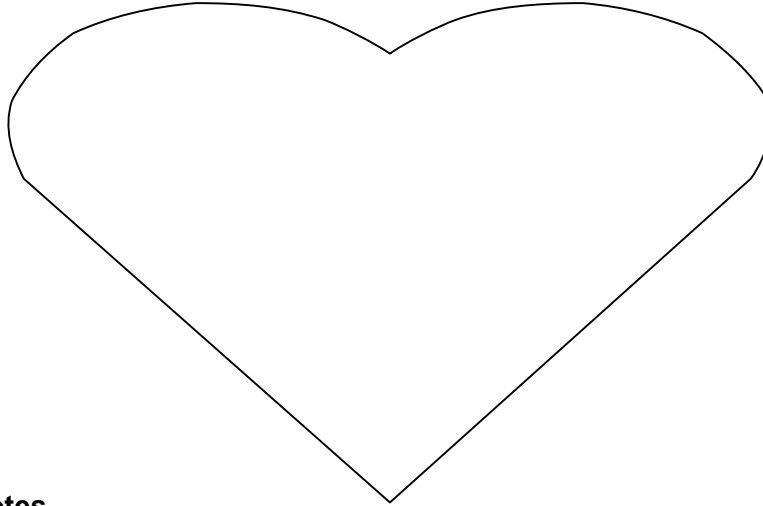


Valentine's Day

Task 1 Valentine's vocab

Write as many words connected to love and relationships in the heart as you can.



Task 2 Love Quotes

Comment on these quotes about love. Do you agree with any of them? Do you disagree with any of them?

"If you love someone, let them go. If they come back they're yours. If they don't, they never were..."

"Love is hard work; and hard work sometimes hurts!"

"We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly."

"Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that."

"We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh."

"There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. "

"Love makes the time pass. Time makes love pass. "

"If so many men, so many minds, certainly so many hearts, so many kinds of love. "

"It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

- Do you know any well-known quotes about love in your language? If you can, try to translate them into English.
- Write your favourite love quote here and then tell the group.

Task 3 Looking for love

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of being single?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a boyfriend / girlfriend?
- If you want to meet people in your country how do you go about it?
- Is it easy or difficult to meet new people?
- Do you think the internet is a popular way of meeting new people in your country?

Task 4 I sent a letter to my love... Reading task

Read the text about Valentine's day in the UK and then discuss the questions below with your group.

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Summary: 14 February is traditionally a celebration of love, so how do people in the UK mark the occasion?

- **Declarations of love**

Sending a Valentine's card to a loved one is a custom that has been going on at least 150 years if not longer. Couples will give them to each other, but it is also common to send an anonymous card to anyone you secretly love. This practice is particularly common in schools and can be a source of great amusement and embarrassment as everyone tries to work out who send a card to whom!

- **Love and technology**

Another way of letting someone know you love them on Valentine's Day is to put an advert in a newspaper. Nowadays web message boards and mobile phone texting are taking over this role – on Valentine's Day 2004 an estimated 80 million texts were sent between mobile phones, which was six times the number of cards sent by 'snail mail'.

Suggested texts include:

WUBMV – will you be my Valentine

xoxoxoxoxo – hugs and kisses

LUWAM<3 – love you with all my heart

ImRdy4Luv – I'm ready for love

:'-) – I'm so happy, I'm crying

ILUVU – I love you

Picture messaging is another way to show Valentine's Day desires. A flirtatious wink or 'mmmmm sexy!' shows affection, while horny devils and hearts guarantee to ignite the sparks of passion. For those wanting to cool off an undesirable admirer, the picture of someone washing their hair will guarantee they get the message!

- **Flowers and chocolates**

As well as cards, Valentine's Day also brings a lot of gift giving, though it is usually men who are expected to give presents to their wives and girlfriends. Flowers and chocolates remain popular choices, roses being the most popular, but advice from magazines and newspapers is usually that men should try to be more imaginative! One Cotswolds hotel is offering a chocoholics weekend for two. Dinner is asparagus in a white chocolate sauce followed by a chocolate treasure hunt around the local area. Maybe they could take some inspiration from this!

- **Wackier gifts**

For those who think that these seem a little mundane, there is an ever increasing range of slightly more unusual gifts to give the one you love. How about a helicopter flight for men or a balloon ride for women? Or maybe the chance to test-drive a Ferrari for him, and a pampering session at a health club for her? As with other holidays and events, Valentine's Day is an opportunity for ever increasing commercialism!

For the truly committed, Valentine's Day is a popular day to either propose or get married – you'd never forget your wedding anniversary!

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- 1) What is different about Valentine's day cards to cards for other occasions?
- 2) Which is more popular in the UK – sending cards by 'snail mail' or sending text messages?
- 3) Do you think text messaging is a good way to declare your love?
- 4) What are the most common gifts to give on Valentine's day?
- 5) Name two of the more interesting Valentine's day gifts mentioned in the article.

Task 5 Valentine's text message

You decide to send a romantic text message to someone you secretly love. Write your text message here:

Now change text messages with other people in your class and see if you can re-write them into correct English!

Task 6. Speed Dating Game

- Have you ever heard of Speed Dating?
- Do you think you can judge somebody's character in 3 minutes?
- Do you think Speed Dating is a good way to meet people?
- Do you agree with the saying, 'First impressions count'?

You are going to play a speed dating game.

- 1) Invent a character for yourself. Fill in the details on your card
- 2) Set up the classroom for a speed dating event. (Chairs in twos around the room)
- 3) Decide who is going to rotate every three minutes
- 4) Spend three minutes chatting to each person (in the character of the person on your role card)
- 5) At the end have a chat with the group and decide who you think should which couple should go on a second 'date'!

<p>Speed dating role play card</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Age:</p> <p>Job:</p> <p>Hobbies:</p> <p>Interests:</p> <p>Personality:</p>	<p>Speed dating role play card</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Age:</p> <p>Job:</p> <p>Hobbies:</p> <p>Interests:</p> <p>Personality:</p>
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