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## Valentine's Day - Hate

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.  
Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.  
Doing the online activities, discussion, survey and writing will help.  
Listen many times – enough for you to you understand everything.

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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I really don't understand why Valentine's Day is so popular around the world. I have never liked it, from when I was a kid. I used to get embarrassed and go bright red if I got a Valentine's Day card. I also felt bad if I didn't get a card. We had a Valentine's Day "delivery service" at our school. You posted your card in the special mailbox. The teachers would then deliver the cards to the "lucky" students. The "unlucky" students probably felt bad, unloved and ugly. Valentine's Day should be every day. If you love someone, tell them every day. You should also buy them presents, flowers and take them to dinner very often – not just once a year. Valentine's is horribly commercial these days, isn't it? I hate it.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_



# VALENTINE'S DAY - HATE SURVEY

From: [http://www.listenAminute.com/v/valentines\\_hate.html](http://www.listenAminute.com/v/valentines_hate.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Valentine's Day in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about Valentine's Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Valentine's Day. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. VALENTINE'S DAY - HATE POSTER** Make a poster about Valentine's Day. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY VALENTINE'S DAY - HATE LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Valentine's Day. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Valentine's Day. Share your findings with the class.

