

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