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# THE DAY REDDIT WON AGAINST WALL STREET

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People who spend their free time navigating the internet, watching or creating memes and have little or no experience at all in economy. Those are the people that in these days are making Wall Street crumble and prompting the USA to rethink the very basis of the stock market. Our story starts in March, when the current pandemic causes various States to sacrifice their economy and declare lockdowns. One of the many victims of this choice, was the famous video game selling company GameStop, which was already in crisis because of the growth of the digital market. Consequently, a great number of Wall Street's investors started betting on his decline by shorting the stock, by doing that they make money if GameStop goes down in

attack. For sure, that did happen to those Wall Street investors who, in a matter of hours, lost billions of dollars because of this. Wall Street and their allies are now furious and claim this action to be illegal, while the redditors are celebrating and persisting in their campaign, also incited by various public figures, such as Elon Musk and Alexandria Ocasio Cortez.

Whilst the senate is discussing about the topic, the public opinion is currently becoming more aware of the power of social media: it is quite creepy and exciting at the same time to know that a group of people, which have nothing in common except for partaking in the same online community, started by making memes, and eventually succeeded in destroying the plan of expert economists and billion dollar hedge funds, making them decline into bankruptcy.



the stock market.

However, GameStop has recently succeeded on stipulating a new contract with Microsoft, which made their shares increase in values. The investors, to avoid losing money, continued betting against the company - some say unfairly manipulating the market. This was noted from a bunch of users of the social media platform Reddit. On the subreddit r/WallStreetBets they started discussing - or, more properly, joking - about the topic, making memes and jokes about how they could possibly save GameStop. Until the dream became reality. The users decided that it was time to act and prepared themselves to all invest simultaneously in the company. The result was outstanding. GameStop grew up in the market in such a way that would make every economist have an instant heart

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# HISTORY SCOOP!

Ludovico Pini

Valentine's Day is a celebration dedicated to lovers and is celebrated all over the world on the 14th of February. The original religious festival, named after Valentino, a Christian martyr of Terni, was established by Pope Galaxius I in 496 to replace the previous pagan festival of Lupercalia, presumably to Christianize the Roman festival. In February, it was normal to celebrate Lupercalia in ancient Rome, the festival with ancient roots



linked to the cycle of death and rebirth, subversion of rules and destruction of order, so that the world and society can be purified and reborn.

The festival is accompanied by rituals, masks and parades, with the aim of triggering the rebirth process by repeating the original chaos. Part of these ceremonial shows continue to this day and are known as carnival.



*Marta Di Mario, Maria Elena Gabella and Margherita Lombardi*

No idea of what to buy for your love? Well, you are in the right place! Buying gifts might not always be the easiest thing to do, especially for someone you really care about. So we are here for you with a creative list of what you could buy for your special one!

1. Ever thought of having your playlist in your hands everywhere 24/7? Well the playlist- bracelet is the perfect gift if you have many memories connected to songs that you never want to forget.
2. Does your girlfriend or boyfriend love chocolate? Then the perfect way of telling them "I love you", is by giving them a bar of chocolate with their name on it or a small and functional phrase!

3. If you prefer homemade gifts instead, get a jar, coloured pens, pencil and some paper. Now get ready to make their Valentine's day memorable! On the pieces of paper write the reasons why you love, or care about that person, decorate them, fold them and put them in the jar. Now surprise them!

4. Things that may be less valuable, but still great, are maybe necklaces or bracelets with small magnets that connect when you place them close to each other. If your partner isn't fond of wearing jewelry, then you can think of maybe buying matching mugs, or the trendiest option, matching pyjamas!!!

