



# Love idioms



## Common Idioms about LOVE

### Fall In Love

You probably know the expression “fall in love.” We use the verb fall when we begin to love another person.

“From the moment she kissed me I **fell in love** with her.”

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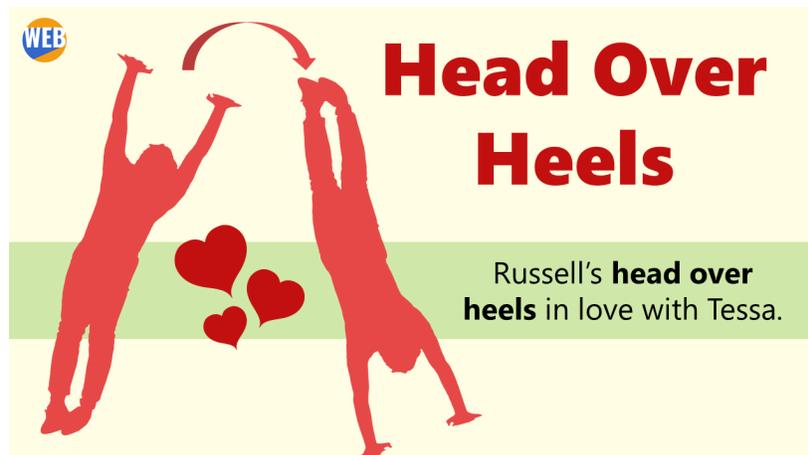
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To make this expression even stronger we can fall **HEAD OVER HEELS** in love with someone. This means the love we feel is very strong. It is so strong we flip, our head goes over our heels.

“It was only our third date but I could feel myself **falling head over heels** for her.”

We can also BE **head over heels in love** with someone.

“Russell IS **head over heels in love** with Tessa. He never stops talking about how great she is.”



We can also *fall in love* **AT FIRST SIGHT**.

This means that as soon as you see someone you feel like you already know them and you love them instantly.

“I saw Jennifer across the dancefloor wearing a yellow dress and it was **love at first sight**.”

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You can also **love someone/something with all your heart**. This shows how strong your love is.

“I would do anything for Hailey. I **love her with all my heart**.”

**Make Love (to somebody)**

This expression means to have sex

“On their wedding night, they **made love** and then fell asleep in each other’s arms.”

**The love of my life**

The person that you love the most. This person is #1 for you.

“I’d like to introduce my fiancé, Melanie. She is **the love of my life**.”

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['I Met the Love of My Life at 68'](#)

**Love is blind**

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This expression means that when you really love someone you are blind to their flaws or imperfections. We only see what we want to see.

“I think that Amanda could find a better guy to marry than Trevor but I guess **love is blind.**”

Love is Blind is a reality TV show about “Singles who want to be loved for who they are, rather than what they look like.”

[Love Is Blind \(TV Series 2020– \) - IMDb](#)

### **A face only a mother could love**

This is meant as an insult. A child is always beautiful to its mother, but this expression means that no one else could possibly find you attractive. Only your mother loves your face because she has to.

“Freddy Krueger has **a face that only a mother could love.** I think it is hard for her too!”

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### **All's fair in love and war**

When it comes to love there are no rules. Anything is possible, just as in war.

A: “I want to ask Brenda on a date but I heard that she like Ethan.”

B: “Why don't you start a nasty rumor about Ethan and then pass it around the office?”

A: “Really!? That's a dirty trick.”

B: “**All's fair in love and war** my friend.”

The link is a list of 82 episodes from various TV series titled “[All's fair in love and war.](#)” TV shows like Pearl Next Door, It Happened in Calcutta,

Twentysomething, and many more.

Have you ever watched any of these TV shows?

### **Love makes the world go round**

Love is a powerful and important force that motivates almost everything we do.

“I’m not going to start any rumors about Ethan, I don’t want to fight dirty. We need less negativity in the world and more love. **Love makes the world go round.**”

### **Love-hate relationship**

This expression is used to describe a person or a situation that you like and dislike at the same time. There is a good part and a bad part of the same item.

“The city has a **love-hate relationship** with tourists now. It’s great that they come and spend money in the city but they are often loud and leave lots of trash in the street.”

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### **There’s no love lost between A and B**

Person A and person B do not like each other

“**There’s no love lost between Ralph and John.** Those two have been rivals since college.”

### **Make love, not war**

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"Make love, not war" is an anti-war slogan commonly associated with the American counterculture of the 1960s. It was used primarily by those who were opposed to the Vietnam War, but has been invoked in other anti-war contexts since, around the world.

[Make love, not war - Wikipedia.](#)

## **Puppy love**

This is often used to describe the affection that young people feel for one another but is not serious. It is a feeling that will pass.

"They met at school but it's only **puppy love**. I don't think it's very serious."

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## **Love will find a way**

True love cannot be stopped. If something comes between a couple who really love each other they will find a way to be together no matter what.

A: "Julian will move away to college in September and be apart from his girlfriend Tammy."

B: "It will be tough for them but they are really in love with each other. I'm sure **love will find a way**. It always does."

## **Absence makes the heart grow fonder**

Being away from someone you love (being absent) will make your feelings for them even stronger (grow fonder).

"I think that Julian and Tammy will have an even stronger connection when Julian comes home. **Absence makes the heart grow fonder.**"

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[New study proves absence really does make the heart grow fonder - Big Think](#)

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## Expressions of Attraction and Desire

**smitten** (with/by somebody/something) (especially humorous)  
suddenly feeling that you are in love with somebody

[Oxford Learner's Dictionaries – smitten](#)

- Eric has been following Stacy around all day. He's quite **smitten** with her.

### Take my breath away

If someone takes your breath away it means you feel so great when you see them that it is hard to breathe. The person is that special.

- Olivia **took my breath away** the first moment I saw her.

### To have a crush on someone

To like someone, to think they are attractive and nice.

- Melanie asked me if you had a girlfriend. I think she **has a crush on you**. You should ask her out.

### Have the hots for someone

You think someone is very attractive, to be very attracted to someone.

- I've **had the hots for Julianne** since the first day of high school.

## Marriage idioms and expressions

**Idioms that mean asking someone to marry you.**

### **Pop the question**

"During our vacation to the beach, I decided to **pop the question.**"

### **Get down on one knee**

"I held her hand, **got down on one knee** gave her the ring. She started crying tears of joy and said YES!"

**Idioms that mean getting married**

### **Tie the knot**

"Nicholas and Judith **tied the knot** last April."

### **Settle down** (*with someone*)

"Bruce turned 32 last week, I think it's time for him to **settle down** and get married before it's too late."

