



PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

Episode 9: "Valentine's Day Around the World"

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00:03	<p>Hello there, language lovers!</p> <p>I hope you're well and thank you for joining me for another episode of The Déclic Anglais Podcast. I have a very interesting topic for you today, but first don't forget that a transcript (<i>une transcription</i>) is available for this episode and every episode of this podcast.</p> <p><i>(Si vous avez du mal à suivre ce podcast, ne vous inquiétez pas. Les transcriptions pour chaque épisode sont disponibles sur notre site : www.declicanglais.com).</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:41	<p>And by the way, don't forget to like this podcast! If you think your friends or family might find it useful, help them out and share the Déclic Anglais podcast.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
00:56	<p>Aah dear listeners, last Sunday was Valentine's Day. Can you feel it? Can you feel the love in the air this week? Can you feel the romance?</p> <p>No? Nothing? Hmmm, me neither... I think that the coronavirus has killed the romantic mood of 2021. But don't worry, 2021 might not be the most romantic year, but it can be the year where we make a big difference to our English, can't it?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

01:30	<p>Today, I have an interesting topic for you: Valentine's Day traditions from around the world. In France and the UK, Valentine's Day is between couples. We offer our significant other, that is our companion or our partner - our significant other – a token of our love and affection.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
01:55	<p>At least in British culture, this usually involves a nice dinner (either at a restaurant or homecooked), flowers, chocolates. It changes from couple to couple. I believe this is largely the same in France. Valentine's Day is also an opportunity for someone to gather up courage, to find courage, to express their feelings to their crush. What or who, is your crush?</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
02:24	<p>A crush is that special person who you have a romantic interest in – but they don't know it yet. A crush. <i>(En français : un béguin).</i></p> <p>We can use the word "crush" in an expression. We can "have a crush ON someone", "to have a crush ON someone". <i>(En français: avoir un faible pour quelqu'un).</i> So for example, we can say:</p> <p>"John has a crush on Mary." <i>(John a un faible pour Mary).</i></p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

03:03	<p>So let's look at how some other cultures around the world observe Valentine's Day.</p> <p>Now, in Britain at least, traditionally it has always been the boys who chase or pursue the girls (although that has been changing in modern times). If I'm not mistaken, this is largely true in a lot of European countries. Well, let's travel to the Far East, to Japan. Here the opposite is true.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
03:35	<p>In February, it's the ladies shower their lovers with gifts, most often chocolate. Did you know, that half of all chocolate sold in Japan is sold around Valentine's Day? It's crazy! But that's not all. The ladies do all of this in the hope that their significant other or their crush will return the compliment in March. So in fact, Valentine's Day comes twice in Japan. First it's the girls giving gifts to the boys, then the boys who give gifts to the girls.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
04:16	<p>Let us now move to South-East Asia, and travel to the Philippines. The Filipinos see Valentine's Day as the most romantic time to get married. So much so, that mass weddings are sort of a national tradition.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

04:33	<p>It's not uncommon for entire public places like town squares, or stadiums to be reserved so that hundreds of couples can be married simultaneously. These ceremonies are also attended by many already-married couples, who want to renew their wedding vows. Interesting, isn't it?</p> <p>Imagine getting married surrounded by hundreds of strangers all getting married at the same time. It's very different to what we're used to in Europe.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:08	<p>What's very interesting is that not all cultures celebrate romantic love on 14 February. Let's now travel to Finland and Estonia. These countries use Valentine's Day to celebrate friendship (<i>l'amitié</i>). They take the emphasis away from their wives or husbands, boyfriends or girlfriends. For the Finns and Estonians, it is the love and close bonds with their friends that they celebrate.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
05:45	<p>The Brazilians have a similar tradition. They celebrate <i>Dia dos Namorados</i> or "Lovers' Day". Not only do Brazilians use this time to show their love for their significant others, but they also express their love for their family and friends. It's a time of parties, music and sharing a pleasant evening with loved ones.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

06:14	<p>What is very interesting about <i>Dia dos Namorados</i>, is that it actually takes place on 12 June, not in February. This is because in Brazil, February is the time of another great tradition, carnival!</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
06:32	<p>Did you know that Brazil isn't the only country to celebrate love at a different time of year? In fact, my native country, Wales (<i>le Pays de Galles</i>) also has its own version of Valentine's Day – Saint Dwynwen's Day on 25 January. I wouldn't say it's an important day, at least in my part of Wales. But in some areas, it is considered like a second Valentine's Day and people treat their significant others - their partners, with small gifts.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>
07:13	<p>Now, we have a lot of people who listen to this podcast. We have listeners from all across the French-speaking world: from Tahiti in the Pacific to Guyana in South America. We also have people from all over Africa who listen regularly: in Morocco, Algeria, the Congo - everywhere.</p> <p><i>(Ecrivez vos notes ici).</i></p>

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Dear listeners, I would love to know how you celebrate love in your parts of the world. What do you do on Valentine's Day? Do you share flowers and chocolates? Or do you do something else? Let me know, send me an email to: contact@decllicanglais.com.

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Well, that's all we have time for today, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for listening to this episode of the Décllic Anglais podcast.

Just for your information, there will be no new episode released next week, on Tuesday, 23 February. So I look forward to seeing you here, on Tuesday 2 March 2021 for our next episode. Have a great day and see you soon!

Bye for now!

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