

Mother's Day

1. Read the story about Mother's Day. There are eighteen lines. Twelve of them contain one extra word. Find the extra words and write them in the column on the right. The first two lines have been done as examples.

Here's to the happiest years of our lives
Spent in the arms of other men's wives.
Gentlemen! – Our mothers!

Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) proposing a toast

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| 1 | It is often believed that the Mother's Day was created by greetings card and flower | <u>the</u> |
| 2 | companies to help boost sales. However, Mother's Day celebrations actually date | <u>✓</u> |
| 3 | back as far as the ancient Greek festival was dedicated to Rhea, the Mother of Gods. | _____ |
| 4 | Christians honoured Mary, mother of Jesus, on the fourth Sunday in Lent (the period | _____ |
| 5 | of 40 days leading up to Easter). In Britain the celebration was extended to honour not | _____ |
| 6 | just Mary but all mothers. It became known as a Mothering Sunday, and continues to | _____ |
| 7 | be held up on the fourth Sunday in Lent. | _____ |
| 8 | The history of Mother's Day took off a different path in the United States. In 1872, a | _____ |
| 9 | Boston writer and activist, Julia Ward Howe, has organised a day encouraging | _____ |
| 10 | mothers to call for peace. She believed in that in times of conflict or loss of life, it was | _____ |
| 11 | always the mothers who suffered most. | _____ |
| 12 | 35 years later, Anna Jarvis began a campaign to create a special day to honour | _____ |
| 13 | mothers. She and her many of followers wrote to businessmen, ministers and | _____ |
| 14 | politicians, so urging them to support the campaign. | _____ |
| 15 | Finally, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson had proclaimed Mother's Day a national | _____ |
| 16 | holiday, to be celebrated on the second Sunday in May on every year. | _____ |
| 17 | All around the world there are mother's day celebrations at different times of year, but | _____ |
| 18 | have a single purpose; to thank you our mothers for the other 364 days in the year. | _____ |