Valentine's Day Conversation Cards

Fifty questions on cut-out cards, one page per level, plus a would-you-rather page and a guessing game. The numbers match the questions and activities in the blog post on esllaboratory.com.

LEVEL	STUDENTS	GROUPING	TIME
A2 to C1	Adults and teens	Pairs or one-to-one	10 to 30 minutes

Four ways to use this pack

PAGES 2 TO 5

1 Speed dating

Cut out the cards for your level. Students sit in two rows, take two cards per pair and talk for three minutes. One row moves one seat, and they swap cards with the next pair.

PAGE 6

2 Would you rather

Students choose a side and finish the sentence with a reason. In pairs, they guess their partner's choice first, then compare.

PAGE 7

3 Guess the answer

Students guess how their partner will answer twelve questions, then ask them and count the right guesses. In one-to-one lessons, the teacher is the partner.

NO PRINTING

4 Written reply

For homework, students choose one B2 or C1 card and answer it in 120 to 150 words. Next lesson, a partner reads it and writes one question back.

Not every student is in love

> Questions 8 to 13, 17, 21, 22, 25, 26, 32, 33 and 50 ask about the student's own love life. The rest ask about customs, money, films and ideas. Start with those, and let any student swap a card without saying why.

Language for the cards

GIVING AN OPINION

To me, Valentine's Day is...
I'm not really into...
It depends on the couple.

REACTING

That's so sweet!
Really? I'd never do that.
Same here. / Not me!

KEEPING IT PRIVATE

I'd rather not say, but in general...
Can I answer about a friend?
Let's take another card.

Slips to listen for

~~I'm in love in you.~~ → **I'm in love with you.**

~~He made me a present.~~ → **He gave me a present.**

~~I'd rather to stay home.~~ → **I'd rather stay home.**

~~She married with a doctor.~~ → **She married a doctor.**

~~I went with my couple.~~ → **I went with my partner.**

~~We know each other since 2019.~~ → **We've known each other since 2019.**

A2 · 1

How do people celebrate Valentine's Day in your country?

A2 · 2

What do people usually buy for Valentine's Day?

A2 · 3

Which is a better gift: chocolate or flowers? Why?

A2 · 4

What is a romantic place in your city?

A2 · 5

What is a good Valentine's gift that costs almost nothing?

A2 · 6

Do cafés and shops in your town change for Valentine's Day? How?

A2 · 7

What is your favorite love song or romantic film?

A2 · 8

Do you prefer to stay home or go out on Valentine's Day?

A2 · 9

Did you give or get Valentine's cards at school?

A2 · 10

What did you do last Valentine's Day?

A2 · 11

Where would you like to go on a perfect date?

A2 · 12

What is the nicest gift a friend or a partner has ever given you?

A2 · YOUR QUESTION

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B1 · 13

Have you ever sent a Valentine's card without your name on it?

B1 · 14

Have you ever forgotten an important date, like a birthday or an anniversary?

B1 · 15

Have you ever planned a surprise for a friend or a partner? How did it go?

B1 · 16

Have you ever asked your grandparents how they met? What did they say?

B1 · 17

Have you ever had a terrible Valentine's Day? What happened?

B1 · 18

Have you ever made a gift with your own hands? What was it?

B1 · 19

Have you ever celebrated Valentine's Day with friends instead of a partner?

B1 · 20

Would you rather get flowers, chocolate or a handwritten card?

B1 · 21

Would you rather have a fancy dinner out or cook together at home?

B1 · 22

Would you rather plan a surprise or ask your partner what they want?

B1 · 23

Would you rather get an expensive gift or a cheap but thoughtful one?

B1 · 24

Would you rather spend February 14 with your best friends or with your family?

B1 · 25

Would you rather hear "I love you" or see it in what your partner does?

B1 · 26

Would you rather your partner posted about you online or kept your relationship private?

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B2 · 27

Is Valentine's Day a celebration of love or a holiday made by shops?

B2 · 28

Why do flowers and restaurants cost more in February? Is that fair?

B2 · 29

Are roses a good gift, or just the easiest one?

B2 · 30

Should couples split the bill on a first date?

B2 · 31

How have dating apps changed the way couples meet?

B2 · 32

Would you use a dating app? Why or why not?

B2 · 33

What is the worst thing your date could do on a first date?

B2 · 34

Do people share too much about their relationships on social media?

B2 · 35

Do romantic films give people the wrong idea about love?

B2 · 36

Which film or TV couple feels the most realistic to you? Why?

B2 · 37

Is it romantic or embarrassing to propose on Valentine's Day?

B2 · 38

How do long-distance couples keep a relationship going?

B2 · YOUR QUESTION

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C1 · 39

Do you believe in soulmates, or is that a story we tell ourselves?

C1 · 40

Can an arranged marriage be as happy as a love marriage?

C1 · 41

Is love a feeling, a choice or both?

C1 · 42

What is the difference between being infatuated and being in love?

C1 · 43

Does Valentine's Day put pressure on single people?

C1 · 44

Is it better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all?

C1 · 45

How has the idea of the perfect partner changed since your grandparents' time?

C1 · 46

Can passion last in a long relationship, or does it turn into something else?

C1 · 47

Is jealousy ever a sign of love?

C1 · 48

Should we celebrate friendship as much as romantic love?

C1 · 49

How much should you change for the person you love?

C1 · 50

If money did not matter, what would a perfect Valentine's Day look like for you?

C1 · YOUR QUESTION

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Alone or in pairs. Choose one side of each question and finish the sentence. In pairs, guess your partner's choice first, then compare. Agree on the one question that split you most and tell the class why.

1

Would you rather **write a love letter on paper** or **send a long voice message**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

2

Would you rather **have a picnic in the park** or **have dinner at an expensive restaurant**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

3

Would you rather **go on a surprise trip** or **plan every detail of the trip together**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

4

Would you rather **get a gift you can eat** or **get a gift you can keep**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

5

Would you rather **celebrate on February 14** or **celebrate on a random Tuesday**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

6

Would you rather **date a person who cooks well** or **date a person who makes you laugh**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

7

Would you rather **watch a romantic comedy on a date** or **watch a horror film on a date**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

8

Would you rather **forget Valentine's Day completely** or **remember it and buy the wrong gift**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

9

Would you rather **have a first date at a museum** or **have a first date at a karaoke bar**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

10

Would you rather **get a song written for you** or **get a poem written for you**?

I'd rather _____ because _____

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Guess the answer

In pairs, or with your teacher. Write your partner's name: _____ Before you speak, guess their answer to every question and write it in **My guess**. Then ask the questions and write **Their answer**. Tick every right guess. Ask one more question about the answer that surprised you most.

	QUESTION	MY GUESS	THEIR ANSWER	RIGHT?
1	Do you celebrate Valentine's Day?			☐
2	Do you prefer chocolate or flowers?			☐
3	Have you ever written a love poem?			☐
4	What is your favorite love song?			☐
5	Is Valentine's Day too commercial?			☐
6	Have you ever bought a gift at the last minute?			☐
7	Do you prefer to go out or stay home on February 14?			☐
8	Which romantic film can you watch again and again?			☐
9	Do you believe in love at first sight?			☐
10	What is the most you would spend on a Valentine's gift?			☐
11	Have you ever made a card by hand?			☐
12	Who is the most romantic person in your family?			☐

Right guesses: _____ / 12

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