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## Introduction

There are six short stories about Valentine's Day for learners of English in this book.

Story 1: These are for you

Story 2: The proposal

Story 3: The best White Day present ever

Story 4: Who is it from?

Story 5: We want our cookies!

Story 6: No pets

### 1. These are for you

Oscar Beadon is a very handsome man. He has a good job, and a lot of money. He drives a sports car. He dates many girls. They are always beautiful. Sometimes the girls fall in love with Oscar, but he never falls in love with them. He doesn't want to fall in love. He doesn't want to get married. He enjoys his single life. He dates a girl for about six weeks, then he drops her, and finds a new girlfriend. He makes many women very unhappy, but he doesn't care.

Then something very surprising happens. Oscar falls in love. It happens like this.

When Oscar meets a new girl, he buys them presents. The girls are very happy. They think that Oscar likes them a lot. There is a flower shop two streets away from his office. Oscar goes there to buy flowers. Near the flower shop is a small café. It has tables outside. Many people sit outside, drinking coffee, and watching the street.

One day, Oscar is walking past the café, when he sees a girl. She is the new waitress at the café. She is the most beautiful girl Oscar has ever seen. Oscar goes past the café to the flower shop. He buys an orchid to give to his latest girlfriend. Her name is Belle. She is a model. That night, Oscar takes Belle to an expensive restaurant. Belle is very famous, so everyone looks at her. Oscar should feel proud, but he doesn't. All he can think about is the new waitress at the café.

*I must be very careful, thinks Oscar. I must stop thinking about that waitress. I don't want to have a serious girlfriend.*

But it's no good. All the next week, Oscar thinks about the waitress day and night.

*Don't be stupid, he tells himself. Your girlfriends are always actresses or models. You don't date waitresses from cafes. You don't even know her name!*

Oscar stays away from the street where the flower shop and café are. He doesn't want to see the beautiful girl.

*That would be dangerous, he thinks.*

Belle calls Oscar every day. She wonders why Oscar hasn't called her, or asked her out on another date.

Oscar says, "I'm sorry. I'm very busy at work. I'll call you soon."

On February 13, Belle calls Oscar again. "Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. There's a big party at the new five star hotel in the centre of the city. Would you like to come with me? There will be a lot of very famous and interesting people there."

"Thank you Belle. But I don't think so," says Oscar. "I will be busy tomorrow."

"You have another girlfriend don't you!" shouts Belle. She is very angry. "Five different men have asked me out on a date tomorrow night. I will go out with one of those! Don't ever call me again!"

Oscar doesn't care. He doesn't want to see Belle any more. He wants to talk to the beautiful girl at the café.

*It doesn't matter that she is a waitress. She is so beautiful. I think I am in love with her. Tomorrow I will go to the café and ask her out on a date. She will be my new girlfriend.*

Oscar never thinks that the waitress will say 'no'. Women always say 'yes' when Oscar asks them to go out with him.

The next day, he goes to the flower shop and buys twelve red roses. The woman in the flower shop knows Oscar well. He is one of her best customers.

"This is the first time you have bought roses," she says.

"Usually I don't buy roses," says Oscar. "They are too romantic."

"Then this girl must be special," says the woman.

"Oh, she is," says Oscar. "She is very special."

Oscar pays for the roses. They are beautiful. Then he goes to the café. He will give them to the waitress. He is sure that he is in love with her. He is sure that she will love him too.

Oscar gets a shock when he gets to the café. The girl is not there! An older woman is serving tables. "Uh, excuse me," he says to her. "Where is the usual waitress?"

"Anita?" answers the woman. "It's her lunch break. She usually goes and sits in the park."

"Which park?" asks Oscar.

"I don't know the name, but it's about half a kilometre from here. Straight down the road. It's next to the church."

"Oh, yes. I know it. Thank you," says Oscar.

Oscar hurries to the park.

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