

# UNIQUE VALENTINE'S DAY TRADITIONS



# LET'S TALK!

Read the statements below. Circle the numbers that best express your opinion.

Discuss your answers.

Valentine's Day is an important holiday.

1 2 3 4 5

Love is a powerful emotion.

1 2 3 4 5

Every person has a soulmate. You just need to find them.

1 2 3 4 5

People should be romantic all year round.

1 2 3 4 5

Love at first sight exists.

1 2 3 4 5

Valentine's Day is only for romantic love (not for friends/families).

1 2 3 4 5

Giving presents helps to show love.

1 2 3 4 5

Valentine's Day is a commercial holiday.

1 2 3 4 5

5. I agree completely  
 4. I mostly agree  
 3. I'm not sure  
 2. I mostly disagree  
 1. I disagree completely





# LET'S PLAY!

How many Valentine's Day words can you remember?  
Write a word for every letter. Use a timer to set the time limit.

A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

I

J

K

L

M

N

O

P

Q

R

S

T

U

V

W

X

Y

Z



# VOCABULARY

Discuss the words below. Do you know their meaning?  
Why are they associated with the Valentine's Day?



couple



single



hug



date



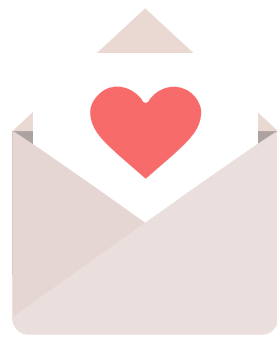
ring



proposal



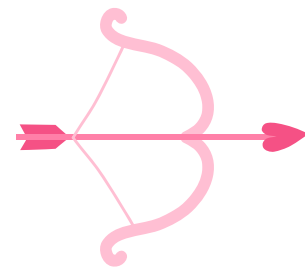
wedding



letter



get married



bow & arrow



bouquet



broken heart



break up



jewellery



balloons



chocolates



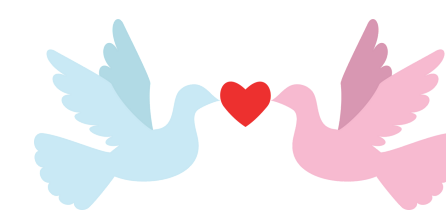
relationship



present/gift



conversation  
hearts



love doves

# VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

single

married

ring

hug

wedding

break up

couple

arrow

proposal

bouquet

1. A beautiful .....was walking down the street.
2. He was .....and looking for a date.
3. She had a fantastic ..... on her finger.
4. His ..... was so romantic.
5. They planned their .....together. Nobody else helped them.
6. He gave her a big ..... to cheer her up.
7. After 3 years of dating they finally got .....
8. Months later, they decided to .....
9. He bought her a ..... of flowers for Valentine's Day.
10. Cupid shot an ..... at them and they fell in love.



# 4 IN A ROW

The goal of the game is to connect four of your squares in a line. All directions (vertical, horizontal, diagonal) are allowed. You also need to make a sentence with the word/phrase from the chosen square. Good luck!



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	relationship	couple	single	balloons	date	ring	proposal	wedding
2	romance	letter	married	compliment	arrow	bouquet	broken heart	happiness
3	break up	jewellery	get married	card	St.Valentine	gift	conversation hearts	boyfriend
4	girlfriend	feelings	hug	kiss	perfume	Cupid	fall in love	Teddy bear
5	relationship	couple	single	balloons	date	ring	proposal	wedding
6	romance	letter	married	compliment	arrow	bouquet	broken heart	happiness
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You are going to read an article about different Valentine's Day traditions around the world.

Try to match the traditions below with the countries.

1. Women give gifts like flowers, chocolates, and candies to men.

2. Younger people give spring flowers called snowdrops along with anonymous notes called "gaekkebrev."

3. Many years ago young unmarried girls woke up early, as it was said the first man they saw before dawn would be their husband within the year.

4. Women have to buy chocolate to show gratitude to male friends and work colleagues.

5. People can take a ride on the Love Bus in hopes of meeting someone special.

6. They spend a sweet 18 billion dollars on candy, cards, chocolates, flowers and jewellery.

7. People in this country give each other big, heart-shaped ginger cookies with messages written on them.

8. People celebrate the Day of Love on July 7th. Men give women beautiful flowers, and the color and number of flowers sent have a different meaning.

a) Germany

b) South Korea

c) USA

d) Denmark

e) Taiwan

f) Italy

g) Japan

h) Estonia



# UNIQUE VALENTINE'S DAY TRADITIONS

Read the article below. Check if your predictions were right.

