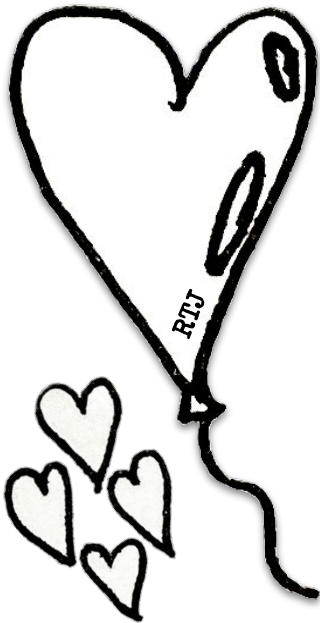


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What does Valentine's Day look like outside the U.S.?

BY JULES STAUB

Although it is most popular in America, Valentine's Day celebrations exist all around the world, with different

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EXPLAINED | Sydnee Bowden

Say what? A brief history of convo candy

Have you ever wondered about the purpose of conversation hearts or how they came to be? Well, it all started back in 1847 when a Boston pharmacist, Oliver Chase, hoped to manufacture and dispense lozenges.

Lozenges, also known as cough drops,



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Valentine's Gift Guide

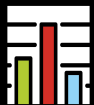
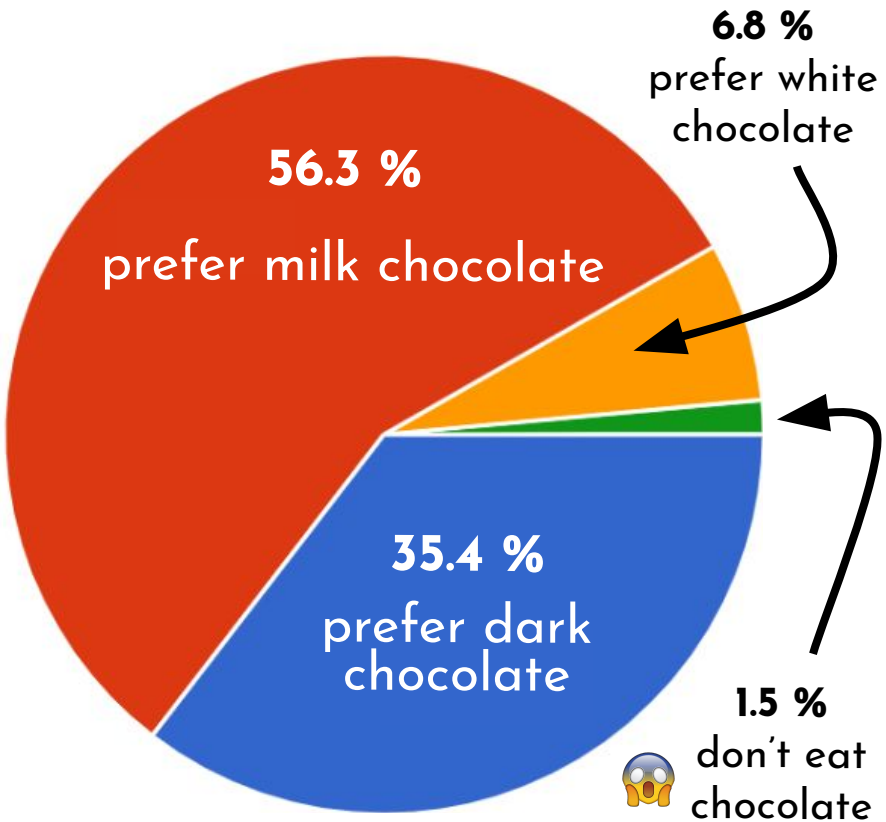
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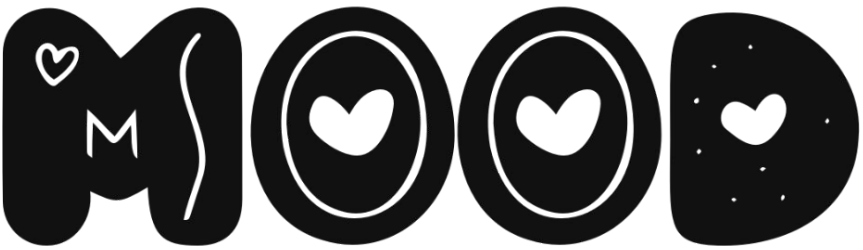
Not sure what to get your honey? Here's our best advice for how to spend your money! Just answer a few questions about your special someone, then follow the arrows for a gift recommendation. Hurry, you don't have much time left to shop!



