

Valentine's Day Vocabulary, Idioms, and Phrasal Verbs

Vocabulary, Idiom, or phrasal verb	Definition	Example
Be in the dog house	to be in a situation in which someone is annoyed with you because of something you have done	<i>He's in the doghouse because he forgot his anniversary.</i>
Be made for each other	to be completely suitable for each other, especially as husband and wife	<i>They were made for each other.</i>
Be on the rocks	a relationship or business that is on the rocks is having a lot of problems and is likely to fail soon	<i>I think their marriage is on the rocks.</i>
Blind date	an arranged meeting between two people who have not met each other before	<i>My friend went on a blind date last week.</i>
Break up with	if a marriage or relationship breaks up, the people in it separate and do not have a relationship anymore	<i>He broke up with his girlfriend last week.</i>
Check (someone) out	to look at someone or something because they are interesting or attractive	<i>He checked out the woman walking by.</i>
Crush	a strong feeling of romantic love for someone, especially if the person doesn't know the other person well	<i>She has the biggest crush on her classmate in math class.</i>
Dump	to end a relationship with someone	<i>He got dumped by his girlfriend last week.</i>
Fall for	to start to love someone	<i>I fell for my husband right after I met him.</i>
Fall head over heels	to love or suddenly start to love someone very much	<i>They are head over heels in love.</i>
Get back together	Start a romantic relationship again after separating	<i>My friend and his girlfriend got back together after they broke up last month.</i>
Get hitched	to get married	<i>They're getting hitched next year.</i>

Ghost	To ignore someone until they go away, rather than directly expressing one's disinterest, especially in virtual communications. This phrase is often applied to failed love connections.	<i>The guy she was talking to online just ghosted her and won't respond to her messages.</i>
Go out with	to have a romantic relationship with someone	<i>They've been going out for a couple of years now.</i>
Have a thing for	To have a romantic infatuation with someone, especially unbeknownst to that person.	<i>He's got a thing for that woman at his work. He wants to ask her out.</i>
Kiss and make up	To forgive each other about something that happened previously.	<i>They had a big fight, but then, they kissed and made up.</i>
Love at first sight	An instance of two people falling in love the first time they see each other	<i>They saw each other from across the room, and it was love at first sight.</i>
Love is blind	To not see any faults in the person you love	<i>I think that her boyfriend is not good-looking at all, but love is blind.</i>
Match made in heaven	People who are perfect together	<i>Those two are a match made in heaven.</i>
Old flame	A former romantic partner	<i>He was surprised when an old flame contacted him after 20 years.</i>
Pop the question	To propose marriage	<i>After three years of dating, he popped the question.</i>
Puppy love	A state of short-lived infatuation or romantic attraction among children or adolescents.	<i>I wouldn't take your son's relationship too seriously. I think it's just puppy love.</i>
Tie the knot	Get married	<i>They tied the knot on Saturday.</i>