

ESL Conversation Club: Love

Warm-up:

Good morning, good morning, good afternoon.
Good evening, good evening, good night, good night.
Nice to meet you. Nice to meet you, too.
Good bye, Good bye, see you.

Warm-up:

You know New York, you need New York,
you know you need unique New York.

Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

- How do you express your love and appreciation in your life?
- How do people show affection in your home country?
- Do you prefer expressing love through spoken words, writing heartfelt messages, or with actions?
- Does doing small gestures like making breakfast or helping with errands represent “love” to you?
- Is spending time with your loved ones your way of showing love?
- Do you show love through thoughtful gifts or meaningful experiences?
- How do you express love and appreciation for family, friends, and even pets? Share stories of non-romantic connections that fill your life with love.
- Have you encountered any differences in how love is expressed in the United States? Discuss any surprises or adjustments you’ve made.

- Who taught you how to express love? Share how your family, friends, or cultural background shaped your ways of showing affection.
- If you could create a piece of art depicting love, what would it look like? Describe the colors, shapes, and emotions you’d express.
- Are there non-verbal ways you express love that transcend language?
- Have you ever faced challenges or social pressures when expressing love?
- How do you envision expressing love in the future? Think about technology, changing traditions, and new ways to connect with loved ones.
- Have you ever found love in a surprising place or with someone unexpected?
- Does music help you express love?
- Love isn’t always perfect. How do you navigate challenges and disagreements while staying connected?
- Tell us a traditional love story from your culture, a folktale, or a personal anecdote that celebrates love in your heritage.



Vocabulary to Practice

- The five love languages: (noun phrase) A theory created by Dr. Gary Chapman that suggests people express and experience love in five different ways: words of affirmation, quality time, physical touch, acts of service, and receiving gifts.
- words of affirmation: (noun phrase) Expressing love through spoken or written words like compliments, encouragement, and expressions of affection.
- quality time: (noun phrase) Giving someone your undivided attention and spending time together doing activities you both enjoy, like having conversations, going on adventures, or simply being present.
- physical touch: (noun phrase) Showing love through physical closeness like hugs, holding hands, cuddling, or other non-sexual forms of touch that provide comfort and connection.
- acts of service: (noun phrase) Expressing love by doing things for someone to make their life easier or show you care, like doing chores, running errands, or helping with tasks.
- receiving gifts: (noun phrase) Showing love by giving thoughtful gifts that show you understand someone's preferences and want to make them happy, not just expensive presents.
- unique gestures: (noun phrase) Special ways of showing love specific to your relationship or culture, like a secret inside joke, a favorite shared activity, or a personalized ritual.
- spoken words: (noun phrase) Any words you say to express love, like "I love you," words of gratitude, or supportive phrases.
- errands: (noun, plural) Small tasks or chores you need to do, like grocery shopping, picking up dry cleaning, or taking care of other household responsibilities.
- non-romantic: (adjective) Not related to romantic love; describes love for family, friends, pets, or any other kind of close relationship.
- adjustments: (noun, plural) Changes you make to your behavior or habits to adapt to a new situation or environment.
- depicting: (verb) Representing or showing something in a particular way, like a painting that depicts a scene or a song that depicts an emotion.
- non-verbal: (adjective) Not using words; communicating through gestures, facial expressions, body language, or actions.
- transcend: (verb) To go beyond something, like feelings of love that transcend cultural differences or language barriers.
- social pressures: (noun phrase) Feelings of obligation or expectation from society or your community that can influence your behavior, sometimes even in how you express love.
- envision: (verb) To imagine something happening in the future, like envisioning how you might express love differently in years to come.
- personal anecdote: (noun phrase) A short story or memory from your own life that shares something personal about you or your experiences.

