"Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get – only with what you are expecting to give – which is everything."

Katharine Hepburn (1907 – 2003), American actress

1. Love Discussion

1. What is love?
2. Who do you love and why? What things do you love?
3. What is romance? What are some romantic gestures?
4. What are some of your favourite romantic films? Do you have any favourite love songs?
5. Do you do anything special for Valentine's Day? Has Valentine's Day become just another commercial holiday? Does it have any real meaning?
6. What would be your perfect romantic evening? Where would you like to go for a romantic getaway?
7. What are the most romantic cities in the world? Which nationalities do you think are the most romantic?
8. Are men or women more romantic?

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2. Love Vocabulary

- **love at first sight** (saying) – *an initial strong feeling of attraction or love when meeting someone for the first time.*
- **to fall head over heels in love (with someone)** (verb) – *to start to fall completely in love with someone*
- **broken heart** (noun) – *extreme sorrow or depression as a result of the end of a romantic relationship.*
- **match made in heaven** (noun) – *two people who make a perfect relationship.*
- **love-hate relationship** (noun) – *a relationship characterised by simultaneous feelings of love or admiration and hate or irritation.*
- **soulmate** (noun) – *a person who would make the perfect friend or romantic partner due to their personality, beliefs or values.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. He loved cooking. She loved eating. It was a **match made in heaven**.
2. I knew she was my **soulmate** when she told me she had seen all the Star Wars films including the animated series.
3. She conveniently **fell head over heels in love** with him after he won the lottery.
4. She has a **love-hate relationship** with her husband. One day she'll be singing his praises; the next day she'll be calling him an idiot.
5. The best cure for a **broken heart** is chocolate, ice cream and plenty of cocktails.
6. The very first time Prince William locked eyes on Kate Middleton across the room, he knew it was **love at first sight**.

Love vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Do you believe in love at first sight?
2. What would make you fall head over heels in love with someone?
3. What's the best way to mend a broken heart?
4. Which couples are a match made in heaven?
5. Do you have a love-hate relationship with anyone?
6. Does everyone have a soulmate waiting for them somewhere? How would you describe yours?

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3. Video: The History of Valentine's Day

You are going to watch a video called "History of Valentine's Day" by History.

Watch the video here: https://yourenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-love/

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. Valentine's Day is best celebrated by whom?

   a) a couple *b) a single person* *c) a divorcee*

2. How would you describe the history of the origins of Valentine's Day?

   a) accurate ***b) ambiguous*** *c) unknown*

3. Who celebrated a festival known as Lupercalia?

   a) Christians *b) Jews* ***c) Pagans***

4. What was sacrificed during the Lupercalia festival?

   a) an animal *b) a woman* *c) a child*

Sentence completion

5. In an attempt to Christianise the Lupercalia festival in the **5th** century, Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as Saint Valentine's Day.
6. As homesick men did not make good soldiers, Claudius II **banned** marriages.
7. In defiance of Claudius II, Father Valentine married young couples in **secret**.
8. Couples married by Father Valentine would visit him in prison and bring him **flowers** and notes.

Short answer

9. Who was the Roman god of love? **Cupid**
10. How many roses are bought in the US each Valentine's Day? **180 million**
11. How many heart-shaped boxes of candy are sold? **(almost) 36 million**
12. How much is Valentine's Day worth to the US economy? **(almost) $14 billion**

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4. Love Conversation Questions

1. What makes people fall in love with each other?
2. What is true love? Does true love exist?
3. Is "I love you" the most difficult thing to say?
4. Is romance dead in the modern world? Why or why not?
5. How do you show someone you love them?
6. What is the difference between love and attraction?
7. Why does love exist? Is love anything more than a chemical reaction in the brain?
8. Should we love everyone? Do you love everyone? How can we learn to love ourselves more?

5. Love Writing Task

Write about your opinion of love. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- What love is.
- How to show you love someone.
- Why we need love.

Alternative exam practice question:

Some people say that romance is dead in the modern world compared to how it was in the past. Do you agree or disagree?

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