

Pizza to help relationship break-ups on Valentine's Day

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When we think of Valentine's Day, we think of romance. Images of red roses, pink hearts and candlelit dinners come to our minds. We rarely envisage breaking up with our partner. However, restaurant chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for

those who want to ditch their better half. Pizza Hut is selling "Hot Honey Goodbye Pies" in New York, Chicago and Miami. Pizza Hut will write the name of your soon-to-be ex on the box of the pizza. For those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online service to aid the break-up. Customers can go to the GoodbyePies.com website to send a break-up message, along with a link for the "future-ex" to receive a complimentary pizza to help them get over being dumped.

Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a blend of sweet and spicy flavours. The company's chief marketing officer said: "With the launch of Goodbye Pies, we are bringing that perfect blend of sweet and heat...to real life. We are delivering spicy news in the sweetest way for Valentine's Day." The company's website said: "Break-ups are awkward. We can help. Send a free...Goodbye Pie from now through Valentine's Day, and the delivery driver will deliver the bad news in the best way." It added: "We'll generate an expertly crafted, carefully curated, and potentially plausible break-up excuse for you." A YouGov poll stated that 45 per cent of people believe it is best to end a relationship before February 14.

Sources:
restaurantbusinessonline.com / nypost.com / goodbyepies.com

Writing

We should never break up with a partner on Valentine's Day. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Valentine's Day / red roses / pink hearts / candlelit dinners / break-ups / dumped / goodbye / spicy / sweet / real life / delivery driver / excuse / relationship / bad news

True / False

- 1) Red hearts and pink roses spring to mind when they think of Valentine's. T / F
- 2) Our minds are always on candlelit dinners on Valentine's Day. T / F
- 3) You can get the name of the partner you want to leave on the pizza box. T / F
- 4) The partner you want to leave can get a free pizza. T / F
- 5) The goodbye pizzas are all spicy and sour. T / F
- 6) Pizza Hut says it delivers spicy news in a sweet way. T / F
- 7) You can get an expertly crafted excuse to go with the goodbye pizza. T / F
- 8) Most people in a poll said it's better to finish things before February 14. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. envisage | a. bringing |
| 2. aid | b. free |
| 3. message | c. reason |
| 4. complimentary | d. deserted |
| 5. dumped | e. tricky |
| 6. blend | f. imagine |
| 7. delivering | g. create |
| 8. awkward | h. help |
| 9. generate | i. mix |
| 10. excuse | j. note |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of Valentine's Day?
- b) How romantic are you?
- c) What do you think of red roses and candlelit dinners?
- d) How hard is it to break up with a partner?
- e) What do you think of the goodbye pies?
- f) How would you feel if you received a goodbye pie?
- g) How bad is it to get dumped?
- h) What's the best way to end a relationship?

Phrase Match

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| 1. candlelit | a. spicy flavours |
| 2. those who want to ditch their | b. dumped |
| 3. For those who live | c. crafted |
| 4. receive a complimentary | d. the best way |
| 5. help them get over being | e. dinners |
| 6. a blend of sweet and | f. elsewhere |
| 7. Break-ups are | g. excuse |
| 8. deliver the bad news in | h. pizza |
| 9. expertly | i. awkward |
| 10. break-up | j. better half |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Valentine's Day?
- What do you think of romance?
- Do you prefer sweet or spicy flavours?
- Have you ever been through an awkward breakup?
- What's a good excuse to break up with someone?
- What do you do on Valentine's Day?
- What questions would you like to ask Pizza Hut?

Spelling

- tlcdaelni dinners
- We rarely vagisnee breaking up
- aeasnturtr chain Pizza Hut
- For those who live rwseehlee
- a mlyaoprecnmti pizza
- get over being umdepd
- The company's hcfei marketing officer
- Break-ups are ardkwaw
- carefully tcdreua
- potentially lbpuielsa
- break-up uscxee
- end a tsrioahnelip

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. h	3. j	4. b	5. d
6. i	7. a	8. e	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Red Roses

You think red roses are the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): poetry, walks on the beach or Italian meals.

Role B – Poetry

You think poetry is most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): red roses, walks on the beach or Italian meals.

Role C – Walks on the Beach

You think walks on the beach the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): poetry, red roses or Italian meals.

Role D – Italian meals

You think Italian meals the most romantic thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): poetry, walks on the beach or red roses.

Speaking – Romance

Rank these with your partner. Put the most romantic things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Red roses | • Walks on the beach |
| • Chocolates | • Saying "I love you" |
| • Poetry | • Italian meals |
| • Perfume | • Holding hands |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	F	3	T	4	T	5	F	6	T	7	T	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.