

Friendship Day



Friendship Day is a day to celebrate friendships. There are different ideas about when the first Friendship Day was held. Some people believe it was first celebrated in the United States in 1935. Others suggest it started in Paraguay in 1958. However, it seems likely that Friendship Day was originally started in 1919 by the card making company, Hallmark. The day was supposed to be a day for people to celebrate friendships by sending cards. This wasn't very successful though and soon Friendship Day faded away.

In recent years it has started to become more popular again. The General Assembly of the United Nations chose 30 July as official International Friendship Day on 27 April 2011. Yet, many countries celebrate Friendship Day on the first Sunday in August. In honor of Friendship Day, the United Nations chose Winnie the Pooh as the world's Ambassador of Friendship. The day has recently become popular with young people. Some exchange friendship wrist bands. Some also have a Friendship Day party to have fun with friends.

1. Friendship Day is a day to find new friends.
 - a) True
 - b) False
2. Some people think it started in Paraguay in 1958.
 - a) True
 - b) False
3. When is the official International Friendship Day?
 - a) on 27 April
 - b) on 30 July
 - c) on 25 December
4. Who is the world's Ambassador of Friendship?
 - a) Spiderman
 - b) Winnie the Pooh
 - c) Mickey Mouse

Answers: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b)

