

Valentine's Day – Glossary

anti preposition

INFORMAL opposed to someone or something
We're very anti-smoking in this office.

bay leaf noun [countable]

a leaf from a bay tree that is often used in cooking to add flavour

bonfire noun [countable]

a large fire built outside for burning waste. People also have bonfires at parties or celebrations.

bouquet noun [countable]

a collection of flowers, cut and tied together in an attractive way

china noun [uncountable]

plates, cups etc made from a thin hard clay

clay noun [uncountable]

a type of heavy wet soil that becomes hard when it is baked in a kiln (oven)

customary adjective

usual in a particular society or situation

dot noun [countable]

a very small spot of ink or colour

Easter noun [countable/uncountable]

a Sunday in March or April when Christians celebrate the time when Jesus Christ died then returned to life according to the Bible

eligible adjective

considered to be suitable as a marriage partner because you are rich or attractive

He is one of the most eligible bachelors in Europe today.

engaged adjective

if two people are engaged, they have formally agreed to get married

fairy tale noun [countable]

a traditional children's story in which magic things happen

greetings card noun [countable]

a card that you give or send to someone on a special occasion such as their birthday

humorous adjective

funny

lover noun [countable]

someone who is in a loving or sexual relationship with another person

lunar adjective

relating to the moon

marshmallow noun [countable/uncountable]

a soft pink or white sweet with a thick round shape

pillow noun [countable]

a soft object on which you rest your head in bed

pin verb [transitive]

to fasten something, or to hold it in place using a pin (a small thin piece of metal with a sharp point)

romantic adjective

making you have feelings of love and excitement

salt noun [uncountable]

a white substance that is often added to food before or after cooking to improve its flavour. Salt is dug from the ground, or produced from sea water

sender noun [countable]

the person who sent a letter, parcel, email etc

shepherd noun [countable]

a man whose job is to look after sheep

singleton noun [countable]

a person who is not married or is not in a romantic relationship

swap verb [intransitive/transitive]

to give something to someone in exchange for something else

Do you want to swap seats?

token noun [countable]

FORMAL something that you do for someone or that you give them as a way of showing your feelings towards them

He brought her some flowers as a token of his thanks.

weaver noun [countable]

someone whose job is to weave cloth