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Red Roses, the flowers of love.

On Valentine's Day red roses are the preferred flower to gift to loved ones. The rose was also the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love.

How many roses is too many?

1 One rose means love at first sight

3 Three roses are given for a one-month anniversary.

9 A bouquet of nine says, 'We'll be together forever'

12 Twelve roses, send the message 'Be Mine!'

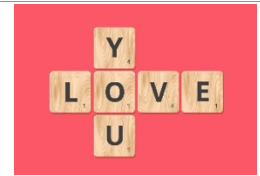
15 'I'm sorry' or 'Forgive me'

Be careful!

As we know, customs and traditions change from country to country. If your sweetheart is from Eastern Europe, don't give an even number of flowers. This is only done at funerals.

In UK, dark red roses symbolize death. So, maybe it's safer and cheaper to give carnations?

February



February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March.

— Dr. J. R. Stockton

While we all know February for being the month of love and chocolate, did you know that:

♥ Its name in Latin means purification and it was named after the Roman spring-cleaning festival.

♥ It is one of the most misspelled words in the English language...Even the White House misprinted it as 'Febuary in the past'

♥ In the movie industry it is seen as a 'down period' for new releases. Statistically, people are less likely to go to the cinema in January and February

'I love you!' In the languages of our teachers.

1. **Rwy'n dy garu di** - Welsh
2. **Te quiero!** - Spanish
3. **Te iubesc!** - Romanian
4. **Szeretlek!** - Hungarian
5. **Seni seviyorum-** Turkish
6. **Te amo** - Portuguese
7. **U-hibuk** - Arabic
8. **Je t'aime!** - French
9. **Mahal kita** - Tagalog
10. **Is tú mo ghrá** - Irish



Love Vocabulary

1. Head over heels

To be 'head over heels' means to be excited or totally in love with someone or something.

- *He's fallen **head over heels** in love with his boss.*
- *Sam was **head over heels** in love with his new bride.*

2. to go on a blind date

to go on a date with someone you've never met before

- *I've gone on a few **blind dates**, but there was never any chemistry.*

3. Chemistry

a strong mutual attraction

- *In my experience, if there's no **chemistry**, the relationship isn't going to last.*

4. Lovesick

Unhappy because of being in love with someone who often does not love you back

5. to be an item

to be in a relationship

- *We've **been an item** for about 3 months.*

What else is going on in February?

Pink Shirt Day – Anti-Bullying Day



It is a day when people all over the world join forces against bullying by wearing pink shirts to school or work.

Pink Shirt Day falls on **the last Wednesday of February every year**; join us on February 23rd, 2022 in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness for anti-bullying.

Rio Carnival



Feb 25th – Mar 5th

Carnival is a wild celebration of food, alcohol, music and fun. It's held annually for a few days before the start of Lent, the 40-day period of fasting, abstinence and repentance that's observed by the Roman Catholic Church before Easter.

Groundhog Day



Did you see the movie?

Groundhog Day is a 1993 American comedy, starring Bill Murray as a cynical TV weatherman.

Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2. If the weather is sunny, a groundhog emerging from its burrow on this day would be frightened by its own shadow, and retreat to its den and winter is said to persist for six more weeks; if it's a cloudy day, the groundhog will end its hibernation and spring can be expected to arrive early.

valentine`s day traditions around the world



On Jan. 25th, lovers in Wales exchange handcrafted wooden spoons.



In Bulgaria, Winemakers Day is celebrated.



October 9th is when Spain celebrates love with 'Mocadora' handkerchief wrapped marzipan figurines.



In Argentina they celebrate the 'Week of sweetness' in July instead.



In Ghana, Feb. 14 is National Chocolate Day!



Sisters' Meal Festival of March 15th is the celebration of love in Southwest China, with women wearing the most beautiful silver accessories and adorned dresses.

♥ Happy Valentine's Day!

Did you know



If you put 5 bay leaves under your pillow, you will see your future husband in your dream.



If you are in UK, all valentine cards and presents are sent anonymously. It's so much fun guessing who they could be from.

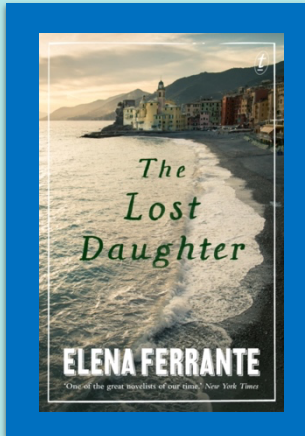


If you and your partner watch Tokyo tower lights being turned off at midnight on Valentine's Day, you'll stay together, forever.

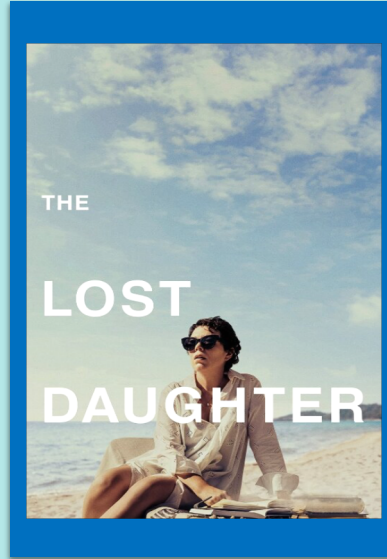


If you visit Tokyo Disneyland with your partner, superstition says that you'll end up **3** splitting up!

Movie Corner



The book



The Lost Daughter

A psychological drama film released in Japan on the last day of 2021, is based on the same title novel by Elena Ferrante. It is directed by actress Maggie Gyllenhaal, whom you may remember from her role in *Mona Lisa Smile*, alongside Julia Roberts. Olivia Colman and Dakota Johnson, together with the actors in the supporting roles, do a marvelous job at conveying the drama and complexity of motherhood in this enchanting and enigmatic Greek island setting.

Let Us Know

For last month's 'Drive my Car' LIFT movie pick, one of our students reported that it was a very boring movie that she and her husband nearly walked out of. Not a very encouraging review. How about you? Did you get a chance to watch it?

Have you borrowed any reading materials from our Book Club yet? We encourage you to accept the challenge, start with the 200 words ones and gradually work your way up to the more difficult ones.

If you have any questions or want some advice about how to improve your English, we would be happy to set up a time for a chat.

Study Tips

15 Ways to Improve Memory
by @inner_drive | www.innerdrive.co.uk

- Write things down
- Read More
- Chunking
- Little and Often
- Acronyms (KISS, RTW, OMG, S.C.U.B.A.)
- Make it a Story
- Practice, Practice, Practice
- Say things out loud (Blah, blah, blah, blah...)
- Silly Sentences
- Teach it to someone else
- Superior Focus
- Ask Why
- Test Yourself
- Drink Water
- Get Enough Sleep