SPARK A GREAT CONVERSATION

LOVE TALK STARTERS

for valentines day

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Maybe you’re all dressed up and sitting across from your sweetie at a fancy restaurant. Or maybe you’ve opted for the stay-at-home romantic dinner you’ve made together. Whatever your Valentine scenario, we’ve produced this little resource to help you have a great conversation.

**Questions to Explore Together**

What follows are a variety of simple conversation starters – so don’t treat this as an assignment to get through. Simply pluck out a few questions that intrigue you most. And begin your love talk.

- What’s the first Valentine’s Day you can remember as a child? What was it like and how did you feel?
- If Hollywood made a movie about our relationship, what would they call it and who would play each of us?
- When you think about us, what makes you smile the most and why?
- What’s the most romantic movie or book you’ve ever read and why?
- If you were to finish this sentence, what would you say: I feel most in love with you when...
- When we met for the very first time, what were your immediate impressions?
- What would you like to dream about in your sleep tonight?
- What can I do for you, in practical terms, that would make you feel cared for this week?
- If we had to spend $10,000 tonight on anything that wasn’t practical or predictable, what would it be?
- Where do you think we’ll be and what do you think we’ll be doing on Valentine’s Day ten years from now?

Sharing a romantic evening with your Valentine has far more to do with a conversation that joins your hearts together than with a box of chocolates or a bouquet of flowers. And we hope these questions are helpful to you in doing just that.
**Valentine’s Day Fun Facts to Talk About**

The following facts can spark more conversation. Who doesn't like to be in the know on stuff like this, right?

And if you’re clever you can turn these facts into questions to test your Valentine smarts. For example, with the first fact you can ask your sweetheart who purchases more valentines, men or women? And if you’re in a true game show mood, get your partner to wager a few kisses on their answer.

- Women purchase 85% of all valentines.
- Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine’s Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- About 8 billion candy hearts will be produced this year; that’s enough candy to stretch from Rome, Italy to Valentine, Arizona 20 times and back again.
- Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine’s Day each year.
- In Medieval times, girls ate unusual foods on St. Valentine’s Day to make them dream of their future husband.
- Nearly 150 million cards are exchanged each Valentine’s Day.
- In order of popularity, Valentine’s Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, and pets.
- Valentine, Nebraska (yes, it really exists) has a special “Cupid’s Mailbox” that forward your cards with a special Valentine’s stamp.
- The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare’s lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine’s Day.
- Waffle House, Chick-fil-A, and Pizza Hut often take reservations on Valentine’s Day. In fact, some Pizza Huts sell “proposal packages” for $10K that include a videographer, limo service and a fireworks show. Oh, and a pizza.

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**Just for Laughs**

Sometimes a little laughter is just the ticket for sparking more romance. So with that in mind, you may want to share some of these goofy (read “cheesy”) jokes with each other. Cringing is permissible.

A woman was taking a nap on Valentine’s Day afternoon. After she awoke, she told her husband, “I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous and expensive diamond necklace for Valentine’s Day! What do you think it means?”

“You’ll know tonight,” he said.

That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, she opened it and found a book titled “The Meaning of Dreams.”

Two antennae met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. Their wedding ceremony wasn’t fancy. The reception, however, was excellent.

Q: What is a vampire’s sweetheart called?
A: His ghoul-friend.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?
A: Because it couldn’t get a date.

“If someone says ‘I love you’ and you don’t feel the same way, just say ‘I love YouTube’ really fast.” – Will Ferrell

Knock, Knock!
Who’s there?
Olive.
Olive who?
Olive you!

**Cupid is Stupid**

We hope your Valentine’s Day is everything you imagined, but if you’re like most couples, you’ll probably find a bit of a gap between your expectations for romance and your romantic reality. That’s okay. Just don’t let Cupid get in the way of your love life. How? By living in the moment rather than in a fantasy world that creates irrational expectations. That’s how.

With every good wish and prayer,

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