There is just one thing that you will always need to remember, if you have no idea of what to get to your girlfriend, go in a jewellery and get whatever has diamonds on it ;)





# SANT JORDI

Chiara Petrini Rossi

El 23 de abril se celebra no solo el Día Internacional del Libro, sino también el día de Sant Jordi, patrón de Cataluña. A este santo, conocido como el San Valentín catalán, se le atribuye una leyenda que combina



lectura y amor. En la fiesta de Sant Jordi se entrelazan libros, rosas, princesas y dragones, lo mejor de los cuentos clásicos y de las grandes leyendas. Este día las calles de las ciudades catalanas, sobre todo Barcelona, se llenan de puestos de libros donde se ofrecen cultura y rosas rojas también. Los puestos se encuentran sobre todo en la Rambla, Paseo de Gracia y Rambla de Cataluña, pero en toda la ciudad se organizan exposiciones y espectáculos para celebrar. Hay una tradición detrás de todo esto. La leyenda cuenta que en la montaña de Montblanc, Tarragona, vivía un enorme dragón que aterrorizaba a la población con sus llamas. Para calmar a la bestia salvaje, los habitantes de la zona decidieron entregarle

como sacrificio una persona, elegida al azar, cada día. Cuando la suerte quiso que la princesa fuese escogida, ella aceptó y se fue a la montaña. Un caballero, Sant Jordi, de brillante armadura y corcel blanco decidió rescatarla y, alzando su espada, se enfrentó al dragón y lo atravesó. De la sangre que se derramó del dragón, nació un rosal que tenía las rosas más rojas que jamás se habían visto. El caballero agarró una y se la entregó a la princesa. Es tradición que cada 23 de abril los hombres regalen rosas a sus amadas para honrar la leyenda de Sant Jordi, aunque ya es habitual que se regalen flores a quién se considere importante. En 1996, cuando la UNESCO eligió el 23 de abril como el Día Internacional del libro, las novelas se sumaron a la celebración. La institución eligió esta fecha en honor a Miguel de Cervantes, William Shakespeare y Garcilaso de la Vega, tres grandes personajes de la literatura universal que fallecieron el 23 de abril de 1616.



## SAINT VALENTINE'S PLAYLIST



Perfect, Ed Sheeran  
Thinking Out Loud, Ed Sheeran  
Love Story, Taylor Swift  
Love of My Life, Queen  
Perfect, Ed Sheeran  
Crazy for You, Madonna  
Love on Top, Beyoncé  
Side to Side, Ariana Grande  
Rain on Me, Ariana Grande  
Believe It, Rihanna


Silvia Piancazzo








# HORÓSCOPO DEL DÍA DE SAN VALENTÍN


Chiara Tinelli


**Aries**  Este San Valentín decidiste pasarlo en dulce compañía con el chico que conociste en Instagram. Lástima que te encuentres con una llamada perdida de tu ex justo antes de salir de casa. ¿Querrá arreglar la relación? En caso de duda te quedarás en casa, para descubrir al día siguiente que fuera solo una broma de mal gusto.

**Tauro**  Este Día de San Valentín sabes que tienes una oportunidad única: escíbete una carta de amor, o acepta una invitación de ese chico un poco nerd pero dulce y haz algo divertido con él. Al menos una vez en su vida, salga de los patrones habituales. Pero eres Tauro, por lo tanto nada tiene que cambiar, nunca, y entonces te quedarás solo en casa saciándote de dulces con forma de corazón.

**Géminis**  No estás interesado en estas tonterías románticas, y aunque el chico que te acaban de presentar tus amigos es muy agradable e interesante, sigues declarando que estás perfectamente bien sola y que no te interesa el amor. Luego te arrepientes cuando el chico, exasperado, se va a casa con una rubia y te queda solo y triste como un perro abandonado en la carretera.

**Cáncer**  Tu San Valentín ideal será muy sencillo: cena romántica a la luz de las velas en tu casa. Una comida sin pretensiones, solo tus platos favoritos, luego una película romántica, una de esas agritudces con un final predecible, pero que te arrancará una lágrima. Y después de la visión dormir en sus brazos, en su nido de amor.

**Leo**  Admitir que estás solo en el día de San Valentín es demasiado humillante, así que tienes que encontrar una solución y salir con ese chico que ha estado coqueteando contigo por un siglo y al que nunca le diste una oportunidad. Solo que a mitad de la cena se declara cocinado perdido, te das cuenta de que si nunca hubieras salido es porque realmente no te gusta y como no puedes fingir se lo dices, rompiéndole el corazón.

