

# Student's Worksheet A

## Can you buy love?

TASK 1. Read and discuss the meaning of each of the quotations. Do you agree?

Love conquers all things – except poverty and toothache. – Mae West

When you're in love, it's the most glorious two and a half days of your life. – Richard Lewis

Love is just a chocolate substitute. – Miranda Ingram

Love is a great glue, but there's no cement like mutual hate. – Loise Wyse

You can't buy love, but you can pay heavily for it. – Henry Youngman

TASK 2. Five people were asked for their opinions on Valentine's Day and its commercial aspect. Which opinion do you agree with most and why?

<p>From: Christine@gogomail.com To: opinions@friends.com Subject: Valentine's Day</p> <p>I think it's nice that we have a day like that. The atmosphere changes somehow for a few days, I like all of the decorations and the fact that the media talk about love and relationships in a positive way. I wish that Valentine's Day was every day!</p> <p>Christine, France</p>	<p>From: Mary@gogomail.com To: opinions@friends.com Subject: Valentine's Day</p> <p>I think that we should celebrate Valentine's Day, but it shouldn't be only about love, but family and friends as well. The marketing that focuses on couples makes people forget about other important people in their lives.</p> <p>Mary, Canada</p>
<p>From: Antonio@gogomail.com To: opinions@friends.com Subject: Valentine's Day</p> <p>I feel like Valentine's Day today is an obligation. It doesn't feel right. Everyone should be able to express love, however and whenever they like – or not!</p> <p>Antonio, Italy</p>	<p>From: Andrew@gogomail.com To: opinions@friends.com Subject: Valentine's Day</p> <p>I like the idea of a 'love day', but dislike the commercialism. The pressure to buy something starts to be more important than the expression of love itself.</p> <p>Andrew, UK</p>
<p>From: Dora@gogomail.com To: opinions@friends.com Subject: Valentine's Day</p> <p>I think the entire idea behind this day is wrong – you should express love every day of the year, not only when advertising reminds you to.</p> <p>Dora, Hungary</p>	

TASK 3. Match the opinions to the people from Task 2.

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| 1. Valentine's Day is a good idea.                                  | <u>Christine</u> | ..... | ..... |
| 2. Valentine's Day should be about more than just romance.          |                  | ..... |       |
| 3. Valentine's Day creates pressure.                                |                  | ..... | ..... |
| 4. No one should be forced to express love in a certain way.        |                  |       | ..... |
| 5. Because of Valentine's Day, people don't express love every day. |                  | ..... |       |
| 6. Valentine's Day would be great without the commercial aspect.    |                  | ..... | ..... |

Question Card A  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

Valentine's Day is also about family and friends.

Question Card B  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

On Valentine's Day the atmosphere is different – people are nicer to each other.

Question Card C  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

Every day should be Valentine's Day.

Question Card D  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

Valentine's Day creates pressure to express love in a certain way.

Question Card E  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

Valentine's Day creates pressure to buy things.

Question Card F  
Can you buy love?

Find out what the other students in your group think about this statement.

Valentine's Day is an excuse not to express love all year round.

