

## **Competency: Describe Mother's Day**

**Lesson Overview:** Students will learn vocabulary associated with Mother's Day. They will also gain an understanding of this holiday, and be able to describe it upon completion of this lesson.

This lesson plan includes:

1. Mother's Day Vocabulary
2. Mother's Day Word Search
3. Mother's Day Word Search Key
4. Mother's Day Vocabulary Matching
5. Mother's Day Vocabulary Practice
6. Mother's Day Reading Comprehension
7. Mother's Day Vocabulary Flash Cards
8. Referenced websites

**Approximate Time:** 1-2 hours

**Prerequisite Skills:** Students must be able to read and write simple sentences.

**Prerequisite Vocabulary:**

card(s)  
dead  
flower(s)  
gift(s)  
honor  
May  
mother(s)  
observed  
observance  
president(s)  
remember  
Sunday

### Vocabulary:

annual  
appreciate(s)  
breakfast-in-bed  
campaign(s)  
carnation(s)  
founder(s)  
living  
mom(s)  
national  
nationwide  
proclaim(s) (proclaimed)  
tradition(s)

Materials Needed: Whiteboard or flip chart, erasable markers, handouts and flash cards.

Equipment Needed: Multi-media computer with Internet access (for optional activities).

### Activities:

1. Explain the purpose of the lesson.
2. Ask students what they already know about Mother's Day. Write their responses on the board or on a flip chart
3. Briefly review the prerequisite vocabulary. Go over the new vocabulary. You may want to write the words on the board.
  - a. Make sure that each student can correctly pronounce the new words by having them pronounce the words aloud as a group and then individually.
  - b. Give the students ***Mother's Day Vocabulary***. Carefully explain each word and make sure that students understand the meanings.
  - c. Read the sentence for each vocabulary word then have each student read a sentence to the class.

4. For spelling practice, give students **Mother's Day Word Search**. Allow students to work in pairs. Use the **answer key** to check students' work.
5. For further vocabulary development, use **Mother's Day Vocabulary Matching** and **Mother's Day Vocabulary Practice**. Students should complete these exercises independently. Review answers orally.
6. To teach students about Mother's Day, use **Mother's Day Reading Comprehension**. Read the passage to your students. Have students take turns reading the paragraphs. Answer any questions the students may have. Have students answer the questions that follow the passage.

#### Assessment/Evaluation of Learning:

1. Instructor evaluation of students' participation.
2. Evaluation of student worksheets

#### Optional/Follow-up Activities:

1. Visit the following websites for poems, recipes, and stories related to Mother's Day:
  - a. <http://www.everythingmothersday.com/> This site gives information about the holiday, gift ideas, web resources, and entertainment ideas for the holiday.
  - b. <http://www.theholidayspot.com/mothersday/> This site gives information about Mother's Day, the history, poems, wallpaper, cards, recipes, craft ideas, gift ideas, and many more options for Mother's day fun.
  - c. <http://www.marelicious.com/mothersday.html> This is a site someone has built to honor a mother and other mothers of the world.
2. Use **Mother's Day Vocabulary Flash Cards** for further vocabulary development.
3. Have students write sentences using the vocabulary from this lesson.
4. Have students make Mother's Day cards to send to friends and family members.