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Quick Questions



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Answers



1. What flower do people give each other in Denmark?

Snowdrops



2. Why do you think that the author has used the word 'traditions'?

Accept any reasonable answer, such as: I think that the author has used the word 'traditions' to show that these things are repeated each year and have been done for a long time.



3. What is different about the date of Valentine's Day celebrations in South Korea compared to other countries?

In South Korea, part of the Valentine's Day tradition takes place on the 14th March as well as the 14th February. The other countries mentioned just celebrate on 14th February.



4. What could be the reason that people pin their loved ones' names to their sleeves in South Africa?

Accept any reasonable prediction, such as: People might pin the name of their loved one onto their sleeve to show everyone how much they love them.