

Are you Romantic?

Do you know how to make someone feel special and loved? Or are you a more down-to-earth type of person? Do the quiz and find out.

1. Which one of the following would you most like to receive on Valentine's Day?

- a) A box of chocolates, six red roses, or a bottle of wine.
- b) A pet Chihuahua.
- c) A DVD of spectacular car crashes.

2. Which of the following would you buy for your partner?

- a) A bottle of bubble bath.
- b) A teddy bear.
- c) A special kit to make your own beer.

3. Where would you most like to be with your partner?

- a) In a warm cabin in the mountains.
- b) Watching a three-hour German opera.
- c) On the front row seats at a really exciting Monster truck rally.

4. Where would you most like to live?

- a) Paris, France.
- b) Los Angeles, United States.
- c) Birmingham, England.

5. Which song would you play in the evening?

- a) Strangers in the Night, by Frank Sinatra.
- b) Macho Man, by the Village People.
- c) Highway to Hell, by ACDC.

6. Choose one of the following films to watch on a Saturday night with your partner?

- a) Casablanca starring Humphrey Bogart.
- b) There's Something About Mary starring Cameron Diaz.
- c) First Blood starring Sylvester Stallone.

7. Which book would you most like to read?

- a) "Out of Africa" by Karen Blixen.
- b) "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell.
- c) "The Idiot's Guide" to Digital Photography.

8. Which one of the following is your idea of the perfect afternoon with your partner?

- a) Riding horses through a forest.
- b) Cuddling beside a log fire.
- c) Fixing the car.

9. Which television and film personalities do you prefer?

- a) Julia Roberts and Robert Redford.
- b) Cameron Diaz and Woody Allen.
- c) Marge from the Simpsons and Kenny from South Park.

10. Which restaurant would you most like to go to?

- a) A quiet French restaurant with candles on every table.
- b) A fast-food restaurant.
- c) Ribs 'n Stuff – an American meat restaurant with topless waiters and waitresses.

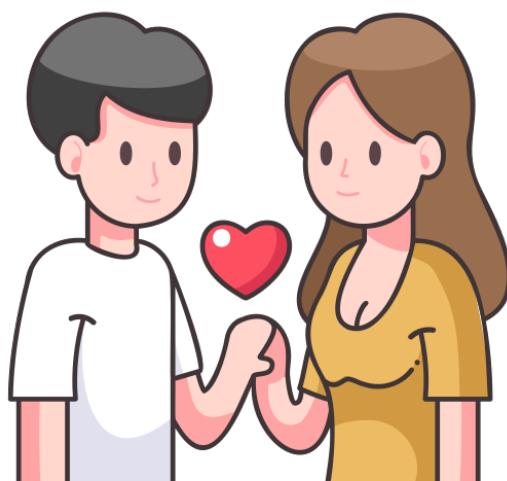
11. How would you most like to be woken in the morning?

- a) By a gentle kiss on my cheek.
- b) By the sound of my alarm clock.
- c) By the smell of fried bacon, sausage and chips wafting through the house.

Mostly "a" = You are truly romantic.

Mostly "b" = You're a timid romantic. Keep working at it.

Mostly "c" = There are hopeless romantics in this world, but you're just hopeless.



Romance

Read the story. What do you think happened next?

I had my first **date** when I was 16, and it was terrible. I took a girl to the cinema but she didn't like the film and looked bored all evening; it was a bad start. Then, when I was 17, I **went out with** a girl for three months, but we **broke up** when she met a boy who was two years older than me, and had a car. My first **serious relationship** was when I went to university. I **got to know** Melanie because we were on the same course. At first we were just friends, then we started going out with each other, and after a few months we realised we were in love. We **got engaged** a couple of years after we left university and then ...

Match the words in bold to their meanings

1. the relationship ended _____
2. had a romantic relationship with _____
3. a planned romantic meeting _____
4. important romantic relationship _____
5. became friends with _____
6. formally agreed to marry _____

Marriage and Children

Read the continuation of the story. Check your ideas. What do you think happened next?

... we **got married** the following year. We didn't want a big **ceremony**, so we had the **wedding** in the local church near Melanie's home with just family and a few friends. afterwards we had the **reception** in a small hotel nearby, and then went on our **honeymoon** to Greece. Just over three years later Melanie **got pregnant**, and our first child, Cal, was born just two days after our fourth wedding **anniversary**. We had a big **celebration**.

Match the words in bold to their meanings

1. became husband and wife _____
2. had a child developing in her body _____
3. an important public event _____
4. the ceremony when people get married _____
5. the wedding party _____
6. a day that is exactly one or more years after an important event _____
7. time when you do something you enjoy because it is a special day _____
8. a holiday just after getting married _____

Divorce

Read the final part of the story. Check your ideas.

Things started to **go wrong** when I got a job as manager of a sportswear company. I was working six days a week and I had to do a lot of traveling. It was difficult for Melanie as well. She was working during the week, then at weekends she was often **alone/on her own** with two young children. I felt I couldn't give up my job, and in the end Melanie decided to **leave** me. The following year we **got divorced**.

Match the words in bold to their meanings

1. the marriage officially ended _____
2. without other people _____
3. become a problem _____
4. stop living with me _____



Exercises

1. Put the events in a logical order.

- I went out with Gabriel.
- We got married.
- I got pregnant three months later.
- We got engaged.
- I got to know Gabriel.
- Our son was born just after our first anniversary.
- We went on our honeymoon.
- I met Gabriel at a party. 1
- We had a big reception.

2. Which words are being defined?

- 1 The big party you have after the wedding. *reception*
- 2 A romantic meeting you plan before it happens.
- 3 The period of time when you are married.
- 4 How you describe a woman who is going to have a baby.
- 5 The day that is exactly one year, or a number of years, after an important event.

3. Complete the dialogues.

- 1 A: When did they get *engaged* ?
B: Last week. They plan to get married in a of years.
- 2 A: Where did they meet?
B: I think he got her at university.
A: And now they're married?
B: Yes, the was last week.
- 3 A: Is it going to be a big wedding?
B: No, they're having a small in the village church.
A: And what about the reception?
B: They're having a reception but no They're going straight back to work.
- 4 A: So, it's all over.
B: Yes. Lily him and moved out last month.
A: Oh dear. Have they had problems for a long time?
B: I think it all started to go when they moved to Woodbridge.
A: And what about Oliver? Is he alone now?
B: Yes, completely on He doesn't want any new relationships yet.
A: But the marriage is definitely over?
B: Yes, I'm afraid they're getting

Speaking

1. Can you remember your first date? (When, and who with?)
2. Can you remember your first serious relationship? (Who was it with? Did you break up, or are you still with the same person?)
3. Whose was the last wedding you went to?
4. What was the last big celebration (other than a wedding) that you went to?

Homework

Write a love story (can be real or made up) using the words from the lesson.

