

Valentine's Day – Glossary

according to preposition

used for stating where information or ideas have come from:

According to newspaper reports, fighting has broken out in the northern provinces.

aftershave noun [count or uncount]

a liquid with a nice smell that a man puts on his face after shaving

anonymous adjective

if someone is anonymous, no one knows their name:

an anonymous caller

army noun [count]

a large organization of soldiers who are trained to fight wars on land:

an army officer/colonel

calendar noun [count]

a list of important events and the dates on which they take place:

one of the major events of the sporting calendar

celebrate verb

to do something enjoyable in order to show that an occasion or event is special:

They're celebrating the end of their exams.

copy verb

to do something in the same way as someone else:

Children learn by copying their parents.

couple noun [count]

two people who are married to each other, or who have a romantic relationship with each other

curious adjective

wanting to find out about something:

People were curious to know why the accident happened.

emperor noun [count]

a man who rules an empire

equivalent adjective

of the same size, value, importance, or meaning as something else:

The price is pound30,000, or the equivalent amount in Euros.

exchange verb

to give someone something in return for something that they give you:

We exchanged addresses and promised to write to one another.

excitement noun [uncount]

the feeling of being excited:

The long wait only added to our excitement.

explanation noun [count or uncount]

a reason that you give for something that has happened or something that you have done:

I expected an explanation and an apology.

fall in love phrase

to start to love someone

gift noun [count]

something that you give to someone as a present:

He bought gifts for everyone.

guarantee verb

to make it certain that something will happen or will exist:

This win guarantees them a place in the final.

heart noun [count]

a shape that represents love

illegal adjective

not allowed by the law:

It is illegal for employers to discriminate on the grounds of race.

marriage noun [count or uncount]

the relationship between two people who are husband and wife:

a long and happy marriage

order verb

to tell someone to do something, in a way that shows that you have authority:

The judge ordered Hill to serve five years in prison for the robbery.

partner noun [count]

someone who you live with and have a sexual relationship with:

Are partners invited to the office party?

perform verb

to complete an action or activity:

He's a surgeon who has performed many heart transplant operations.

perfume noun [count or uncount]

a liquid with a pleasant smell that you put on your skin

priest noun [count]

someone whose job is to perform religious duties and ceremonies in some Christian churches:

a Roman Catholic priest

relationship noun [count]

a situation in which two people are sexual or romantic partners:

I was already in a relationship when I met Ben.

romantic adjective

involving love, or making you have feelings of love:

We had a romantic dinner in an expensive restaurant.

single adjective

not married, or not in a romantic relationship:

Please state whether you are single, married, or divorced.

soldier noun [count]

someone who is a member of an army

specific adjective

involving or limited to only one particular thing or purpose:

problems that are specific to this type of work

symbolize verb

to be considered as a perfect example of something:

For many people, cars symbolize personal freedom.

tradition noun [count or uncount]

a very old custom, belief, or story:

His son followed the family tradition and entered politics.

unfair adjective

not fair or reasonable:

Two former soldiers have taken the government to court for unfair dismissal (=the fact of being ordered to leave their job for no good reason).

wedding noun [count]

a ceremony in which two people get married:

We wanted a quiet wedding.