

VALENTINE'S VOCABULARY SPECIAL

ROMANTIC IDIOMS

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TO BE SMITTEN WITH STH/SB (ALSO: BY STH / SB)

To become obsessed by. To think about all the time:

The story's about a man smitten with love for his wife's cousin.

He was so smitten by her that he promised to move to Argentina to be near her.

It is a phrase often said early in a relationship, especially when the couple have known each other for a while but have only just had their first date.

TO BE THE APPLE OF SB'S EYE

This expresses a kind of warm love, the sort a father might hold for his daughter, or a mother towards her son:

His youngest daughter was the apple of his eye.

You are the apple of my eye, in other words, I love you deeply – but not sexually!

TO POP THE QUESTION

to ask someone to marry you:

So did he pop the question, then?'

I popped the question to Louise last night. She said ...'

TO HAVE A CRUSH ON SB

a strong but temporary attraction for someone:

She had a crush on Matthew in sixth grade.

Note, that the word 'crush' is a NOUN in this sentence.

TO DATE SB / TO GO OUT WITH SB

The term means initially to go on a date, but then for the relationship to progress beyond that date. In other words, spending lots of time together *I went out with Luca a couple of times before we seriously started dating*

TO BE DUMPED BY SB OR TO DUMP SB

to suddenly end a romantic relationship you have been having with someone:

If he's so awful, why don't you just dump him?'

- SB = somebody
- STH = something, things or ideas