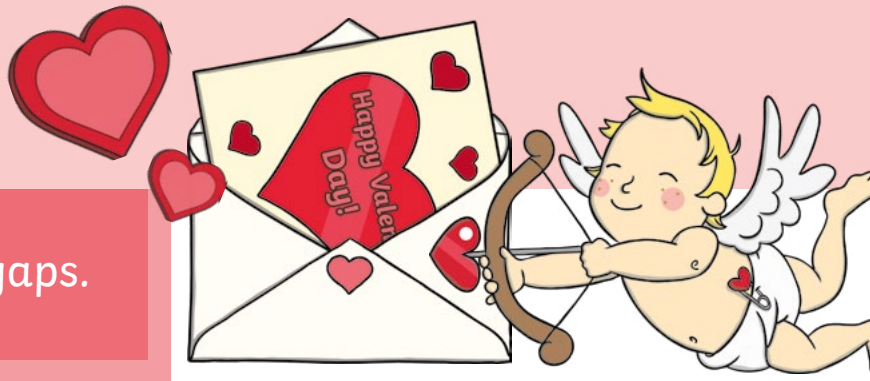


# Saint Valentine



Read the story and fill in the gaps.

Saint Valentine was a real person and he lived in \_\_\_\_\_ when Claudius II was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the empire. Claudius was a selfish ruler and was only concerned with building a strong \_\_\_\_\_ of men that could fight in many wars. He believed that any men who would marry and have families would not want to join the army and fight for him so he decided that he would ban them from \_\_\_\_\_ anybody. This was a dreadful law that made many people depressed in Rome. Valentine was a \_\_\_\_\_ and he was also very sad because he had married many couples before the law was passed. He decided to do something about it and married couples in \_\_\_\_\_ ! For a long time he managed to keep the marriages a secret and the army or Claudius didn't find out about what he was doing. One day, however, Valentine was \_\_\_\_\_ and taken to see the \_\_\_\_\_. Claudius tried to get Valentine to stop being a priest and a \_\_\_\_\_ but Valentine said he loved Jesus too much and refused the order. Claudius was furious and sentenced him to \_\_\_\_\_. Valentine was sent to \_\_\_\_\_ before his execution and while he was there he wrote \_\_\_\_\_ to remind his friends to pray for him. This is where we get the tradition of sending \_\_\_\_\_ cards and notes from. During \_\_\_\_\_ in the year AD 269 or 270, Valentine was put to death. Because he died for his religious beliefs he is called a \_\_\_\_\_ and nowadays we remember him on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February each year when we celebrate Saint Valentine's Day.