

# Love in English

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Hi, everyone! Welcome back for another English Extravaganza! Wednesday was Valentine's Day so I want to talk about how love is used in English. English speakers like to express love in many ways.

One simple way is that we call each other "love". Family, friends, neighbors, even strangers can sometimes be called "love". You use it like "sir" or "ma'am" but more casually. So, you could say, "how are you, love?" or "are you OK, love?" It's a custom that shows friendliness and assumes that you are friendly, too. You should be careful, though. Sometimes, it can be rude. For example, if a man calls a woman "love" with the wrong tone, it may offend the woman.

Another way that we use love is for things. Instead of saying, "chocolate is my favorite food," you can say "I love chocolate!" There is a difference between "to love" and "to be in love." You can love things and people but you can only be in love with a person. English speakers say that we love a lot of things, but we understand that it means we just like it a lot.

As for real love, families often tell each other "I love you." In fact, we use it as another way to say goodbye. Whenever I call my family on the phone, we always say "bye, love you!" We also say this to each other when we leave the house. One time, when I was a kid, my sister was running late and ran out the door. My dad yelled out to her, "Bye! Love you!" I told him that she couldn't hear him. A minute later, though, she popped her head (ひょっこり顔を出した) through the door and said "Love you, too!" and ran off again. I still remember his smile. Of course, English speakers show our love in other ways, but we also like to hear that we are loved and appreciated. Well, that's all for this time. I'll be back next week!

