

# The Language of Flowers

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The romantic custom of using flowers to converse became very popular after the publication of Charlotte de Latour's "Le Language des Fleurs" in 1819.

Victorian couples who were courting used flowers to communicate and declare their love and affection even when the strict etiquette of the times prohibited them from speaking openly.

Over time the meanings and definitions have changed according to culture and romantic notion (and no doubt will continue to) so the following guide is intended for inspiration to select flowers that speak to you...

- Amaryllis Pride
- Aster Love, Daintiness
- Baby's Breath Everlasting Love
- Carnation Distinction
- Calla Lily Magnificent Beauty
- Chrysanthemum Friendship
- Cornflower Delicacy
- Daffodil Joy
- Daisy Loyalty
- Fern Magic
- Forget-Me-Not Remember me
- Freesia Innocence
- Gardenia Joy
- Gladioli Generosity
- Heather (pink) Good Luck
- Heather (white) Protection
- Hibiscus Delicate Beauty
- Hyacinth Sport and Play
- Iris Wisdom
- Ivy Fidelity
- Jasmine Grace, Elegance
- Lilac First Emotions of Love
- Lily Happiness
- Lily-of-the-valley Return of Happiness
- Magnolia Nobility
- Mint Virtue
- Orange Blossom Fertility
- Orchid Beauty
- Peony Bashful
- Ranunculus Radiant with Charms
- Rose – Red Love
- Rose – Pink Perfect Happiness
- Rose – White I am Worthy of you
- Rose – Yellow Decreased Love
- Rosemary Remembrance

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- Stephanotis Happiness in Marriage
- Sweet Pea Delicate Pleasures
- Tulip – Red Declaration of Love
- Tulip – Yellow Beautiful Smile
- Violets Faithfulness