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