



# English Corner



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## 1. Valentine's Day in Japan

Valentine's Day in Japan is a little differently than ours: They are celebrated it twice on February 14th and March 14th, as White Day. February 14th is when men gets presents and it is the women who are expected to be gift-giver. On March 14th women gets presents and it is the men who are expected to be gift-giver. Japan, has a Valentine's culture of its own. Many local supermarkets, department stores, and patisseries are full of chocolate products every year from late January to February 14th.



The Valentines advertisements and gift wrapping are decorated in red and pink ♡ shapes. Honmei-choco: a chocolate gift of true love The traditional way of thinking in Japan. A woman gives chocolates to a man she loves and confesses her love to him. Some present handmade chocolates, others buy expensive ones, but all are true gifts from the heart. For a single person it is a confession of love, for those already in a relationship, it is considered the proof of ongoing\* love. Giri-choco : is a chocolate gift. Japanese women prepared chocolates for men, such as friends, bosses, colleagues at work, customers to who they wanted to show their appreciation or friendship. Giri-choco has no romantic implications. It is intended to convey gratitude and deepen communication, and many are purchased at a reasonable price.

Tomo-choco : a chocolate gift for friend This is a friendship gift. Women and especially teenage girls give chocolates to each other as proof of their friendship. They enjoy this opportunity to choose chocolates that match their girlfriend's tastes, such as sweets and cute things, and to create the opportunity to comment on each other's gifts. Fami-choco : a chocolate gift for family Chocolate that is lovingly given from female family members to male family members. Women enjoy cooking chocolate-based confectionery with their children to share with their family. The whole family enjoys the time together at home on February 14th. Gohobi-choco : a chocolate gift to reward oneself Women buy chocolates for themselves. As a reward to themselves for working hard at work or in their daily lives, women give themselves the treat of chocolates. White Day : a return gift for women from men. On March 14th, one month after Valentine's Day, men will offer a return gift of cookies, marshmallows, candies etc. to women. A man who was given a Honmei-choco (true love gift) but does not want to reciprocate the affection, will not offer a return gift.



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## 2. English traditions

In England, traditions are a really important part of daily life, adding a touch of charm to the ordinary. One of many traditions is the pancake race, where people flip pancakes while racing through the streets. It's fun to watch and it shows the British sense of humor.



Equally fascinating is the tradition of Morris dancing. It is a full-of-rhythm dance performed during festivals and celebrations. With colorful costumes and jingling bells, it's a tradition that shows the happy spirit present in English festivities.



Adding to all of these traditions is the loved-by-all English people tradition of afternoon tea. Sipping tea from delicate cups reflects

England's eloquence and elegance. This ritual further shows the nature of English traditions, making each day a celebration of uniqueness and kindness.



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## 3. Have a snack in amazing atmosphere

Spring is coming and we will spend more and more time outside . In my article I would like to recommend you 3 great places where you can have a snack and drink . Chat with your friends and relax during spring walks .

**Pink'spresso** in Łódź pink are the walls, furniture and decorations, as well as the neon sign. The menu is also pink, with pink challah, pink waffles, and pink lattes. Delicious and nice snacks and drinks, that's what you now have to go and try for yourself !



**Coffe przy ulicy** breakfasts throughout the day, sandwiches, salads, homemade pastries.. Everything is delicious and nicely served, if you want to eat and drink something good then take your friend right here!



**Kocie Oczy** There is a tea house in Łódź where you can drink tea with a cat on your lap. The decorations will interest more than one cat lover. You know a person who loves cats, take her here and she'll leave with a smile.



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## 4. Valentine's Day



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