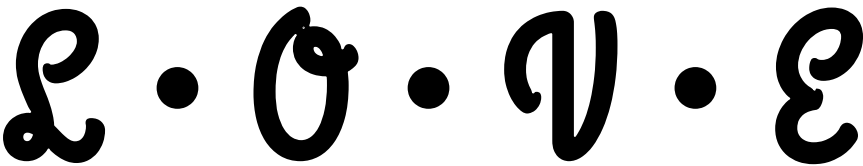
Chocolate CHOICES



Results are based on a survey of 206 members of the RBR community polled in the last week. Two-thirds of respondents identified as students.



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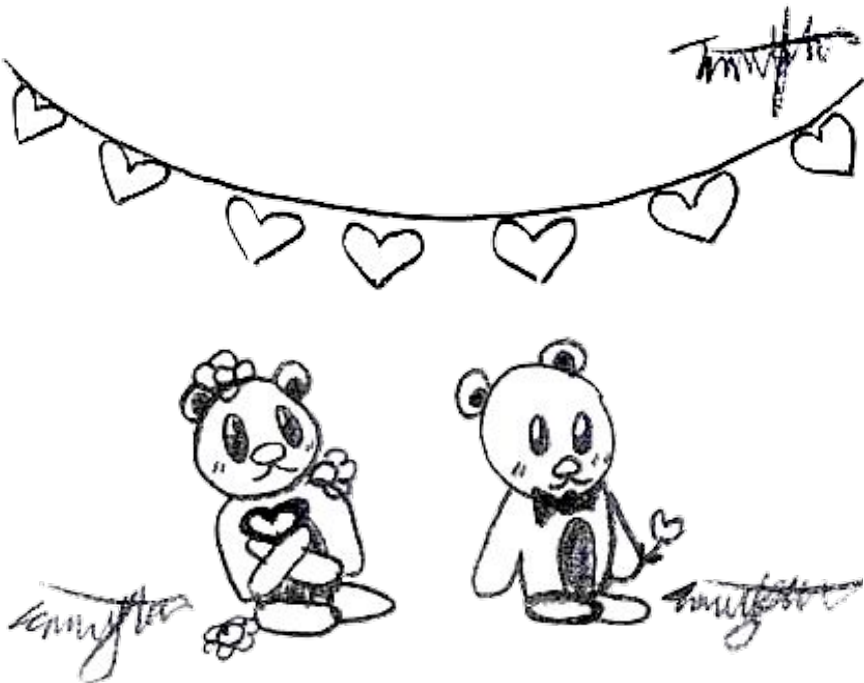
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Valentine's Day situations!

LOVE LANGUAGE | Kira Ashton-O'Connor

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LOOKING FOR LOVE | Kira Ashton-O'Connor

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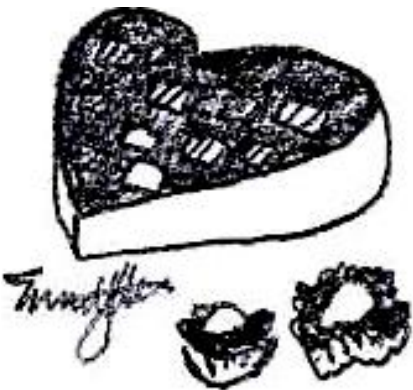
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In Japan, girls treat guys for VDay

cultures and customs producing different traditions. Let’s take a look at five different types of celebrations:

JAPAN: Women offer men gifts and romantic gestures, such as homemade chocolate called *honmei choco*. A month later, on March 14, men return the gestures on the holiday known as White Day, gifting women white chocolate.

ESTONIA: In this Eastern European country, Valentine’s Day is called Friends’ Day. It’s celebrated by giving cards to friends and loved ones, even



neighbors. It’s a popular day to get engaged. Estonia offers a trip on the “love bus” for single people to meet each other.

FRANCE: Because it’s believed that Valentine’s Day started in France, cities are decorated beautifully with flowers and cards. The town of Valentine in France is specifically covered in decorations to impress the many tourists who visit between Feb. 12 and 14.

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea celebrates Valentine’s Day



