

- 1** Look and guess. What date is Father's Day in these countries? Then read and check.

Father's Day around the World!

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| 1 February 23 | a Spain |
| 2 March 19 | b Australia |
| 3 June 5 | c the USA and UK |
| 4 Third Sunday in June | d Russia |
| 5 First Sunday in September | e Norway and Sweden |
| 6 Second Sunday in November | f Denmark |

Did you know ... that the first Father's Day was celebrated in 1910? It was started to say thank you to all fathers and grandfathers for being so great. Before this, there was only Mother's Day, so people decided it was only fair to have a Father's Day as well.

In many English-speaking countries, including the USA and UK, it's celebrated on the third Sunday in June. But in Australia, Father's Day is on the first Sunday in September. In some European countries like Spain, Portugal, and Italy, it's on March 19.

The country that celebrates it first in the year is Russia, on February 23. The Scandinavian countries Norway and Sweden celebrate it on the first Sunday in November, but in Denmark it's on June 5. Do you have Father's Day in your country? When is it? What do you do?

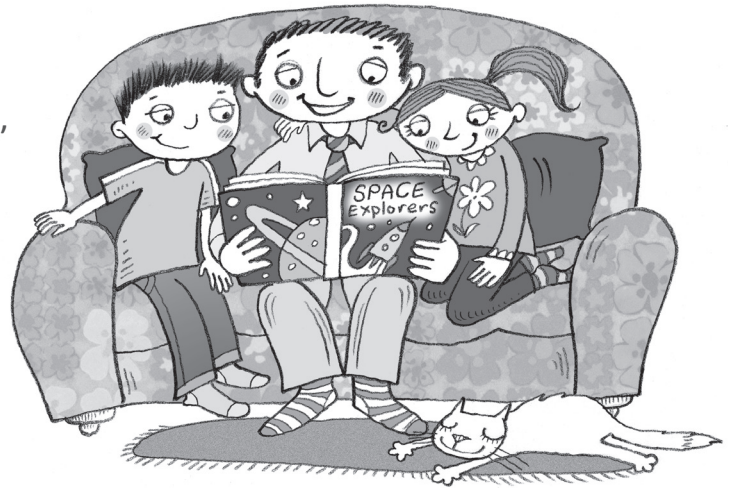
2 Complete the poem. Then read with a friend.

Swim drive ~~jump~~ bear best run dad braver

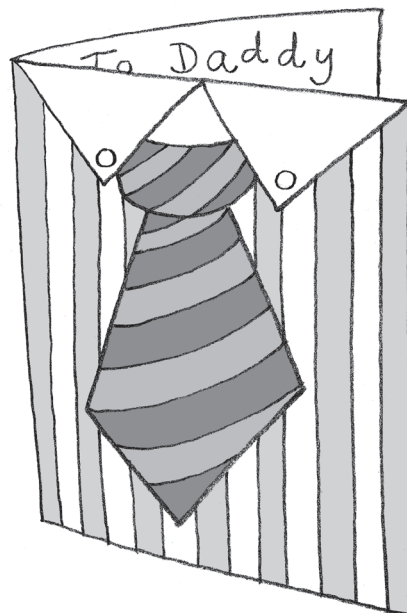
My dad can **1** jump..... really high,
2 S..... very fast, and fly kites.
 He can **3** d..... a car and run a mile,
 But being with me is what he likes.

He can **4** r..... faster than a horse,
 And he's stronger than a **5** b.....
 He's **6** b..... than a lion,
 And for me, he's always there.

There's no one as great as my dad.
 He always takes care of me.
 He's just the **7** b..... there can ever be,
 Because he's my **8** d....., you see.



3 Make a card.





Teaching Notes

Father's Day

Language: countries, dates and months, *can/can't, jump, run, sing, drive*, comparatives and superlatives

Materials: 1 worksheet per child, map of the world, 1 collar & tie template per child, construction card for each child

Warmer

- Talk about Father's Day and ask when it is celebrated in their country.

Note: it's important to point out that grandfathers, older brothers, and uncles can be father figures as well just in case some children have lost their father.

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- Show the children the map of the world. Ask *Who knows where Norway is?* Elicit answers or show the child. Have volunteers come to the front. Say other countries and children point to the correct country.
- Focus the children on the dates and countries. Explain that Father's Day is celebrated in many different countries. Practice reading the dates around the class.
- Divide children into pairs. Give them five minutes to guess how they are matched.
- Ask *What country celebrates Father's Day on February 23? Raise your hand!* Continue with all the dates. Then they read the text to check their answers. Check again as a class. Have the pairs add up their scores. For each correct guess, children get a point. The pair with the most points wins.

Answers

1 d 2 a 3 f 4 c 5 b 6 e

2 Complete the poem. Then read with a friend.

- Focus the children on Activity 2. Ask them what they can see in the picture. The children complete the poem using words from the word bank.
- Ask volunteers to read their poems aloud.
- Then divide the class in pairs and the children read with their friend. Circulate to correct pronunciation.

Answers

1 jump 2 Swim 3 drive 4 run 5 bear 6 braver 7 best 8 dad

3 Make a card.

- Tell the children they are going to make card for their dad, grandpa, uncle or brother.
- Distribute the materials. First the children fold the construction card in half. They cut out the collar and tie template. The children decorate and stick them to the card.
- The children stick them onto the card. Then they write part of the poem inside and decorate.

Cooler

- Ask volunteers to say things about their dads, grandpas, uncles, or brothers. Encourage them to use *can* and the comparatives and superlatives. Write the sentences on the board.

Cultural Information

Father's Day in the United States is on the third Sunday of June.

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that fathers and other father figures (grandfathers, uncles, older brothers, stepfathers) have had on their children's lives. Many people send or give cards or presents to their fathers.

Its origins may lie in a memorial service held for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Linthe, West Virginia USA, in 1907.



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