

VOCAB-u-lous!

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Valentine's Day

Name _____

Date _____

“Take away love and our earth is a tomb.”

—Robert Browning, *English poet and playwright, 1812–1889*

Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and so are you! Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Yes, of course, use your dictionary.

Word Bank	acrostic	amorous	embodies	emboss	interior
	mariner	prevalent	prosaically	unrequited	vestiges

1. Experts do not agree about who the original Valentine was, but the most _____ theory is that he was a clergyman executed for illegally marrying couples in ancient Rome.
2. People use metal templates to _____ hearts and flowers on valentines.
3. Valentine's Day traditions today contain _____ of both Christian and ancient Roman customs.
4. In Europe, people first began exchanging Valentine messages during the Middle Ages, in the form of spoken or sung _____ verses.
5. Suffering from _____ love, a Latvian immigrant carved tons of coral into a house and furniture, including a heart-shaped table said to be the world's biggest valentine.
6. Thought to be the oldest surviving love poem, the _____ named “Istanbul #2461” was recited by the bride of a Sumerian king.
7. Some people once believed that a woman who saw a robin flying on Valentine's Day would wed a _____.
8. Because of the belief that the heart _____ the soul, the heart became a symbol of romantic love.
9. During Victorian times, the first lines of the verses in an _____ valentine spelled-out a loved one's name.
10. Outkast's “Happy Valentine's Day” lyrics have a number of _____ and half rhymes.