

# Love



## Reading

No word is more romantic than love. To many people, love means everything. A person becomes happy when in love, and lonely and depressed if unloved. Love is usually regarded as a great thing, immune from criticism. But problems arise if it is identified with selfishness and jealousy. Too many people seek to "own" their lovers, like property, simply because they are centered on their own feelings of love; but this attitude can easily jeopardize the relationship. Ultimately, love is based on mutual understanding and affection, and we must accept our partners as they are, not as something to be possessed or changed.

Love between parents and children is usually regarded as endless and unconditional. Nevertheless, a distinction is sometimes made between maternal and paternal love. The attitude is sometimes expressed that a father may have limits to his love, but that a mother never can. Perhaps this is because the child was once, before birth, part of the mother's daily existence, but to the father has always been another separate being.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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