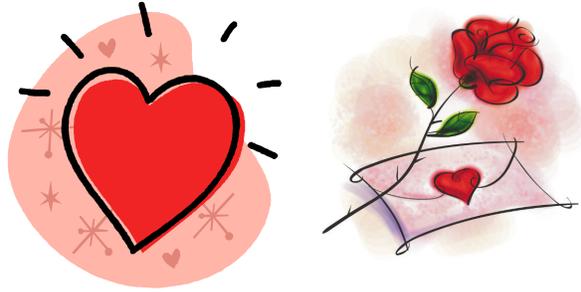


Valentine's Day and Relationships

Welcome to Talk Time!

How are you? How was your week?
Discuss the idiom of the week – “Spend time”



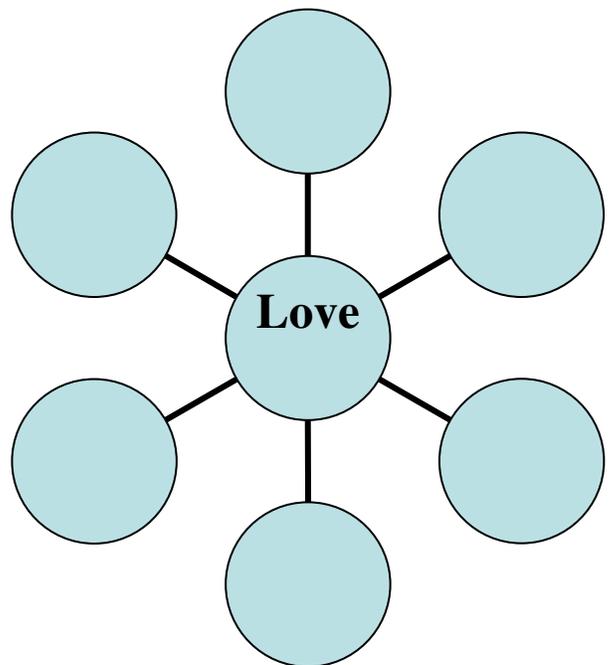
Let's get started

Read about Valentine's Day together.

Valentine's Day is on February 14th. It is a special day to celebrate love and friendship. Many people give Valentine's Day gifts. Popular gifts include cards, candy, and flowers. Children often sign Valentine's Day cards and bring them to school for their classmates.

Discuss these questions in pairs or groups of three.

- Do you celebrate Valentine's Day? Why or why not? If yes, how do you celebrate?
- Is there a special day in your country when people celebrate love and friendship?
- How do you show love and affection for your family or friends? (For example, do you like to give gifts, give hugs, write encouraging notes?)
- What is your definition of love? When you hear the word “love,” what other words do you think of? Write the words in the diagram.



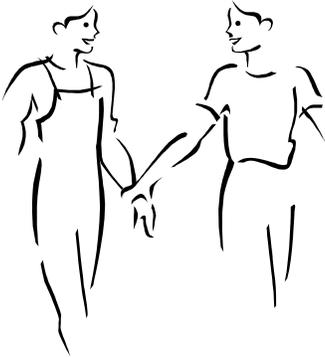
Share something from your conversation with the group.

Conversation skills

As we discuss, let's ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase “Tell me more.” The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

Discussion:

Discuss these questions as a group.



How do people in your native country show love and affection? Do people hold hands, kiss, or hug in public? Do couples go on dates? Explain.

How do you like to spend time with your spouse or partner? How do you like to spend time with your family and friends? (For example, do you like to go to the movie theater, eat dinner together, go to a park?)

Is it common to say, “I love you” in your native country? When do people say, “I love you?”

What are some qualities that you think are important in a spouse or partner? What qualities are important in a friend?

Describe a typical wedding ceremony in your native country.

What is the common age for people to get married in your native country? How old do you think people should be when they get married?



In some countries, family members or professional matchmakers arrange marriages. In other countries, men and women choose their own spouses. What are the dating and marriage customs in your native country?

What differences have you noticed between marriage in your native country and marriage in the United States?



What do you think about interfaith or multicultural marriages? Are these kinds of marriages common in your native country?

What are some advantages of being single?

At what age do you think people should begin dating? Why?

What is your favorite love story (book, movie, TV show)? Why?

What do you think about Internet dating? Have you heard of any successful relationships that began on the Internet?

Group Reflection:

What did you learn today? What do you want to talk about next week?