**Virgo**  Para este San Valentín llevas meses planificando todo. Después de una selección

detallada de los candidatos elegibles, envió los correos electrónicos, que requerían la máxima seriedad, disponibilidad garantizada y una carta de motivación sobre por qué les gustaría pasar esta noche contigo.

**Libra** 

Por miedo de pasar el día de San Valentín solo, estarás aceptando múltiples invitaciones. El problema es que no podrás decidir a qué cita ir realmente. Sin embargo, para no tomar una decisión clara, decidirás quedarte solo en casa para hacer los pros y los contras de todas las citas a las que podrías haber ido.

**Escorpio** 

El día de San Valentín significa solo una cosa para ti: salir con las amigas. Al final, mejor que nada; ya has tenido tantas malas experiencias. Tal vez el año que viene estarás mejor.

**Sagitario** 

¡Para este San Valentín, sueña con un amor desenfrenado, dinámico y aventurero! Pero al final te quedarás en casa mirando un film de miedo con tu madre. El amor no siempre es feliz :(

**Capricornio** 

Tu tipo te deja a la hora del almuerzo con un Whatsapp. Todos tus amigos están comprometidos y planeas pasar la noche en casa viendo una serie de televisión para distraerte, pero la cuenta de Netflix es suya y él ha cambiado la contraseña.

**Acuario** 

Vas a cenar con tus amigas y tu crush del momento, pero cuando vas a casa decides ser la mujer que se enfada y en lugar de ir con él vas en disco con tu mejor amiga hasta las 4 de la mañana.

**Piscis** 

El día de San Valentín tu deseo finalmente se hace realidad: tu amor platónico, la persona con la que siempre quisiste salir, te confiesa que siempre le gustaste y te invita a salir. Aunque como termina de hablar, te das cuenta de que realmente no te gusta tanto.





