

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... to propose (to somebody) | a. something that people normally do in a particular country or culture                                  |
| 2..... a custom                 | b. a present; something that you give to another person  |
| 3..... commercial               | c. without a name  |
| 4..... a gift                   | d. a person who sends a present or card to somebody that he or she likes, but without saying who sent it |
| 5..... a secret admirer         | e. related to buying and selling   |
| 6..... anonymous                | f. to ask somebody to marry you  |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Valentine's Day is on February 14th.                          | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. It's traditional to send cards secretly on Valentine's Day.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. WUBMV means 'Will you buy me a Valentine's card'.             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Chocolates and flowers are popular presents on February 14th. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. It's unlucky to get married on Valentine's Day.               | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. All British people love Valentine's Day.                      | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

### 2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

secret	tradition	Traditionally	anonymous
romance	anonymously	secretly	romantics

- Everyone tries to work out who sent a card and who has a \_\_\_\_\_ admirer.
- Some people prefer to send an \_\_\_\_\_ card or letter instead of signing their name.

3. For true \_\_\_\_\_, the gift of love is enough.
4. I sent a Valentine's card \_\_\_\_\_ to a boy in my class when I was younger.
5. If I like a girl, I don't need to waste money sending her a card just because it's a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. It is traditional to send an anonymous card to anyone you \_\_\_\_\_ love.
7. \_\_\_\_\_, men give chocolates or flowers to their wives or girlfriends.
8. Who says \_\_\_\_\_ is dead?

### 3. Check your vocabulary: multiple choice

Circle the best word to complete these sentences.

1. Is it **traditional** / traditionally / tradition to give presents on February 14th in your country?
2. We have a similar **traditional** / traditionally / tradition but it's in April.
3. I think I've got a **secret** / secretly / secretive admirer!
4. If someone **secret** / secretly / secretive loves you, maybe you'll receive a card on Valentine's Day.
5. Sending a card **anonymously** / anonymous / anonymity is a crazy idea!
6. Don't write your name on the card if you want to be **anonymously** / anonymous / anonymity .
7. Do you think British people are **romance** / romantic / romantically ?
8. He gave me some songs called 'Music for love and **romance** / romantic / romantically '. Do you think he likes me?

#### Discussion

Do you celebrate Valentine's Day in your country? If not, is there a similar day in your country?

What gifts do people usually give in your country?

Do men and women buy each other gifts?

Is it popular with young people, older people or everybody?