Valentine's Day is celebrated as a day of love on February 14. It isn't celebrated everywhere, but it's becoming more and more popular worldwide thanks to global media and migration. Which countries celebrate Valentine's Day? What are some of the sweetest Valentine's traditions? Read on to discover more.

## SOUTH KOREA: NOT JUST VALENTINE'S DAY

For young South Korean couples, Valentine's Day is very special. On February 14, women give gifts to men, consisting of flowers, chocolates, and candies. Men do the same on March 14, a day known as "White Day."

Singles also have their special day on April 14, known as "Black Day". Single people gather with friends to eat black noodles, and some even wear black. However, South Korea shifts the focus back to love on June 14, which is the "Day of Kisses".

## ITALIAN TRADITIONS NEW AND OLD

Many years ago young unmarried girls woke up early, as it was said the first man they saw before dawn would be their husband within the year.

Italy now celebrates Valentine's Day in a more modern manner. Couples plan romantic dinners and almost always gift Baci Perugina to one another, which is an Italian candy made from chocolate-covered hazelnuts. The candy wrapper even includes a romantic quote in four different languages.

## MYSTERY NOTES IN DENMARK

Valentine's Day is a new celebration in Denmark - dating back only as far as the 1990s, in fact. Danes have the Netto Supermarket to thank for the tradition, which started selling products with a romantic theme during the month of February. These days, younger Danish people give spring flowers called snowdrops along with anonymous notes called "gaekkebrev." If you guess who sent the note, you get a candy Easter egg when Easter rolls around.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHOCOLATE IN JAPAN

On February 14th, it's women who are expected to buy gifts for the important men in their life - and more specifically, chocolate. There are different names for these chocolate gifts, depending on the relationship:

- Giri-choco, translated as "obligation chocolate" shows gratitude to male friends and work colleagues.
- Honmei-choco is giving for a significant other.
- Jibun-choco is a gift you give to yourself.





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## FINLAND AND ESTONIA: FRIEND'S DAY

Finland and Estonia celebrate Friend's Day on February 14, a day for honoring both friends and significant others. Cards and gifts are still given out, and can be for anyone from a best friend to a neighbour. February 14 is also a popular day to get engaged in both countries. Additionally, Estonia has an interesting tradition for single people - they can take a ride on the Love Bus in hopes of meeting someone special.

## THE UNITED STATES: GO CRAZY

Lovers in the United States go crazy about showing their love to each other: Every year, Americans spend a sweet 18 billion dollars on candy, cards, chocolates, flowers and jewellery. Greeting cards are the most common gift, but not just for couples. Family, friends and schoolchildren also exchange cards with notes of friendship. America's most popular Valentine's Day candy isn't a box of chocolates, though – it's the little conversation hearts with messages like "Be Mine" and "Kiss Me".

## GERMANY: CHOCOLATE PIGS

If someone gave you a chocolate pig for Valentine's Day, would you be surprised? You wouldn't if you lived in Germany. It's traditional to exchange pig-themed gifts with the one you love. Germans also celebrate Valentine's Day with a much tastier version of those "conversation heart" candies: big, heart-shaped ginger cookies with messages written on them.

## TAIWAN: DIFFERENT MEANINGS

The Taiwanese celebrate Valentine's Day and White Day, but they have their own special day of love, too, on July 7th. On this traditional holiday, men give women beautiful flowers, and the color and number of flowers sent have a different meaning. A single red rose means only love, eleven roses means a favorite, ninety-nine roses mean forever, and one hundred and eight means "Will you marry me?"

# UNIQUE VALENTINE'S DAY TRADITIONS

Answer the questions below. Choose the right option/options (sometimes more than 1).

1. On which day do South Korean women give gifts to men?

a) February 14th

b) March 14th

c) April 14th

d) June 14th

2. What do Danish people give on Valentine's Day?

a) Snowdrops

b) Chocolates

c) Gaekkebreve

d) Easter Eggs

3. In Italy, what type of candy is usually gifted on Valentine's Day?

a) Baci Perugina

b) Chocolate pigs

c) Chocolate fruit

d) Giri-choco

4. What is the name of the chocolate gift given to work colleagues in Japan?

a) Honmei-choco

b) Giri-choco

c) Jibun-choco

d) Baci Perugina

5. What is the tradition for single people in Estonia on Valentine's Day?

a) Giving snowdrops

b) Eating black noodles

c) Taking a ride on the Love Bus

d) Cards with notes of friendship



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Answer the questions below. Choose the right option/options (sometimes more than 1).

