

Should we celebrate St. Valentine's Day in our country?



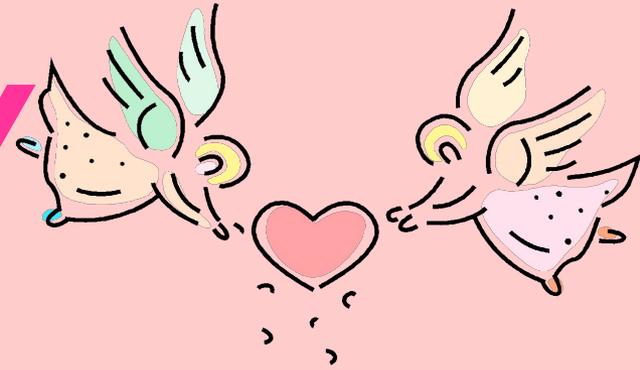
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Objectives:

- To improve English;***
- To communicate;***
- To listen;***
- To make a conclusion about a problem;***
- To relax;***
- For good mood.***

History



Last century, sweethearts of both sexes would spend hours fashioning a homemade card or present. The results of some of those painstaking efforts are still preserved in museums. Lace, ribbon, wild flowers, colored paper, feathers, and shells, all were put to use.

The custom of celebrating St. Valentine's Day can be traced to those festivals, called Lupercalia.

One was that the first person you saw on Valentine's Day would be your valentine.



In Shakespeare's time,

For Ophelia wanted to be «betime» at Hamlet's window. She sang:

*«To-morrow is Saint Valentine's Day,
All in the morning betime,
And I a maid at your window,
To be your valentine !»*



14 February has been considered a good Time to choose your lover because it is in the mating season of birds!



In Britain

Did you know?



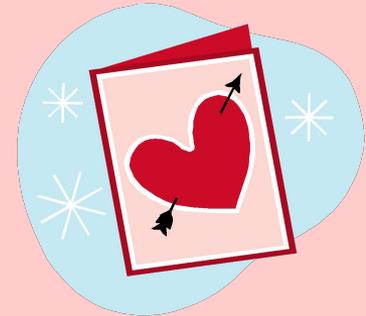
*Traditionally men propose to women.
In Britain, men often choose Valentine's
Day to make their marriage proposal.*

*But on Valentine's Day in a leap year
women can propose marriage to their
lovers!*

In America

A few facts about Valentine's Day in the U.S.

- 1. 63% of American celebrate it.*
- 2. Teachers receive the most Valentine's cards.*
- 3. American teenagers sent 650 million Valentine's cards last year.*
- 4. Hallmark, America's biggest card company, has more than 2,000 different designs and messages for Valentine's day.*
- 5. 43% of Americans give candy.*
- 6. 25% of Americans go out for a special Valentine's meal.*



From Walt Disney's

« Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs »

Some Day My Prince Will Come

Words by Larry Churchill

*Some day my prince will come,
Some day I'll find my love,
And how thrilling that moment will be,
When the prince of my dreams comes to me.*



Today

The modern way in which this is done is through the sending of Valentine cards on this day, as a token of love to a person of the opposite sex, unsigned, of course.



FOR



- *I like the cool girls and the red, red roses.
The chocolate may melt but there is no better
day than Valentine's!*

Stephen, 17,UK

- *Valentine's Day is so cool! You get loads of
cards and presents, you get flattering emails
and guys take you out to romantic places!
Yippee!*

Anne,15,US

AGAINST

- *I hate Valentine's Day. It breaks hearts and leaves many people feeling lonely.*

Lucy, 16, UK

- *To me, Valentine's Day is just like any other day. I don't see why people are romantic for only a short period of time.*

James, 14, US

St. Valentine's Day.

Is it popular in our country?

- *Do you like this holiday?*
- *How many valentines do you send every year?*
- *How many valentines did you receive last year?*
- *Was it a big surprise for you?*
- *Is it a wonderful day in a year?*



Love is ...



*Love keeps you warm
On a cold winter's day.*



*Is this great
feeling for everybody?*

*Who is so nice who is so kind,
Another so dear you'll never find?
My mother.*

*Great love doesn't come
at once. It is necessary
to understand it in a
proper way and to be
able to express this
great feeling. First of all
our mother helps us to
do this.*



Friends! Friends! Friends!

*I have some friends I love!
We always have a lot of fun
From early morning to set of sun.*



*Our friends take care of us
always.*

Masha: There are my mother, father, sister, brother and I in my family.

Dasha: Is that all?

Masha: No, there are some other relatives.

Dasha: But not only relatives surround us.

Masha: And who else?



*And once upon a time great love
will come.*

*I'll be your sweetheart,
If you will be mine,
All of my life
I'll be your Valentine...*



How can we celebrate this holiday?

- *Let's think!*



- *You can send flowers.*
- *You can make a cake.*
- *You can prepare a romantic evening for your Valentine.*
- *You can send a balloon.*
- *You can put a message in the newspaper.*

You can prepare a romantic evening for your Valentine.



Or you can sing a song.

Love Me Do

*John Lennon –
Paul McCartney*

*Love, love me do,
You know I love you,
I'll always be true,
So please, love me do,
Wo-ho, love me do.*



*Or
you can write
a Valentine's
card.*



***More than 19 million
sentimental Valentine's
cards are sent every 14
February.***



Here are two St. Valentine poems:

*Roses are red
Violets are blue
Sugar is sweet
And so are you.*

*I am like a cabbage
Divided into two;
The leaves I give to others
But the heart I give to you.*

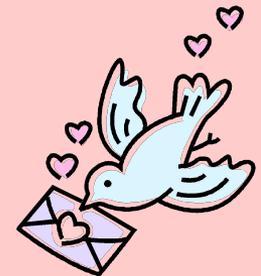


*We put secret codes on the outside
of the envelopes, like*

*SWALK, that means Sealed with a
loving kiss;*

ITALY, I trust and love you;

*HOLLAND, Hope our love lasts and
never dies.*



«When I'm sixty-four»

*Will you still need me,
Will you still feed me,
When I'm sixty-four?*



To sum up,

This European tradition came to Russia too, but a lot of people say,

«If you love somebody, you should show it every day, not only one day a year».



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