By Asia Crudo



# HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY?

Tommaso Pompei

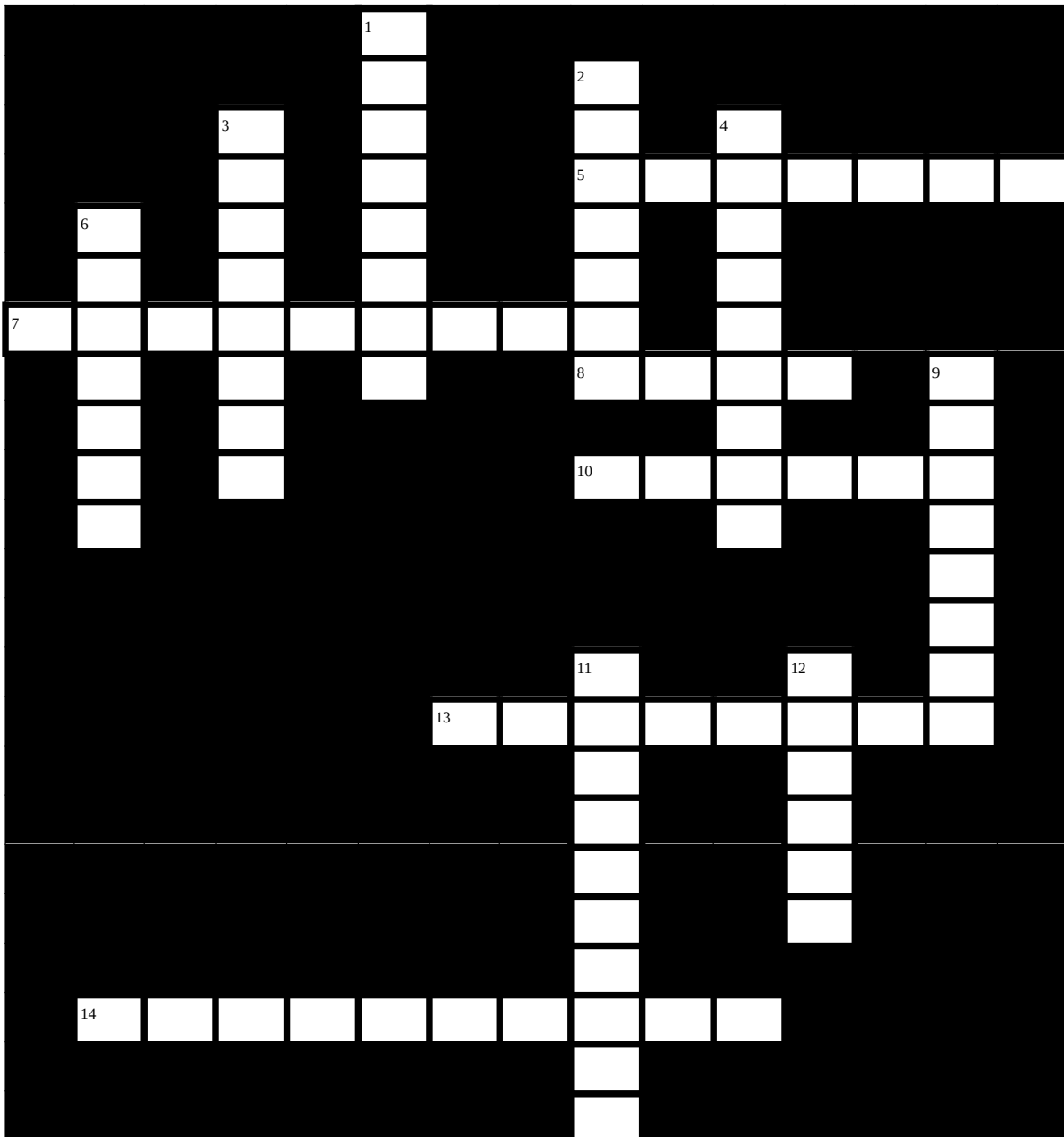
1. Who is the Roman goddess of love?
  - a. Aphrodite
  - b. Aurora
  - c. Bastet
  - d. Venus
2. What is the most popular gift for Valentine's day?
  - a. Flowers
  - b. Chocolates
  - c. Cards and letters
  - d. Cosmetics
3. In which country are Valentine's chocolates only given to men?
  - a. France
  - b. South Arabia
  - c. Japan
  - d. Russia
4. What expression is used to refer to a passionate couple?
  - a. Tinder
  - b. Sweet roses
  - c. Lovebirds
  - d. Locked lips
5. How many euros are spent on average by an Italian on Valentine's day?
  - a. 78
  - b. 80
  - c. 97
  - d. 105
6. What is gifted inside boxes to Valentines?
  - a. Flowers
  - b. Perfumes
  - c. Letters
  - d. Chocolates
7. How many couples are estimated to get engaged on Valentine's day?
  - a. 1 million
  - b. 3 million
  - c. 6 million
  - d. 10 million
8. What mythology does Cupid come from?
  - a. Roman
  - b. Greek
  - c. Egyptian
  - d. Norse
9. Where is the popular heart shape thought to come from?
  - a. A constellation
  - b. A plant
  - c. A river
  - d. An app
10. What is the most popular Valentine's day flower?
  - a. White roses
  - b. Red roses
  - c. White orchid
  - d. Red orchid





# SPORTS OF ALL TIME

Laura Lozupone



## Orizzontali

- 5** is a team sport in which you play on ice with heavy polished granite stones  
**7** sport which consists in hitting a light conical object with a racket  
**8** it is practiced in an open field with a ball and a series of woods and irons  
**10** The Wimbledon tournament is the oldest event in this sport  
**13** he is the son of rugby  
**14** team game with 5 players and a basket

## Verticali

- 1** ascent of an obstacle, be it a rocky wall, a stone or an artificial panel  
**2** Olympic sport since 1896 can be practiced on the track, on the road ...  
**3** Bud Spencer was a great champion of this sport  
**4** it is a show in which athletic and theatrical performances are combined  
**6** Carolina Kostner is champion of this discipline  
**9** Joe DiMaggio was a champion of this sport and husband of Marilyn Monroe  
**11** is a team sport that takes place between two teams of six players each  
**12** japanese martial art that involves defense with a bare hands

