14 February: A Day for Friends

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Warm-up

- Who is your best friend? How did you meet?
- What makes a good friend?

Reading

14 February is Valentine's Day. In many countries, people give cards, flowers and chocolates to people they love. But in some places, the day is also about friendship.

In Finland, 14 February is called Ystävänpäivä, which means “Friend's Day”. In Estonia, it is called Sõbrapäev, and it also means “Friend's Day”. On this day, people send cards and small presents to their friends, classmates and neighbours.

Last year, Zeynep's English teacher had a lovely idea. Every student wrote a “kindness card” for a classmate. Zeynep wrote a card for Mert: “You always help me with maths, and you never laugh at my mistakes. Thank you for being my friend!”

Mert usually doesn't talk much, but that day he smiled all day long. Sometimes, a few kind words are the best present.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
friendship	arkadaşlık	*Our friendship started in first grade.*
classmate	sınıf arkadaşı	*My classmate sits next to me.*
neighbour	komşu	*Our neighbour has a cute dog.*
kindness	nezaket, iyilik	*Kindness makes the world better.*
mistake	hata	*Everybody makes mistakes.*

laugh at	-e gülmek (alay etmek)	*Please don't laugh at me.*
smile	gülümsemek	*She always smiles in the morning.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
always / usually / sometimes / never + fiil	She always helps me. / He never laughs at me.
be + sıklık zarfı	He is always kind. / She is never late.
A good friend …	A good friend always listens to you.
Teşekkür	Thank you for being my friend!

Discussion

1. What do you usually do with your friends?
2. Is it easy to make new friends? Why or why not?
3. Would you like to have a “Friend's Day” at your school?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. What does Ystävänpäivä mean?

a) Happy Birthday
b) Teacher's Day
c) Winter Day
d) Friend's Day

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. A good friend _____ listens to you. (her zaman)

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

3. In Estonia, 14 February is also a day for friends. ( )

4. Zeynep wrote a kindness card for her teacher. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

5. Match the words with their meanings.

1. classmate ( )
2. neighbour ( )
3. mistake ( )
4. kindness ( )

a) a person who lives near you
b) something that is not correct
c) being nice and helpful
d) a student in your class

Put the parts in the correct order. *(Doğru sıraya koyun.)*

6. Put the words in order.

laughs / never / my / at / mistakes. / He

Write your answers. *(Cevaplarınızı yazın.)*

7. Write a kindness card for a classmate (3–4 sentences). Use “always”, “usually” or “never”.

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Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

8. Tell a partner about your best friend. Use three frequency adverbs.