

Valentine's Day



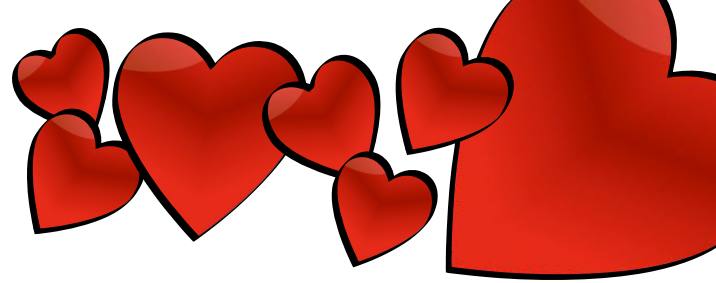
A: Valentine's Day is coming soon. Are you excited?
B: No, I'm not a big fan of Valentine's Day.
A: Really? But it's so much fun. Why don't you like it?
B: I always have to buy chocolate for everyone I work with.
 My boss gets upset if he doesn't get any.
A: What? I've never heard anything like that.
B: Yeah, it's a modern Japanese tradition. It's obligatory.
A: Well that's no fun.
B: I know. What about you?
A: I'm excited! I'm going to take my girlfriend out for dinner.
 I got her a really nice necklace.
B: Wow! That sounds serious. Are you going to propose?
A: No way! I think it's pretty normal for most Canadians
 though. We always do that in North America.
B: Wow. She's so lucky.

1	It	is obligatory to	buy chocolate	for my boss.
	I	have to	do something	for my coworkers.
2	I was	heartbroken	but	I got over it.
		very upset		I'm ok now.
3	Are you	going to	propose to her?	
			ask her to marry you?	



A: I'm so excited for Valentine's Day.
B: Yeah? What are you planning to do?
A: My boyfriend is planning something special.
B: That's sweet. What did he do last year?
A: Actually we just met a few months ago. It's our first
 Valentine's Day together, so he has to do something nice.
B: Oh, I see. I don't have plans this year.
A: I'm sorry. I forgot. You and your girlfriend broke up on your
 anniversary, right?
B: Yeah. I was heartbroken at first, but I got over it.
A: Aww. That's good. Well, I hope you meet someone nice.
B: Thanks.

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A: Valentine's Day is coming soon. Are you excited?
B: No, I don't really like Valentine's Day.
A: Really? Why don't you like it?
B: Every year, I have to buy chocolate for a lot of people.
A: Really?
B: Yeah, it's a tradition. What about you?
A: I'm so excited. I'm going to take my girlfriend out for dinner. I got her a really nice necklace.
B: That's so sweet. Where are you going to go?
A: We're probably going to go somewhere fancy.
B: Wow. She's so lucky.

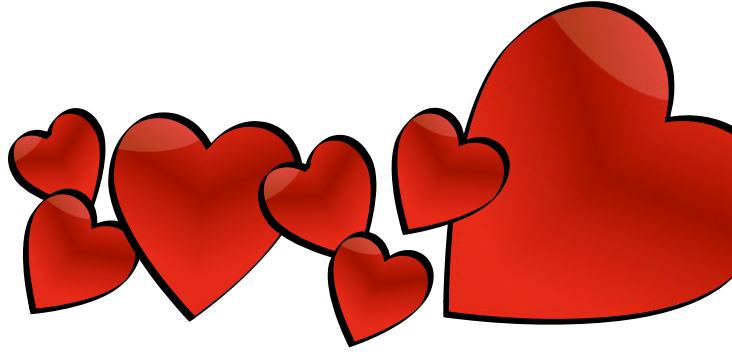


We're going to	go	somewhere	special.
	do	something	nice.
	meet	someone	interesting.
	go out	sometime	soon.



A: I'm so excited for Valentine's Day.
B: Yeah? What are you going to do?
A: My boyfriend is planning something special.
B: That's sweet.
A: Valentine's Day is our anniversary. So, he has to do something nice.
B: Okay. I don't have plans this year. I'm single.
A: Ah! Sorry. I forgot you and your girlfriend broke up.
B: Yeah. I was heartbroken at first, but I'm okay now.
A: Aww. That's good. Well, I hope you meet someone nice.
B: Thanks.

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Saint Valentine's Day is an annual holiday held on the 14th of February. It celebrates love and romance between couples. Valentine's Day is named after a Christian martyr. In 1969, the Catholic Church deleted St. Valentine's Day as an official holiday, but it was so popular that the secular holiday continues to be wildly popular today. Now, it is celebrated in different ways around the world. In Japan, women give chocolate to men. Men should give something to women in return on White Day held on March 14th. Unfortunately, many men "forget" to give something back to the women.

- What's the best / worst Valentine's Day gift you've ever received / given?
- Do you believe in "true love," "soul mates," or "love at first sight?"
- How do people in your country celebrate Valentine's Day?
- What do you plan on doing this year for Valentine's Day?
- What do you consider a good place for a first date?
- What kind of Valentine's Day cards do you like?
- Have you ever dated someone you met online?
- What qualities do you look for in a partner?
- Have you ever gone on a blind date?
- Do you remember your first crush?
- Do you have a favorite romantic movie?
- When was the last time you attended a wedding?



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Using the worksheet

Valentine's Day can be a fun discussion topic for exploring culture and how it's celebrated differently in each country. Obviously, use care when talking about things like dating. Know your students and their level of comfort or interest in the topic.

Take care:

The language on the first page is more challenging than the conversations on page two.

Warm up and finish with open conversations about related topics such as the perfect date, Valentine's Day in their country, how they met their husband or wife, etc.

1. Read the first conversation as your students listen.

Variation: Have two of the students read while others listen and report.

2. Ask follow-up questions and confirm understanding.

3. Practice and drill the key sentence patterns as necessary.

4. Discussion. Have students talk about themselves.

Variation: Have students talk about characters in a TV show or movie so they don't have to talk about their private lives if they don't want to.

Variation: Introduce the culture of Valentine's Day with some idioms or articles about the holiday. For business people, search for stories related to the business of Valentine's Day with product sales numbers, investments, advertising, or product reviews.

Have a suggestion, request or idea? Notice a typo or want to suggest a change? Write in!

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