

Valentine's Day Around the World



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Denmark

In Denmark, people don't usually give roses to their loved ones. Instead, they usually give white flowers called **snowdrops**.



South Korea

In South Korea, women traditionally give gifts to the men they love on Valentine's Day. The traditional gift given is **chocolate**.

On March 14, one month after Valentine's Day, White Day is celebrated. On White Day, men traditionally give gifts to the women they love.

Traditionally, they give non-chocolate sweets as gifts.



South Africa

In South Africa, women traditionally follow an age-old custom called **Lupercalia**.



According to this tradition, they write the name of their love on a piece of paper and pin it to their sleeve on Valentine's Day.

The saying "to wear your heart on your sleeve" comes from this old tradition of Lupercalia.

Brazil

Valentine's Day is not celebrated in February in Brazil.

Instead Brazilians celebrate "Dia dos Namorados" on June 12th.

Brazilians usually celebrate Dia dos Namorados by giving presents to loved ones, such as flowers and chocolates.



Wales

Valentine's Day is not celebrated in February in Wales.

Welsh people don't celebrate Valentine's Day. Instead they celebrate St. Dwynwen's day on January 25th.

St. Dwynwen is the Welsh patron saint of love and friendship.



Germany

In Germany, people usually exchange traditional Valentine's Day gift, such as chocolate and flowers.

Giant ginger biscuits shaped as hearts are also popular gifts in Germany. Love messages, such as "ich liebe dich," are written in the center of the biscuit.

In Germany, it is also customary to present loved ones with a pig. Pigs are thought to symbolize luck.

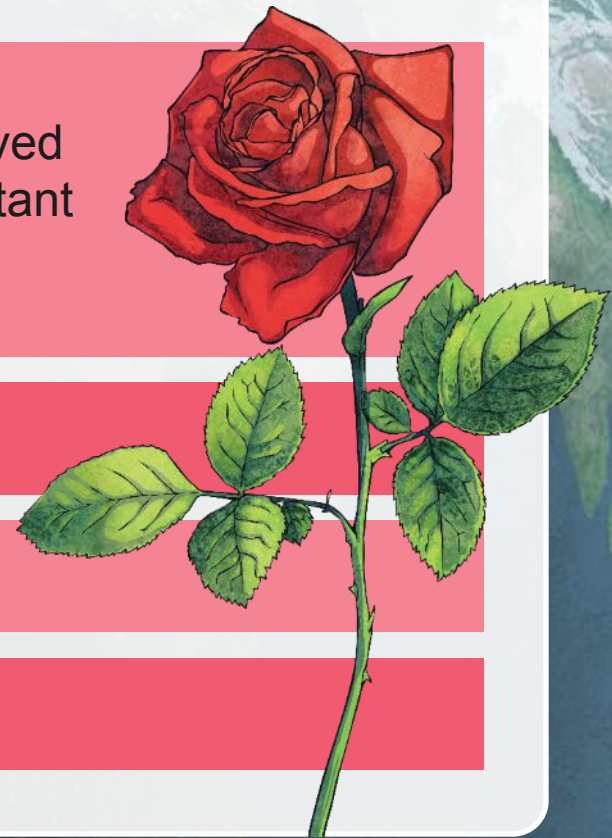
The pig can be presented in many ways: a figurine, a picture, in chocolate, etc.



Taiwan

People in Taiwan celebrate Valentine's Day twice a year; once on February 14 and again on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month.

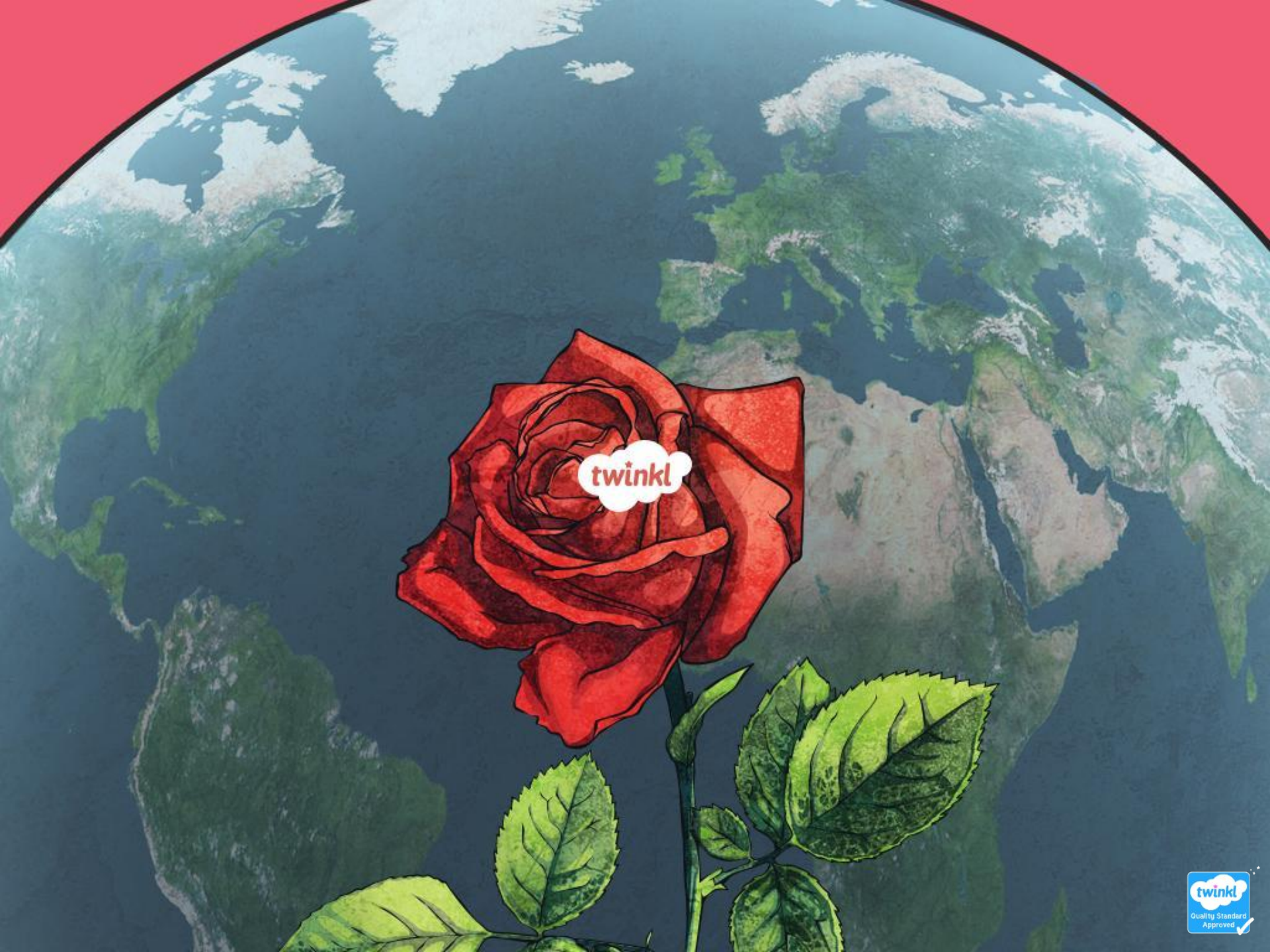
Men usually purchase bouquets of roses for their loved ones. The number of roses purchased is very important as different numbers of roses mean different things.



1 red rose means “an only love”

99 red roses mean “a forever love”

108 red roses mean “will you marry me?”



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