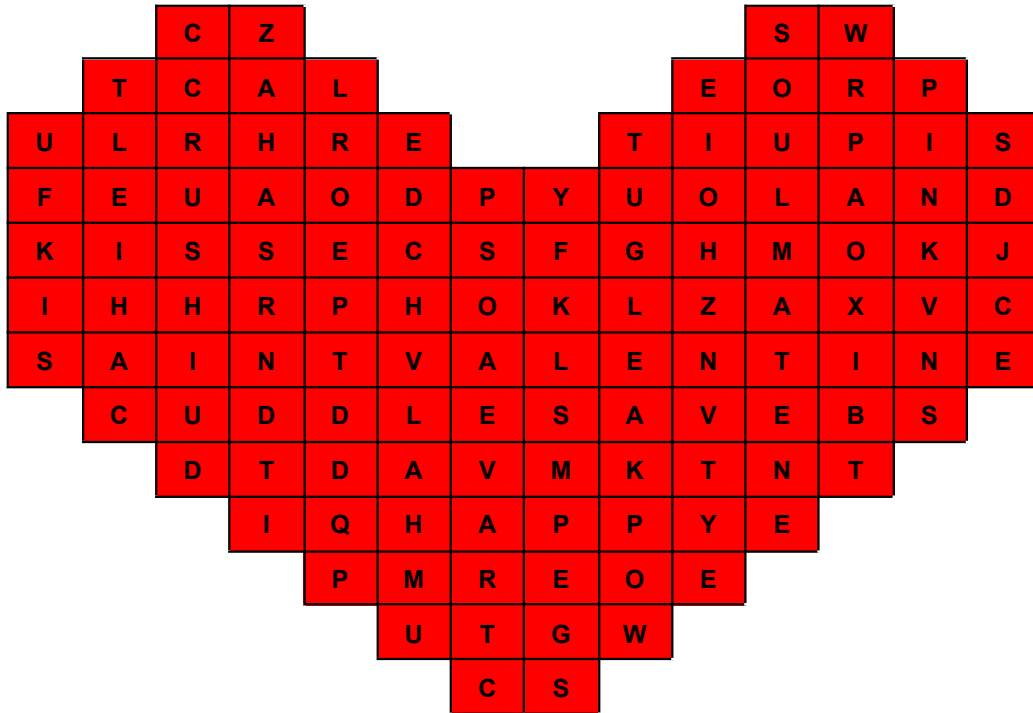






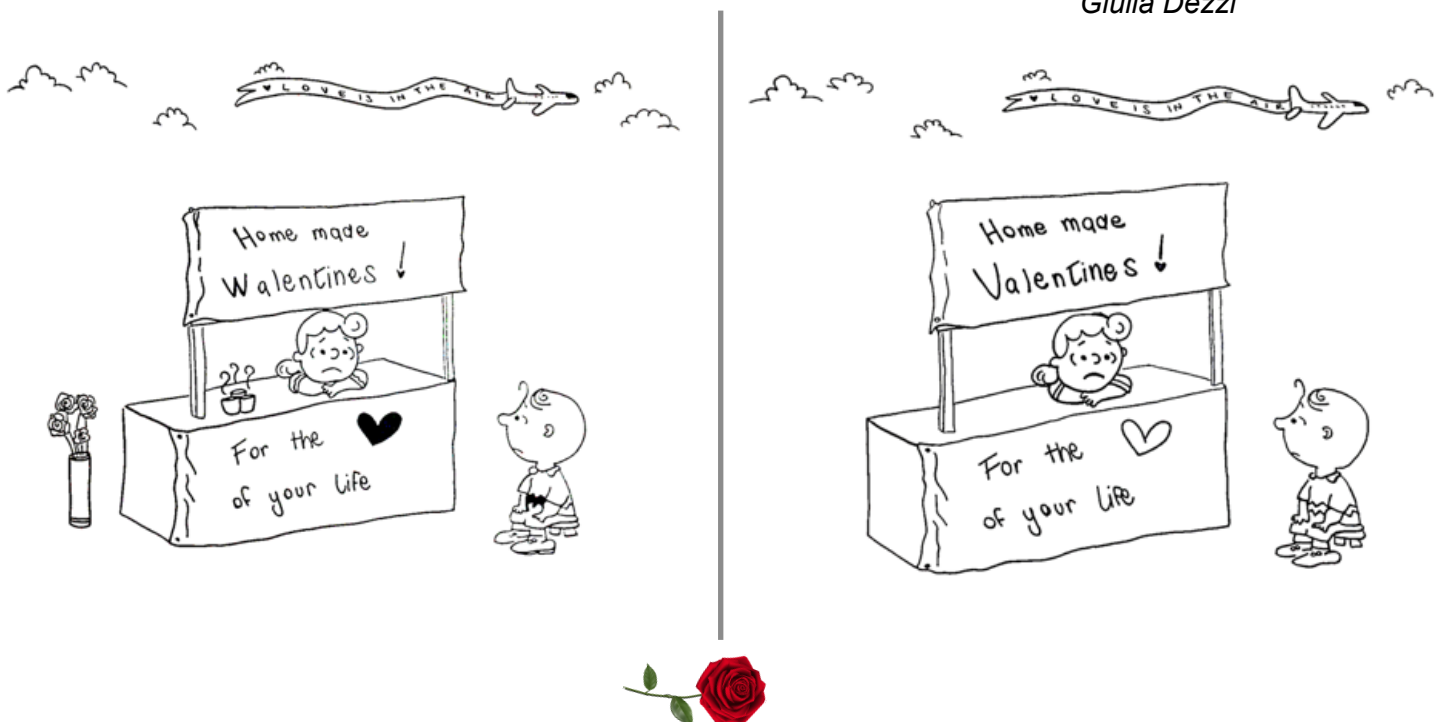
# WORD SEARCH

Maria Elena Gabella and Lucrezia Sammartano



# FIND THE DIFFERENCES

Giulia Dezzi





# LE SOUPIR DE PARIS

Camilla Ceoldo  
and Lucrezia Sammartano

Monsieur François. Another of my regular clients. While looking at him I see the same man he was a few years ago, a successful, happy man. I look at him, and see the same man who had casually crossed the threshold of my bistrot years ago, something that then became usual.

It was the tenth anniversary of his marriage, and for that occasion Paris turned out to be the perfect destination for him and his wife. So the two left New York, flying on a jet with the suitcases filled with expectations for the city of love and emotions.

They loved each other, and that was visible. They walked through the streets of my city, holding hands, with speeded-up heartbeats, like two teenagers in love for the first time. One night, the two of them found themselves spending the night at the Moulin Rouge: dancers everywhere, dancing with a charming beauty and the power to enchant whoever looked at them. Monsieur François fell into the trap of two beautiful blue eyes that belonged to one of those elegant and fascinating women. The eyes of the two were locked for a few seconds while she was provocatively moving her body.



The night ended, just like the couple's vacation did, and the two went back to New York to get back in the daily routine after that Parisian break.

