

9 Complete this paragraph with *and* or *but*.

## Same Holiday, Different Customs

People in the United States and Japan celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. However, the holiday is celebrated in different ways in each country. In the U.S., Valentine's Day is enjoyed by friends and romantic partners, <sup>a</sup> ..... in Japan usually only romantic partners celebrate this day. Chocolate is the most popular gift in Japan, <sup>b</sup> ..... it is common in the U.S. too. However, in the U.S., other kinds of gifts are also given, <sup>c</sup> ..... many people exchange cards. The biggest difference is that in Japan, girls and women give chocolate to boys and men, <sup>d</sup> ..... in the U.S., boys and girls give cards or small gifts to all of their friends. American men and women give gifts and cards to each other. In fact, women usually get more expensive gifts than men. I would like to be a man in Japan, <sup>e</sup> ..... a woman in the U.S.!



**Note:** Don't begin sentences with *And* or *But* in academic writing. Use *In addition* or *However* instead.