Mothering Sunday is also known as Mother's day and a long time ago, Simnel Sunday. This is because traditionally, people baked Simnel cakes. Nowadays, Simnel cakes are more associated with Easter. They are fruit cakes with a layer of marzipan. The marzipan balls on top of the cake represent the apostles of Jesus.

The exact origins of Mother's day are unknown, however it was thought to be a day when churchgoers visited the ‘Mother church’ or the nearest Cathedral, rather than the usual parish church.

Mother's day is known as a day when children pay their respects to their mothers. They often give cards and presents. Popular gifts associated with Mothering Sunday in Britain are: flowers, chocolates and toiletries.

Mother's day falls on different days and in different months, depending on which part of the world you live in.

In Norway, it falls on the second Sunday in February.

In Hong Kong, Singapore and Mexico, Mother's day is on May 10th.

Australians celebrate Mother's day on the second Sunday in May, whereas in England Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent. Mothers in Argentina will have to wait until the second Sunday of October for their well wishes.
Answer the following questions using sentences.

1. What popular gifts are associated with Mother's day in Britain?

2. Where did churchgoers go on Mother's day in the olden days?

3. Describe a Simnel cake.

4. What other names can be used for Mother's day?

5. When does Mother's day fall in Britain?

6. In which country is it Mother's day on the second Sunday in February?

7. When is Mother's day in Argentina?

8. Which countries share Mother's day on 10th May?

9. Which country celebrates Mothering Sunday on the second Sunday in May?

10. What do the marzipan balls on top of a Simnel cake represent?

11. What is the name of the Christian festival that Mother's day falls in the middle of?

12. Traditionally, what do children pay their mothers on Mothering Sunday?
Design a card for your mother using the boxes below.

Write your greeting or message here.
1. What popular gifts are associated with Mother's day in Britain? 
   Flowers, chocolates and toiletries.

2. Where did churchgoers go on Mother’s day in the olden days? 
   To the Mother church or cathedral.

3. Describe a Simnel cake. 
   Fruit cake with a layer of marzipan with marzipan balls on the top.

4. What other names can be used for Mother’s day? 
   Mothering Sunday and Simnel Sunday.

5. When does Mother’s Day fall in Britain? 
   On the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent.

6. In which country is it Mother’s day on the second Sunday in February? 
   Norway.

7. When is Mother’s day in Argentina? 
   The second Sunday in October.

8. Which countries share Mother’s day on 10th May? 
   Hong Kong, Singapore and Mexico.

9. Which country celebrates Mothering Sunday on the second Sunday in May? 
   Australia (could also say Hong Kong, Singapore or Mexico).

10. What do the marzipan balls on top of a Simnel cake represent? 
    The apostles of Jesus.

11. What is the name of the Christian festival that Mother’s day falls in the middle of? 
    Lent.

12. Traditionally, what do children pay their mothers on Mothering Sunday? 
    Their respects.