6. How much money do Americans spend on Valentine's Day gifts each year?

a) 8 billion dollars

b) 18 billion dollars

c) 18 million dollars

d) 28 billion dollars

7. What was the tradition for young unmarried girls many years ago in Italy?

a) Giving snowdrops

b) Eating black noodles

c) Taking a ride on the Love Bus

d) Waking up early to see their future husband.

8. What is a traditional gift exchanged in Germany on Valentine's Day?

a) Chocolate pig

b) Conversation heart candies

c) Big, heart-shaped ginger cookies

d) Snowdrops

9. What does a single red rose mean in Taiwan?

a) Friendship

b) Love

c) Forever

d) Will you marry me?



# TOP-5 QUIZ

*The game can be played individually or in groups.*

*You will see a question. Your task is to try to give the most common answer. If you play in a group, wait until everybody is ready to give their answers, type yours in the chat (Zoom, Skype etc) and then send the message with the answer at the same time with everyone. If you have an individual lesson, play with the teacher. Check the next slide to see how many points you get for your answer. Write down the points.*

*Have fun playing! The answers with the points are the results of the survey (100 real people were asked these questions).*



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name something that people can give as a symbolic present to their significant other on Valentine's Day.



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Name something that people can give as a symbolic present to their significant other on Valentine's Day.

Flowers

**25**

Chocolates

**20**

Jewellery

**15**

Greeting card

**10**

Teddy bear

**5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a romantic place people  
often go on Valentine's Day

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Name a romantic place people often go on Valentine's Day.

Restaurant/Cafe **25**

Cinema **20**

Stay home **15**

Park **10**

Mall **5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a type of flower  
commonly given on  
Valentine's Day.

# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name a type of flower commonly given on Valentine's Day.

Rose

**25**

Tulip

**20**

Daisy

**15**

Lilies

**10**

Chocolate flowers

**5**





# TOP-5 QUIZ



**Name an activity couples do on  
Valentine's Day.**

# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name an activity couples do on Valentine's Day.

Dinner

**25**

Movie

**20**

Give presents

**15**

Walk

**10**

Picnic

**5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a city known for its romantic atmosphere.

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Name a city known for its romantic atmosphere.

Paris

**25**

Venice

**20**

New York

**15**

Rome

**10**

Amsterdam

**5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a sweet treat people give to their loved ones on Valentine's Day.



# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name a sweet treat people give to their loved ones on Valentine's Day.

Chocolates

**25**

Cupcakes

**20**

Macarons

**15**

Candy

**10**

Brownies

**5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a type of gift people give to their partner on Valentine's Day.

# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name a type of gift people give to their partner on Valentine's Day.

Perfume/Cologne

**25**

Jewellery

**20**

Clothing

**15**

Electronic device

**10**

Pet

**5**



# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a type of jewelry people give  
on Valentine's Day.

# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name a type of jewelry people give on Valentine's Day.

Ring

**25**

Bracelet

**20**

Earrings

**15**

Necklace

**10**

Anklet

**5**





# TOP-5 QUIZ



Name a type of romantic  
getaway people take on  
Valentine's Day.

# TOP-5 QUIZ

Name a type of romantic getaway people take on Valentine's Day.

