

# St. Valentine's Day – Glossary

**associate** verb [transitive]  
if one thing is associated with another, they are connected: *The problem is often associated with heavy drinking.*

**barrel** noun [count]  
a large round container with a flat top and bottom, used for storing liquids

**break** (past tense **broke**; past participle **broken**) verb [transitive]  
to fail to obey a rule or law:  
*Students who break these rules will be punished.*

**celebrate** verb [intransitive or transitive]  
to do something enjoyable in order to show that an occasion or event is special:  
*They're celebrating the end of their exams.*

**ceremony** noun [count]  
a formal public event with special traditions, actions, or words:  
*a ceremony to honour those who died in the war*

**consider** verb [transitive]  
to have a particular opinion about someone or something:  
**consider someone/something (to be) something:**  
*We all considered him a hero.*

**death** noun [count or uncount]  
the end of someone's life:  
*Sandra was very close to death.*

**declaration** noun [count or uncount]  
an important or official statement about something:  
*his declaration of love*

**execution** noun [count or uncount]  
the act of killing someone as a punishment for a crime

**existing** adjective  
used for describing something that exists now, especially when it might soon be changed or replaced: *The existing system needs to be changed.*

**expression** noun [count]  
a word or phrase:  
*He uses childish expressions like 'easy-peasy'.*

**feature** verb [transitive]  
if something features a particular person or thing, they are an important part of it:  
*a concert featuring music by Haydn and Mozart*

**fertility** noun [uncount]  
a woman's ability to have babies:

**imprison** verb [transitive]  
to put someone in a prison, or to keep them in a place that they cannot escape from

**imprisonment** noun [uncount]

**jailer** noun [count]  
someone whose job is to guard the people in a prison so that they do not escape

**lottery** noun [singular]  
a situation where everything depends on luck

**married** adjective  
a married person has a husband or wife  
*a married woman/man*

**opportunity** noun [count or uncount]  
a chance to do something, or a situation in which it is easy for you to do something:  
*The trip sounds like a wonderful opportunity.*

**outlaw** verb [transitive]  
to make something illegal: *They signed an agreement outlawing chemical weapons.*

**pagan** adjective  
relating to any religion that is not one of the main religions of the world

**patron saint** noun [count]  
a saint (=a dead holy person) who is believed to protect a particular place, activity, or group of people

**pair** verb  
to form a pair, or to make two people form a pair

**perform** verb [transitive]  
to complete an action or activity:  
*He's a surgeon who has performed many heart transplant operations.*

**poem** noun [count]  
a piece of writing that uses beautiful or unusual language. It is arranged in lines that have a particular beat and often rhyme.

**prayer** noun [count]  
something that you say when you speak to God:  
*He said a prayer for their safety.*

**priest** noun [count]

someone whose job is to perform religious duties and ceremonies in some Christian churches:  
a Roman Catholic priest

**purify** verb [transitive]

to make something clean by removing dirty or harmful substances from it

**purification** noun [uncount]

**replace** verb [transitive]

to get rid of someone or something and put a new person or thing in their place:

**replace something with something:** *The plan is to replace state funding with private money.*

**romance** noun [uncount]

the behaviour that is typical of two people who love each other: *She wasn't in a mood for romance.*

**single** adjective

not married, or not in a romantic relationship:

*Please state whether you are single, married, or divorced.*

**spring** noun [count or uncount]

the season between winter and summer:

*The garden is so beautiful in spring.*

**unfair** adjective

not fair or reasonable:

*Two former soldiers have taken the government to court for unfair dismissal (=the fact of being ordered to leave their job for no good reason).*