

Valentine's Day Idioms

Text 1: Underline & define all the **heart idioms. Compare your answers on the next page.**

I'll never forget meeting my wife. We started off the relationship halfheartedly as friends who enjoyed having a heart-to-heart talk from time to time. I had a soft spot in my heart for Italy, so naturally my wife (who's from Italy) made my heart skip a beat. I can remember one time I was learning a difficult piece of modern music by heart. She had a heart of gold and spent hours encouraging me not to lose heart. I think her heart went out to me because the piece was so difficult! She knew I had my heart set on performing the piece well, so she let me practice the text to my heart's content while she provided helpful hints that got right to the heart of the matter. She had a heart of gold, and before long I knew the piece by heart!

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Text 1 Idiom Definitions:

- ♥ **to do something halfheartedly** = to not be completely serious about something
 - *It's best not to study halfheartedly if you want a good grade.*
- ♥ **to have a heart-to-heart talk** = have a serious, open and honest discussion
 - *I think we need to have a heart-to-heart talk about your grades at school.*
- ♥ **to have a soft spot in your heart for something or someone** = to especially enjoy or appreciate something and tend to love anything connected to that topic or person
 - *She has a soft spot in her heart for George.*
- ♥ **to make someone's heart skip a beat** = to affect someone strongly in a romantic sense
 - *Seeing Helen made his heart skip a beat.*
- ♥ **to learn something by heart** = to learn by memory
 - *I'm learning Beethoven's Violin Concerto by heart.*
- ♥ **to know something by heart** = to know from memory
 - *I know all the lines in the play by heart.*
- ♥ **to have a heart of gold** = be very generous
 - *Tim has a heart of gold. He always helps anyone in need.*
- ♥ **to lose heart** = to give up, want to quit
 - *Don't lose heart. You'll succeed if you keep working at it.*
- ♥ **to have one's heart go out to someone** = to feel empathy for someone
 - *My heart goes out to the homeless children in our city.*
- ♥ **to have your heart set on something** = to want to do something very much
 - *Jane has her heart set on a new doll.*
- ♥ **to do something to your heart's content** = to do something as often as you want
 - *You can play this game to your heart's content. I'm going to study.*
- ♥ **to get to the heart of the matter** = to discuss the most important aspects about a situation
 - *Let's get to the heart of the matter and decide what we need to do.*