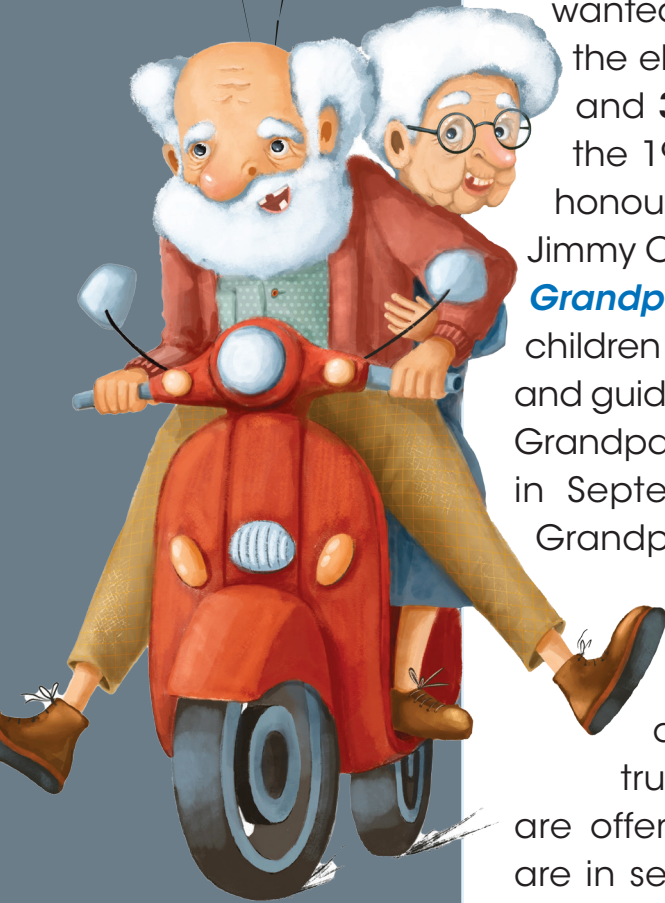
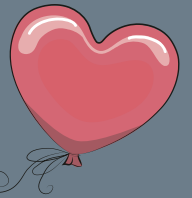


**1** Read and underline.

# The History of GRANDPARENTS' DAY in the USA



Back in 1956, **Marian McQuade** was a volunteer in a nursing home in West Virginia, USA. She was sad to discover that many of the elderly residents had very **1) few/a few** visits from their families – some even **2) no one/none** at all. She wanted to educate the youth about the importance of the elderly. She urged them to 'adopt' a grandparent and **3) find/learn** more about their lives. Throughout the 1970s, Marian campaigned for a national day to honour grandparents. **4) On/In** 3 August 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a declaration **5) stated/stating** that **Grandparents' Day** was an official holiday, a day 'to help children become aware **6) for/of** the strength, information and guidance older people can offer'. **7) Since/From** then, Grandparents' Day in the USA **8) is celebrated/celebrates** in September on the first Sunday after Labour Day. Grandparents and grandchildren spend the day doing activities that strengthen the bond **9) among/between** them. There is an official song, **A Song for Grandma and Grandpa** by Johnny Prill and a flower, too. It's the 'forget-me-not', a symbol of true love, but it blooms in spring so grandparents are offered **10) another/other** beautiful flowers which are in season. It's a great day that helps bring different generations closer together.

**2** Read and find the words in Ex. 1.



- 1 a person who offers to do something (9 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 organised a series of activities (10 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 to do something that shows respect (6 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 an official announcement (11 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 help and advice (8 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 a close connection (4 letters) = \_\_\_\_\_