

Valentine's Day

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Find and circle the solutions in red found in the grid.

Valentine's Day, on February 14th, is the traditional day on which **LOVERS** in the west let each other know about their love. Its obscure origins as a **CATHOLIC CHURCH** feast day were said to be in honor of **SAINT VALENTINE**. The day could not have become associated with romantic love before the **HIGH MIDDLE AGES** when such concepts were formulated.

The day is now most closely associated with the mutual exchange of **LOVE NOTES** in the form of "valentines". Modern Valentine symbols include the **HEART SHAPED** outline and the figure of the winged **CUPID**. Starting in the 19th century, the practice of hand writing notes has largely given way to the exchange of mass-produced **GREETING CARDS**. The **GREETING CARD** Association estimates that world-wide approximately **ONE BILLION** valentine cards are sent each year, making the day the **SECOND LARGEST** card-sending holiday of the year behind **CHRISTMAS**. The association also estimates that **WOMEN** purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

In the United States in the second half of the 20th century, the practice of exchanging cards has been extended to include the giving of all manner **GIFTS**, usually from the **MAN** to the **WOMAN**. Such gifts typically include **ROSES** and **CHOCOLATE**. Starting in the 1980s, the **DIAMOND** industry began to promote Valentine's day as occasion for the giving of fine **JEWELRY**.

A **DINNER** date on Valentine's Day is often regarded as indicating that a dating couple is involved in a **SERIOUS** relationship.

In the United States the day has come to be associated as well with a generic Platonic greeting of "Happy Valentine's", which may be said by men to their **FEMALE** friends, but rarely to other **MALE** friends.

