

THE MOST POPULAR HOLIDAYS IN MY HOMETOWN



Most people are proud of their traditions and customs and they carefully follow them. The main religious festivals of Christmas, Easter are widely celebrated in Sergach. The Russians celebrate Christmas on January 7th. This is not usual for Europe.

New Year is associated with a New Year tree that first came from Germany in the 18th century.

Christmas and New Year is the important time when Father Frost brings presents to children.



THERE ARE NATIONAL AND LOCAL CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS IN RUSSIA.

Epiphany is followed by most people in Sergach.



Shrovetide is a merry traditional holiday in Russia.

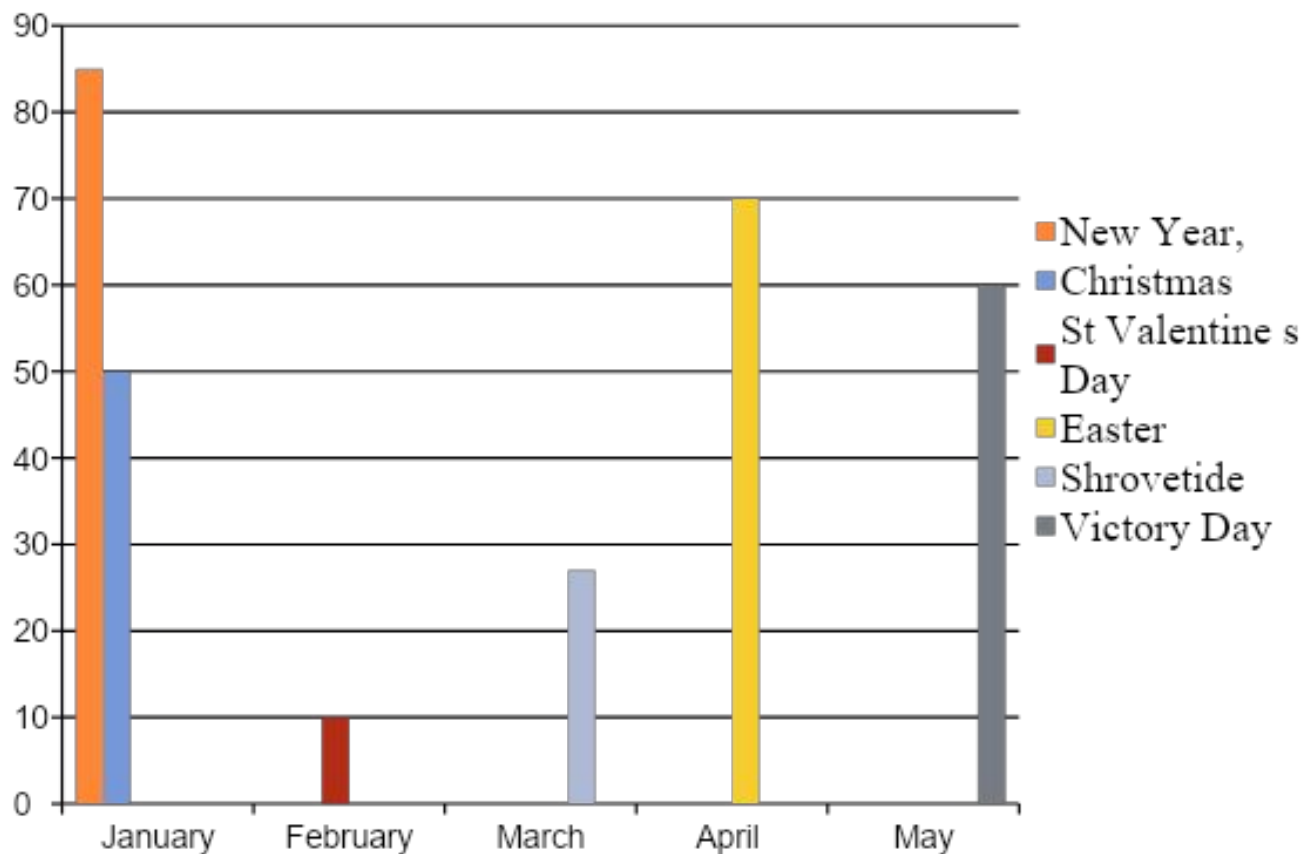


THE MOTHERLAND DEFENDER'S DAY, WOMEN'S DAY, VICTORY DAY ARE VERY POPULAR BY US.

The end of the Second World War is still an important occasion for many people in Russia.



There are special days that are not national holidays but these celebrations are connected with local events and professions. The list of such celebrations includes St Tatiana's Day, St Valentine's Day, the Day of Space Exploration, the Day of the Russian Navy.



The most popular holiday in my hometown is New Year. Today it includes long New Year holidays for all.

Then goes Easter. We have some Easter traditions. One of them is colouring eggs on Easter Eve. There are pies and kulichi and paskha in every family in Sergach. Victory Day is less popular. About half of people in Sergach celebrate Christmas. About 30% people enjoy Shrovetide and 10% people like St Valentine's Day.



ST VALENTINE'S DAY

Quiz



1. Where did Valentine live?
 - a) In Greece
 - b) In Rome
 - c) In Great Britain
2. What date is Valentine's Day?
 - a) 15th of February
 - b) 14th of February
 - c) 8th of March
3. According to a popular belief, why was St Valentine burnt at the stake?
 - a) Because he secretly married young couples
 - b) Because he ran away with Emperor Claudius' daughter
 - c) Because he was always in love with someone
4. When St Valentine was in prison, who did he fall in love with?
 - a) Jailer's daughter
 - b) a) Jailer's wife
 - c) a) Jailer's sister
5. What colour is associated with St Valentine's Day?
 - a) Orange
 - b) Purple
 - c) red

6. Which Roman God is one of the symbols of St Valentine's Day?

- a) Eros
- b) Cupid
- c) Apollo

7. What are the most common flowers given on St Valentine's Day?

- a) roses
- b) sunflowers
- c) Snowdrops

8. What greeting is often said on this day?

- a) Happy love in life!
- b) Good luck!
- c) Happy Valentine's Day!

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7-Appearances are deceitful.

8-There is no rose without a thorn.

9-Love cannot be forced.

10-Marriages are made in heaven.



А Силою любить не заставишь.

В Нет розы без шипов.

С Счастливые часов не наблюдают.

Д Голодный мужчина-сердитый мужчина.

Е Браки заключаются на небесах.

Ф Жизнь не ложе из роз.

Г Вежливый отказ лучше, чем грубое согласие.

Н Путь к сердцу мужчины лежит через его желудок.

И Все девушки хороши, но откуда же берутся плохие жёны?

Ж Внешность обманчива.



Key: 1b, 2b, 3a,4a, 5c, 6b, 7a, 8c

