

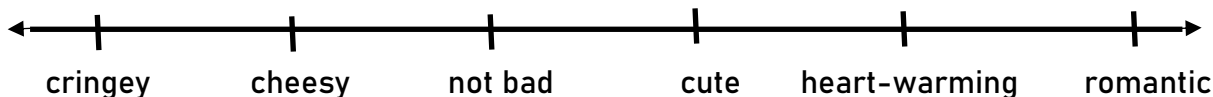
Valentine's Day

"All you need is love" – John Lennon

- Do you like Valentine's Day?
- What is your least favourite holiday?
- What would your perfect date be?
- Do you like romantic movies or songs?
- Have you ever received a present or a card for Valentine's Day? What was it?



 1. Read through the romantic quotes below with a partner and put them on a scale between "cringey" and "romantic."



Note: Cheesy means something that has been done so many times before that many people are tired of it. You can think something is cheesy but still like it. Eg. "I know it's cheesy, but I still like it when a man buys me flowers."

- "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." – Dr Seuss.
- "Love is friendship on fire." – Susan Sontag
- "The best smell in the world is a man that you love". – Jennifer Anniston
- "I loved you yesterday, I love you still, I always have, and always will." -Elaine Davis
- "I saw that you were perfect, and so I loved you. Then I saw that you were not perfect and I loved you even more." -Angelita Lim
- "I fell in love with you like you would fall asleep. Slowly and then all at once." – John Green
- "Love is shown more in actions than in words." – Saint Ignatius
- "You're the closest to heaven that I will ever be." -The Goo Goo Dolls

Rather and Prefer

The words "rather" and "prefer" mean that we like one thing more than another.

Eg. "I would rather have a picnic in the park than go to a restaurant."

These words are often used with "would."

"Prefer" is often followed by *to + base verb*, but rather is followed by the base verb without the "to."


Eg. "I'd prefer to stay at home tonight." vs "I'd rather stay at home tonight."

Note: "would" is often shortened to "d", as seen in the examples above.

 2. Ask and answer the questions below with a partner. Give reasons for your answer.

- a) Would you rather go to a restaurant or have a picnic in the park?
- b) Would you prefer to get flowers or chocolates for Valentine's Day?
- c) Would you rather spend a romantic weekend in Hawaii or in New York?
- d) Would you rather live 100 years in the future or 100 years in the past?
- e) Would you rather your partner forgets Valentine's Day or forgets your anniversary?
- f) Would you prefer to only eat pizza for five years or never eat pizza again?
- g) Would you prefer to plan a holiday with your partner or have them surprise you with a holiday they have planned alone?
- h) Would you rather live for 300 years or get 100 million dollars?



 3. Think of three of your own "would you rather" questions about any subject and ask your partner your questions.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

4. Look at the ideas for dates below and match them to the words in the box. Can you think of any more good date ideas?

art museum	scuba diving	hiking	fancy restaurant
ice skating	dance class	go-karting	flea market

a)



b)



c)



d)



e)



f)



g)



h)





5. Pairwork: look at the dates from exercise 4 and ask your partner at least 5 “would you rather” questions about some of the dates.

Eg. “Would you rather go to a flea market or do a dance class?”

Rhetorical Questions

Rhetorical questions are questions which the speaker does not really want an answer for, and is trying to make a point with the question.

Eg. “I think Valentine’s Day is too focused on buying things. Why do I need to buy something to show my girlfriend I love her?”

These questions can be a great way of emphasizing your point.



6. Read the quotes below from people talking about Valentine’s Day and put the correct rhetorical question at the end of each quote. Which opinions do you agree with?

- a) Why should I feel bad just because other people are happy?
- b) Why should we wait until one specific day of the year to do something romantic?
- c) Why does it have to be such a big deal?
- d) Why does it just have to be about romantic love?
- e) Why do I have to get something for her when she doesn’t get anything for me?


Sasha: “I love it, but I don’t celebrate it the way most people do. I make silly Valentine’s cards for my friends and family, and I often buy my sister a box of chocolates and eat them with her.?”

Dan: “Me and my girlfriend argue every year over Valentine’s Day, I hate it. I buy her chocolates or flowers, but she says I need to get her something bigger. The funny thing is she never buys anything for me.?”

Mel: “I don’t really get Valentine’s Day. I can go on a romantic date with my husband any time I want. I would rather him surprise me with something romantic on a random day than do a cheesy Valentine’s Day date.?”

Charlie: “I have been single every Valentine’s Day of my life! But I don’t let that get me down, I still think the idea of celebrating love is great.?”

Jen: “I don’t mind Valentines Day as long as my partner keeps it simple. I don’t want a big date or a huge present, I just want to spend time with him and have some wine and chocolate.?”

 **7. Write your own opinion of Valentine's Day below. Try to finish your opinion with a rhetorical question to emphasize your point.**

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 **8. Liam is asking his friend Debbie for some advice for a Valentine's Day date. Listen to the audio and answer the questions.**

- a) How does Debbie feel about Valentine's Day and why?
- b) What did Liam and his girlfriend do last year for Valentine's Day?
- c) Does Debbie know Liam's girlfriend well?
- d) What type of valentine's date does Debbie prefer?
- e) Why doesn't Liam want to go scuba diving?
- f) What date does Liam choose in the end? Do you think you would enjoy this date?