Years went on and it happened that Monsieur François found himself in Paris for business, where he went alone this time. When one of the days full

of work meetings came to an end and the sun fell behind the slim figure of the Eiffel Tower, the man started unconsciously walking through the Parisian streets he had crossed years before with his wife.

He stopped in front of the Moulin Rouge, he recognized it and walked in. Everything brought him back to that night: the soft lighting, the dancers' customs, and her. The blue-eyed girl was there, and she was beautiful. He waited for her at the exit, and then they reached together my bistrot.

It's been years, and whenever possible, Monsieur François is flies to Paris to see his own favorite dancer: Amelie.

# EL ENIGMA DE LOS OJOS AZULES

Alessandra Falasca

Una mujer, Rosana, que es la amiga de la escuela secundaria de Ana, va a su casa. Desde la última vez que ellas se vieron, pasaron muchísimos años. Después de haberse sentado en la sala, las dos empezaron a hablar de los hijos, y Ana preguntó a Rosana:

"¿Cuántos hijos tienes?"

"Tengo tres hijos." le contestó Rosana.

"¿Cuántos años tienen?"

"El producto de la edad es 36 y la suma es igual a el número de tu casa."

Ana refleja un poquito sobre las informaciones, y después dice:

"Los datos que me habéis dicho son insuficientes."

Rosana, después de haber pensado sobre esto, réplica:

"Verdad, que descuidada! Mi hija major tiene los ojos azules."

"Bien, ahora sè la edad de tus tres hijos!"

¿Cuántos años tienen los tres hijos?

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