Beach vacation

**25**

Ski trip

**20**

Another city

**15**

Cruise

**10**

Village

**5**

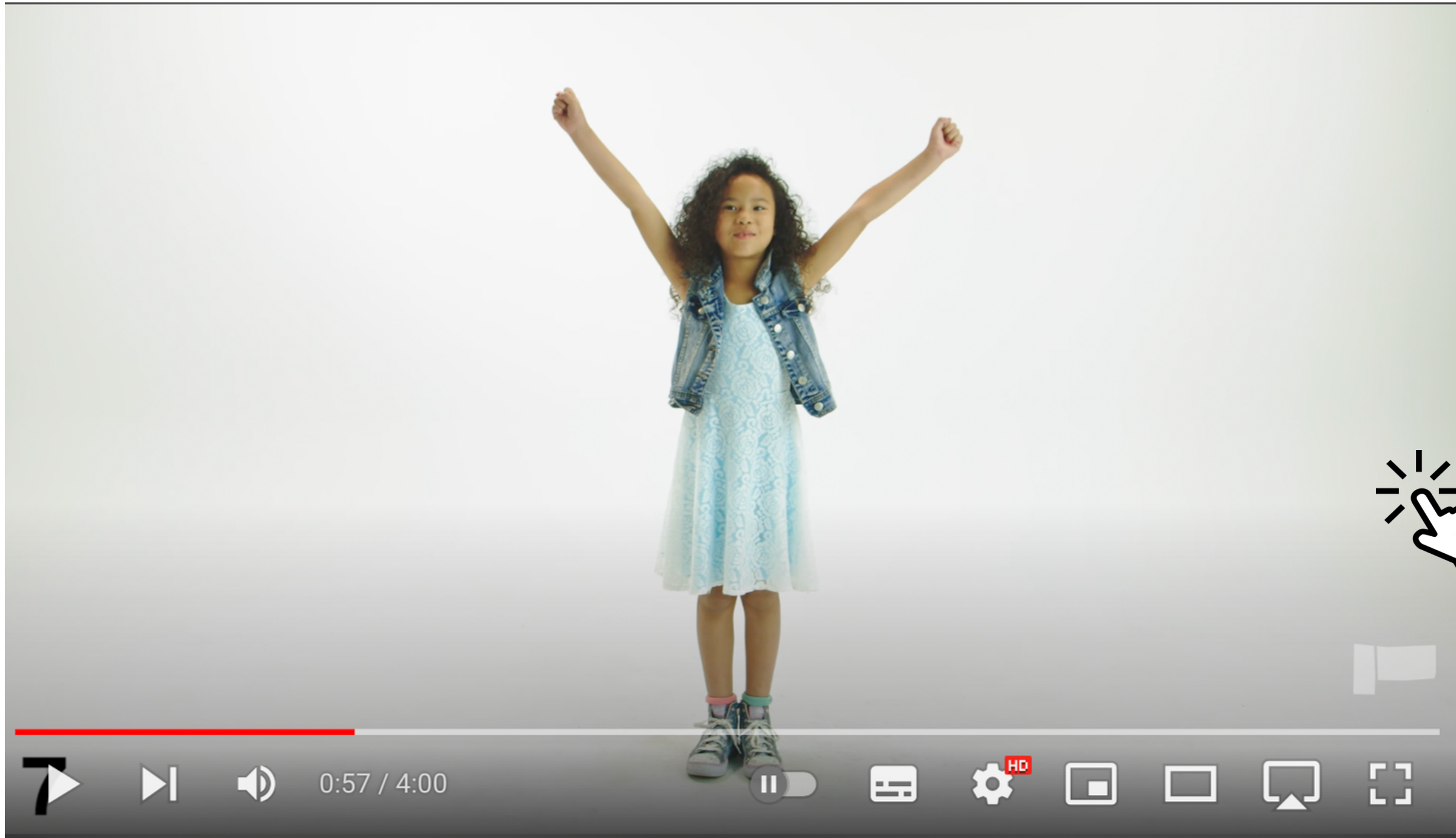




**WHAT MAKES YOU  
FEEL LOVED?**

# WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL LOVED?

Watch the video and fill in the blanks in the sentences below.



1. I am in a co-dependent ..... with my dog.
2. I guess just proof that someone's ..... about you.
3. Sometimes when I ..... my family and we get to eat popcorn all night.
4. When I get a big ..... when I see someone.
5. When people appreciate what I .....
6. Talking to somebody and really feeling like they understand you and they .....
7. I appreciate when people ..... me, because that's the one thing we can never get back.
8. When I'm ..... with a big smile.
9. Someone listening to me, ..... about me.
10. Just feeling like you ..... to someone else is a pretty amazing feeling.



# WHAT MAKES YOU FEEL LOVED?

Discuss the questions below. Express your opinion.



1. Can you name at least 5 things from the video that make people feel loved?
2. How do you show your love?
3. Are there any materialistic things that make you feel loved?
4. What is the best way to show someone that you understand them?
5. Is there any specific age when we get more love?



# QUIZLET SET

*Learn and practice today's vocabulary.*



# EXTRA ACTIVITY

Replace the highlighted words in the sentences with the words below.

Make changes if needed.

hug

break up

bouquet

start a relationship

couple

proposal

jewellery

wedding

get married

single

1. Many people give a beautiful bunch of flowers to their sweetheart on Valentine's Day .
2. If two people have been together for a long time, they may decide to make it official.
3. Their end of the relationship was so sad, everyone was shocked.
4. The moment when he asked her to marry him was so romantic. He had planned it perfectly.
5. Jane squeezed her boyfriend tight and said "I love you".
6. When someone is not ready for love, they might prefer to be alone.
7. Wedding rings are a type of expensive accessories which show that two people are in love.
8. A special party is usually organized when two people get married.
9. I know two people who are in love, but never celebrate this holiday.
10. Some people choose to never get connected with anyone and stay alone.





**THANK YOU!**

