

## Good and bad Valentine's countable and uncountable speaking

### Lead-in speaking

What would be a perfect Valentine's Day for you? What would be the worst?

### Countable and uncountable grammar presentation

*Which of the two options on each line below would be better on Valentine's Day/ make more sense on Valentine's Day?*

- lots of love/ lots of lovers
- receiving lots of card/ receiving lots of cards
- some chocolate/ some chocolates
- a date/ some data
- some flour/ some flowers
- some jewellery/ some jewels
- a romantic meal/ some romantic meal
- some romance/ some romances
- a surprise/ some surprise

*Match words above to these meanings, and use that to check your answers above:*

- a bar of chocolate (or chocolate broken off from a bar)
- a feeling of shock
- boyfriends, girlfriends, etc
- breakfast, lunch, or dinner
- diamonds, rubies, etc
- hard, thick paper, like thin cardboard
- individual sweets, often with different fillings (strawberry, toffee, liqueur, etc)
- meeting up with someone who you are interested in romantically, e.g. to go to the cinema together
- necklaces, rings, etc
- one or more romantic things
- romantic relationships, e.g. three different girlfriends
- something unexpected such as a gift that is shockingly expensive
- statistics/ figures/ numbers
- things sent at Xmas, for birthdays, etc, with greetings from the sender
- white powder made from wheat that is used in baking

*Check as a class.*

*Which words above are countable? Which are uncountable?*

*Which quantifiers in the left-hand column below could go with those countable nouns?  
Which can go with uncountable nouns? Which can go with both?*

### Good and bad Valentine's countable and uncountable controlled speaking

*Choose suitable quantifiers and nouns from the table below to describe the best or worst Valentine's Day, and see if your partner agrees.*

The best Valentine's Day would include	no a/ an one	alcohol/ champagne argument/ fight/ row balloon	(-s) (-es) (-ies)
The worst Valentine's Day would include	a couple of a few a little not much not many some a lot of many so much so many a huge number of a huge amount of	bouquet candle(lit meal) candy (anonymous) card chocolate compliment confession date email/ (love) letter ex flashmob flirting flower gift/ present gold in-law jealousy jewel/ diamond jewellery lie/ lying lingerie marriage/ wedding matchmaker/ matchmaking meal (live/ harp) music(ian) perfume phone call photo/ selfie poem/ poetry promise/ vow proposal/ engagement ring romance rom-com rose speech stuffed animal/ teddy bear sympathy/ commiseration tattoo tear/ crying violinist	