

# Word of the Month: ROMANCE

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## 1. Tick all the nouns related to romance.



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| a. hearts | c. girlfriend | e. scarf     | g. love    |
| b. jumper | d. flowers    | f. boyfriend | h. passion |

## 2. Tick the correct definition of romance

- A romance is a relationship where two people are in love, or at least they think they are. A romance can be very exciting but it doesn't always last for a long time.
- A romance is a novel – a book that tells a story. The story can be about anything, but it is all invented.

## 3. Read this text. Underline ten words that look similar to Italian words.

One evening, Simon invites Jessica out to meet his friends. Jessica is really pretty. Everyone thinks that she's Simon's girlfriend but this really annoys Simon because Jessica's actually his sister. Simon tells his friends that there is definitely no romance between him and Jessica! Eventually, they all laugh about it together and agree to go and buy pizza. It is really cold so they go by car and get a box of hot doughnuts to take home too. Simon's best friend, Mikey, offers Jessica the last chocolate doughnut... now this could be the beginning of a true love story! But when Simon realises that Mikey is falling in love with Jessica, they have a big argument. Jessica is furious with her brother and says she's going home. She has applied for a job vacancy as a secretary and says she would rather practice her secretarial skills, like writing agendas and taking notes, than watch the boys argue.

**4. Match each word to the correct definition.**

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. romance    | 1. finally                        |
| b. eventually | 2. in fact                        |
| c. actually   | 3. irritate                       |
| d. annoy      | 4. a container                    |
| e. box        | 5. low temperature                |
| f. cold       | 6. a relationship                 |
| g. agenda     | 7. a place to fill (job/hotel)    |
| h. argument   | 8. Understand                     |
| i. realize    | 9. points to discuss at a meeting |
| j. vacancy    | 10. a verbal disagreement         |

**5. Look at the word pairs. The English and Italian words sound similar but they have a different meaning. Match the Italian words to the correct English translation from this list.**

garage	currently	hot	novel	bores
possibly	topic	holiday	diary	create

<u>English</u>	<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
1. romance	romanzo	_____
2. eventually	eventualmente	_____
3. actually	attualmente	currently
4. annoy	annoa	_____
5. box	box	_____
6. cold	caldo	_____
7. agenda	agenda	_____
8. argument	argomento	_____
9. realize	realizzare	_____
10. vacancy	vacanza	_____

## Teacher's Notes

1. Tick all the nouns related to romance.

Tick all of them apart from 'b' and 'e'.

2. Tick the correct definition of romance.

Tick definition 'a'.

3. One evening, Simon invites Jessica out to meet his friends. Jessica is really pretty. Everyone thinks that she's Simon's girlfriend but this really annoys Simon because Jessica's actually his sister. Simon tells his friends that there is definitely no romance between him and Jessica! Eventually, they all laugh about it together and agree to go and buy pizza. It is really cold so they go by car and get a box of hot doughnuts to take home too. Simon's best friend, Mikey, offers Jessica the last chocolate doughnut... now this could be the beginning of a true love story! But when Simon realises that Mikey is falling in love with Jessica, they have a big argument. Jessica is furious with her brother and says she's going home. She has applied for a job vacancy as a secretary and says she would rather practice her secretarial skills, like writing agendas and taking notes, than watch the boys argue.

4. Match each word to the correct definition.

a. 6    b. 1    c. 2    d. 3    e. 4    f. 5    g. 9    h. 10    i. 8    j. 7

5. Match the Italian words to the correct English translation from the list.

This would be a good time to bring the whole lesson together and explain that words that look the same in two languages very often have different meanings. We call them false friends, because we think we recognise them and know their meaning, but they often lead us to make mistakes.

<u>Italian</u>	<u>English</u>
1. romanzo	<b>novel</b>
2. eventualmente	<b>possibly</b>
3. attualmente	currently
4. annoia	<b>bores</b>
5. box	<b>garage</b>
6. caldo	<b>hot</b>
7. agenda	<b>diary</b>
8. argomento	<b>topic</b>
9. realizzare	<b>create</b>
10. vacanza	<b>holiday</b>