

FEBRUARY In old Polish 'February' defined something sinister, cold or unpleasant. And in fact, this month seems to be the most frigid and unpleasant. Hence its term 'LUTY'. Sporadically it was also called sieczeń or strąpacz.

02.02 Merchant Day

04.02 International Day for the Eradication of Cancer 09.02 Safer Internet Day

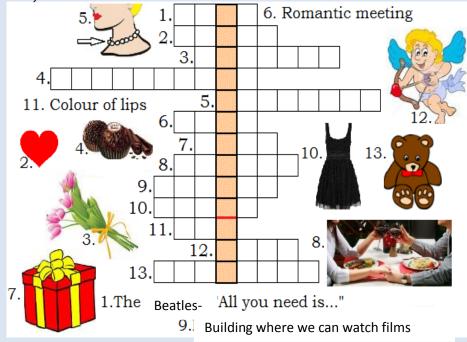
14.02 Valentine's Day

21.02 International Mother Tongue Day

23.02 Day Without Bribes

26.02 anniversary of Polish anthem 'Mazurek Dąbrowskiego'

27.02 'Fat Thursday' (the last Thursday before the Lent)



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Valentine's Day in the United States is celebrated on February 14. It is a festival of romantic love and many people give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or a partner. They may also arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or night in a hotel. Common symbols of Valentine's Day are hearts, red roses and the Cupid.



gifts or flowers and arranging meals in restaurants or romantic nights in hotels. People who would like to have a romantic relationship with somebody may use the occasion to make this known, often anonymously. Valentine's cards are often decorated with images of hearts, red roses or the Cupid. Common Valentine's Day gifts are flowers, chocolates, candies, lingerie and champagne or sparkling wine. However, some people use the occasion to present lavish gifts, such as jewellery. Many restaurants and hotels have special offers at this time. These can include romantic meals or weekend breaks. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

Bone cells are constantly renewed,





so every ten years you have a

"http://" (in web URLs) stands for "Hyper Text Transfer Protocol." Underneath the striped fur of a tiger is striped skin (which preserves the camouflage effect).

Every person has

a unique tongue print.

93% of people

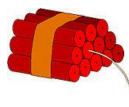
laughing even louder, when they try to explain why they laugh.

On Uranus and Neptune, there is often diamond rain.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.



The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

There are more chickens than people in the world.





Gasoline was once sold in small bottles as a cure for lice.

Why is bubble gum pink? When it was invented, pink was the only food dye on hand.

Albert Einstein never learned how to drive.



Cat's urine glows under a blacklight.

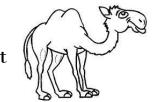
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All porcupines float in water.

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

A butterfly has 12,000 eyes.



Public life.

Valentine's Day is not a public holiday. Government offices, stores, schools and other organizations are open as usual. Public transport systems run on their regular schedule. Restaurants may be busier than usual as many people go out for an evening with their spouse or a partner. Valentine's Day is also a very popular date for weddings.



Background.

There are numbers of Saints called Valentines who are honored on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the Middle Ages in England. This may have followed on from the Pagan fertility festivals that were held all over Europe as the winter came to an end. Traditionally, lovers exchanged hand written notes. Commercial cards became available in the mid nineteenth century.

Symbols.

The most common Valentine's Day symbols are the heart, particularly in red and pink, and pictures or models of the Cupid. The Cupid is usually portrayed as a small winged figure with a bow and arrow. In mythology, he uses his arrow to strike the hearts of people. People who have fallen in love are sometimes said to be 'struck by the Cupid's arrow.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.



- MONIKA PODULKA

What is your goal for this winter break?

I'm willing to go to the gym to fit up a bit and read a book at home.

Are you interested in any winter sports? Actually I've tried skiing once, it was fun but nothing exciting. What I like is definitely ice skating. When you're at home

alone what do you like doing? Well, I play Diablo 2.



SEBASTIAN SIWAK

Have you made any plans for winter holidays? Not exactly, probably I'm going to participate in some parties and go ice skating.

So you like ice skating, is there anything else so you like?

I don't know, rather not, ice skating is probably the only winter sport I like.

OK, and what are you going to do at home?

Probably chatting with friends and watching some TV series.

PANI MARIA CHŁOPEK

Could you tell us some of your plans for winter break? For sure I'll be taking care of my grandson. Oh, how old is he? 5 years old. And also I'm going to Wrocław with my family. Great, what about winter sports? Well I guess that the only thing what is Left for me is the sledge. Back in time I really liked skiing.

Besides these things, what else are you planning to do? What is obvious, I'll read a lot of books. I specially enjoy books based on facts, world problems and on the other hand, the ones full of adventures.





- <u>SYLWIA BABIK</u>

Have you decided how you will spend your winter holidays?

Not really, I don't have any plans. I'm waiting for something spontaneous. What kind of winter sports do you enjoy? I enjoy snowboarding and also ice skating. What, in your opinion, is better: TV series or books?

Oh, tough query. Maybe for mornings the series and for evenings a blanket, chocolate and a great book.

