

1 Read the text about Grandparents Day and choose the correct word.

# Grandparents Day



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Today, Grandparents Day is celebrated by people around the world to show them how important they are. Grandparents **1) spend/take** a lot of time taking care of their grandchildren, **2) saying/telling** them fascinating stories and teaching them useful skills. Grandparents Day is an opportunity for us to **3) offer/give** them a small token of our appreciation. Some people give their grandparents a card and a gift such as, a bouquet of flowers and chocolates or take them out for a **4) meal/dish** at their favourite restaurant.

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Grandparents Day **5) derived/originated** in the USA and was first celebrated in West Virginia. A mother to 15 children called Marian McQuade felt that the elderly should be honoured and congratulated for their **6) effect/impact** on younger generations.

In fact, she didn't want the celebration to be exclusive to grandparents, but all of the elderly population. Marian also wanted to **7) raise/rise** awareness about elderly people who lived in nursing homes and required a lot of care because she felt they **8) lost/missed** out on quality time with their families.

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Marian began campaigning for Grandparents Day in around 1970. She campaigned for years before finally in 1978, the American president, Jimmy Carter, **9) signed/ordered** the bill and declared that Grandparents day would be an annual national holiday in the USA. The chosen day for the celebration was the first Sunday after labour day which takes **10) place/part** in September each year. Grandparents Day is also celebrated in other countries but not on the same day. In Japan, there is no single 'Grandparents Day' as people believe elders should be given respect every day.

2 For each paragraph (1-3), choose the best title (A-D). One title is extra.



- A An official celebration
- B Making time for the older generation
- C The perfect gift
- S A time to say thanks

3 In groups, research more information about the history of Grandparents Day and present it to the class.

4  ICT When is Grandparents Day celebrated in various countries? In groups, prepare a quiz for your classmates.

