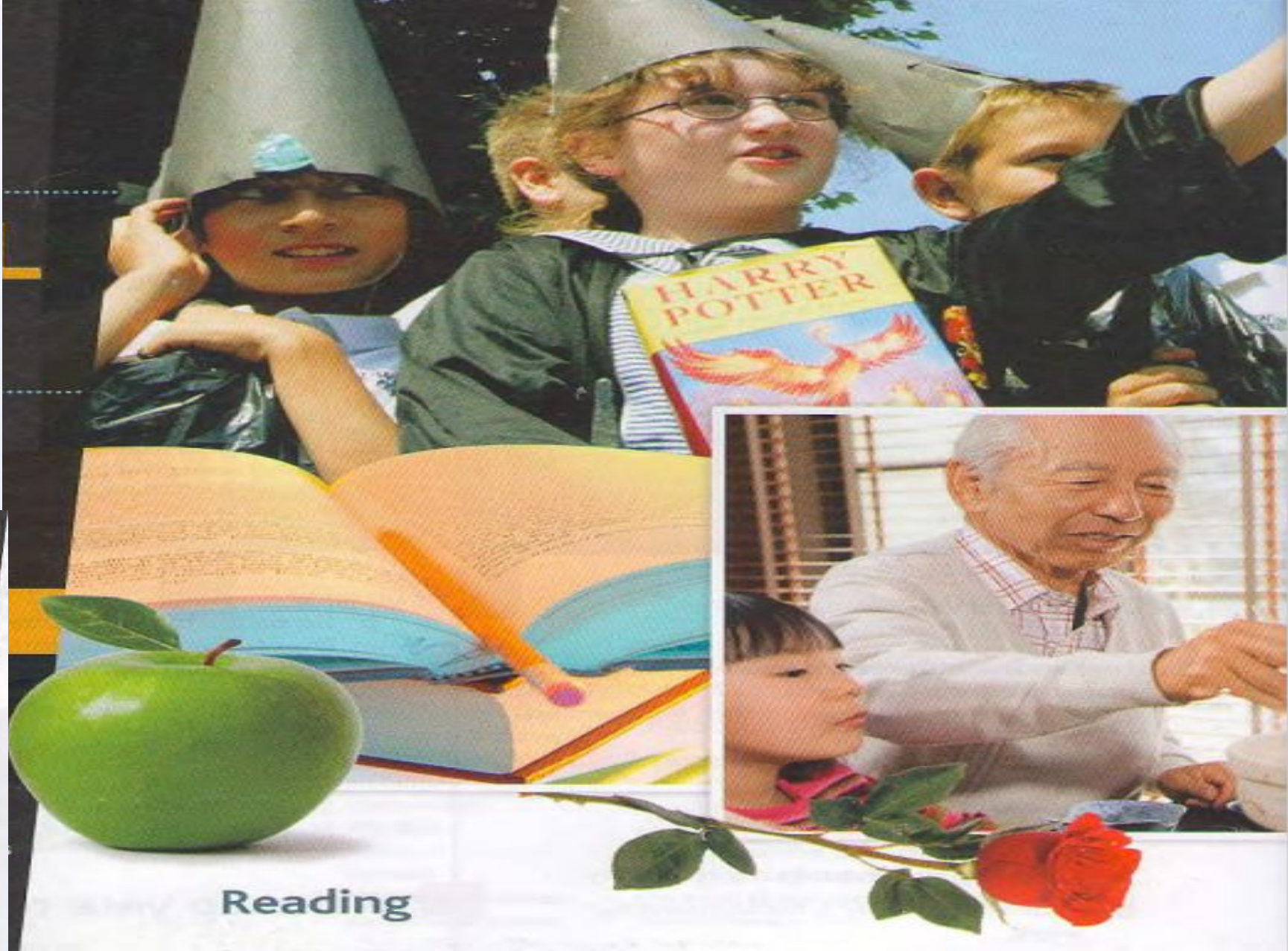
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2a Work in pairs and discuss.

- What can you see in the photos?
- What kinds of special days do you think each photo shows?

b Read the text quickly and check your ideas.



Reading

Put your answers in the text.

Special days around the world

Teachers' Day

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Respect for the Aged Day

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1. What do people do on Teachers' Day?
2. When did Respect for the Aged Day become a national holiday?

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3 Read the text again and complete the table.

	Who?	Where?
1 They write a poem for their teacher.	Children	Argentina
2 They become teachers for one day.		
3 People prepare a special meal for them.		
4 They dress up as a character from a book.		
5 They have a day off school or work.		
6 They visit their old teachers.		
7 They started Book Day in 1923.		

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