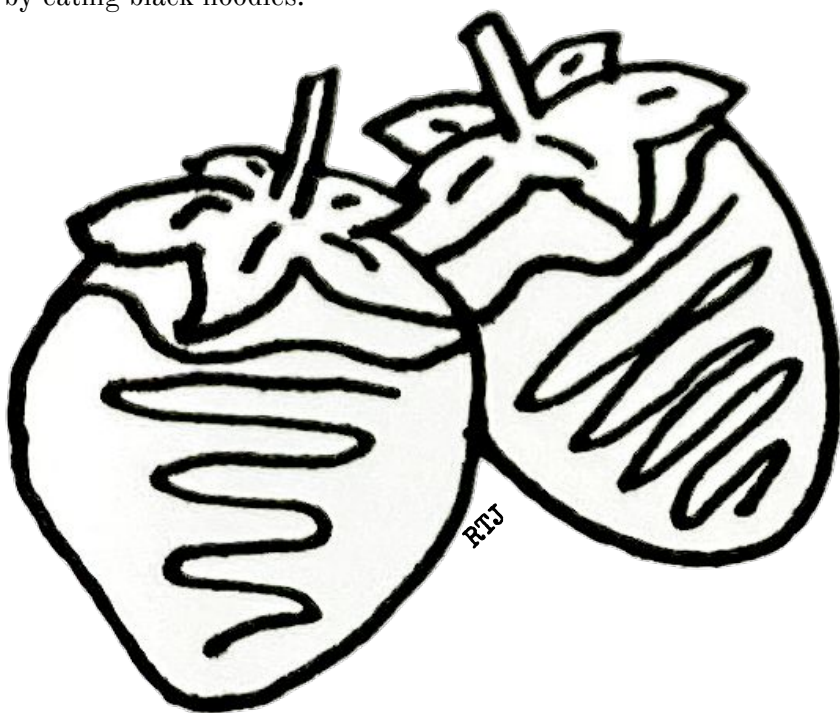
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South Korea celebrates on Feb. 14 ... and March 14, April 14, etc.

year-round, with a celebration every 14th of the month. Day of Roses, Day of Kisses and Day of Hugs are some examples of the monthly holidays designated for happy couples, but April 14, known as Black Day, is reserved for single people, who celebrate by eating black noodles.

SPAIN: Romance is celebrated on Oct. 9 in Spain, with the Feast of Saint Dionysius. Men make small animal figurines out of marzipan, a sweet almond paste, and gift them to women. Colorful parades are held throughout the streets of Spain.



In Japan, women purchase or make their own specialty *honmei choco*, which loosely translates to "true love" or "boyfriend" chocolate – not to be confused with the more pedestrian *giri choco* that one gifts to friends and colleagues.

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Pharmacist's production problem gave rise to new holiday treat

are flavored medicine tablets that dissolve on one's tongue to help with sore throats and bad breath.

In the mid-1800s, lozenges were growing in popularity, which inspired the pharmacist to make them. The tablets, however, were very difficult to make and extremely time-consuming: Dough needed to be rolled out, then shaped into many tiny discs. To solve this issue, Mr. Chase created a machine that did the rolling and cutting for him, making the production of lozenges much

more convenient.

Mr. Chase's invention of his first candy-making machine influenced his brother Daniel to join the candy business. Inspired by the growing popularity of Valentine's Day cards, Daniel had an idea to write loving messages on the candy. The design was loved by many and gained much popularity.

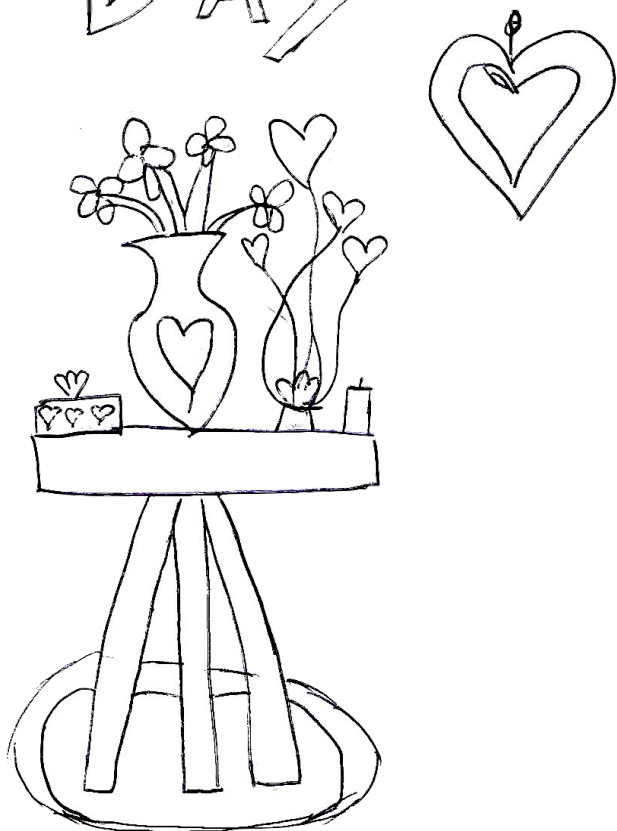
In 1902, the candy shape was changed from a disc into a heart, creating the sentimental conversation hearts that we know of today!



In 1847, Boston-based pharmacist Oliver Chase invented a hand-cranked machine that made it possible to produce lozenges more efficiently. He founded the New England Confectionery Company, now better known by the acronym NECCO, and started cranking out the product that would eventually become conversation hearts.

DIY COLORING | Pluto Rigglesman

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DIY VALENTINES | Sam Martinez



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