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Level 6 – 12th February 2024

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

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THE ARTICLE

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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: <https://www.restaurantbusinessonline.com/marketing/restaurants-embrace-darker-side-valentines-day>
<https://nypost.com/2024/02/07/news/pizza-hut-offering-goodbye-pies-to-help-couples-break-up-for-valentines-day/>
<https://goodbyepies.com/>

WARM-UPS

1. VALENTINE'S DAY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Valentine's Day. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

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

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ROMANCE: Students A **strongly** believe we should be romantic every day; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THINGS THAT COME TO MIND: What comes to mind with these things? What do you think of them? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

	What Comes to Mind	My Thoughts
Valentine's Day		
Birthdays		
Graduation Day		
New Year's Day		
Payday		
Interview Day		

5. ROSE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "rose". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

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

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. envisage | a. A restaurant or store that has many shops or branches around the country / world. |
| 2. chain | b. To imagine or picture something in your mind. |
| 3. ditch (verb) | c. Someone who used to be your romantic or married partner. |
| 4. ex | d. In another place; not here. |
| 5. elsewhere | e. End a relationship with someone. |
| 6. complimentary | f. Ended a relationship with someone abruptly or without care. |
| 7. dumped | g. Given or provided for free, as a gift or without charge. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 8. blend (noun) | h. To start or send off something, like a rocket or a new product. |
| 9. launch (verb) | i. Carefully selected and organized, often for a specific purpose or audience. |
| 10. awkward | j. A mix of things combined together. |
| 11. generate | k. Uncomfortable or embarrassing; not smooth or easy. |
| 12. curated | l. Believable or seeming reasonable. |
| 13. plausible | m. To produce or create something. |
| 14. excuse (noun) | n. A reason or explanation given to justify a fault or offence. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

When we think of Valentine's Day, we think of (1) _____. Images of red roses, pink hearts and candlelit dinners come to our (2) _____. We rarely (3) _____ breaking up with our partner. However, restaurant chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to (4) _____ 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 (5) _____ on the box of the pizza. For those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online service to (6) _____ the break-up. Customers can go to the GoodbyePies.com website to send a break-up message, along with a (7) _____ for the "future-ex" to a complimentary pizza to help them get over being (8) _____.

ditch
romance
link
ex
dumped
envisage
aid
minds

Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a (9) _____ of sweet and spicy flavours. The company's chief marketing officer said: "With the launch of Goodbye Pies, we are bringing that (10) _____ blend of sweet and heat...to real life. We are delivering spicy news in the sweetest (11) _____ for Valentine's Day." The company's website said: "Break-ups are (12) _____. We can help. Send a free...Goodbye Pie from now through Valentine's Day, and the (13) _____ driver will deliver the bad news in the best way." It added: "We'll generate an (14) _____ crafted, carefully curated, and potentially (15) _____ break-up excuse for you." A YouGov poll stated that 45 per cent of people believe it is best to (16) _____ a relationship before February 14.

perfect
awkward
expertly
blend
end
delivery
way
plausible

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

- 1) think of romance. Images of red roses, pink hearts _____
 - a. and candlelit diners
 - b. and candy lit dinners
 - c. and can delight dinners
 - d. and candlelit dinners
- 2) selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to ditch _____
 - a. their better halve
 - b. their better half
 - c. their better have
 - d. their better calf
- 3) those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online service to _____
 - a. paid the break-up
 - b. laid the break-up
 - c. maid the break-up
 - d. aid the break-up
- 4) send a break-up message, along with a link _____
 - a. for the "future-rex"
 - b. for the "future-exes"
 - c. for the "future-ex"
 - d. for the "future-exec"
- 5) receive a complimentary pizza to help them get _____
 - a. over being duped
 - b. over being dumped
 - c. over being damped
 - d. over being dimpled
- 6) Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a blend of sweet _____
 - a. and spiced flavours
 - b. and spicy favours
 - c. and spicy flavours
 - d. end spicy flavours
- 7) The company's website said break-_____
 - a. uppers are awkward
 - b. cups are awkward
 - c. up are awkward
 - d. ups are awkward
- 8) the delivery driver will deliver the bad news in _____
 - a. the best wait
 - b. the best way
 - c. the best weigh
 - d. the best why
- 9) an expertly crafted, carefully curated, and potentially plausible _____
 - a. break-up excused
 - b. break-up recluse
 - c. break-up excite
 - d. break-up excuse
- 10) stated that 45 per cent of people believe it is best to _____
 - a. end a relationship
 - b. wend a relationship
 - c. send a relationship
 - d. mend a relationship

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

When we think of Valentine's Day, we (1) _____. Images of red roses, pink hearts and candlelit dinners come to our minds. We (2) _____ up with our partner. However, restaurant chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to (3) _____ half. Pizza Hut is selling "Hot Honey Goodbye Pies" in New York, Chicago and Miami. Pizza Hut will write the name of your (4) _____ 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 (5) _____ pizza to help them get (6) _____.

Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a (7) _____ 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... (8) _____. We are delivering spicy news in the sweetest way for Valentine's Day." The company's website said: "(9) _____. We can help. Send a free...Goodbye Pie from now through Valentine's Day, and the (10) _____ deliver the bad news in the best way." It added: "We'll generate (11) _____, carefully curated, (12) _____ 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.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

1. What kind of dinners were mentioned in the article?
2. Who did the article say people wanted to ditch?
3. What is the name of the Valentine's pizzas?
4. Where will Pizza Hut write the name of the partner they want to leave?
5. What can the partner being dumped get for free?
6. What kinds of flavours are the pizzas a mix of?
7. What does Pizza Hut's website say about break-ups?
8. Who will deliver the pizza in the best way?
9. What potentially plausible thing will a website create?
10. When did people in a poll believe it was best to end a relationship?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

- 1) What kind of dinners were mentioned in the article?
 - a) family dinners
 - b) microwave dinners
 - c) candlelit dinners
 - d) dinners for two
- 2) Who did the article say people wanted to ditch?
 - a) their better half
 - b) their friends
 - c) their boss
 - d) a pizza delivery driver
- 3) What is the name of the Valentine's pizzas?
 - a) Hot Honey Farewell Pies
 - b) Hot Honey Goodbye Pies
 - c) Hot Honey Adios Pies
 - d) Hot Honey Sayonara Pies
- 4) Where will Pizza Hut write the name of the partner they want to leave?
 - a) on the pizza topping
 - b) on the pizza box
 - c) online
 - d) on the pizza base
- 5) What can the partner being dumped get for free?
 - a) a chocolate
 - b) a drink
 - c) a special tissue
 - d) a pizza
- 6) What kinds of flavours are the pizzas a mix of?
 - a) Italian and Spanish
 - b) sweet and spicy
 - c) tears and sadness
 - d) garlic and chilli
- 7) What does Pizza Hut's website say about break-ups?
 - a) They are awkward
 - b) They are normal
 - c) They are increasing
 - d) They are tragic
- 8) Who will deliver the pizza in the best way?
 - a) Amazon
 - b) the pizza chef
 - c) delivery drivers
 - d) UPS
- 9) What potentially plausible thing will a website create?
 - a) a fresh start
 - b) the perfect pizza
 - c) the perfect ending
 - d) a break-up excuse
- 10) When did people in a poll believe it was best to end a relationship?
 - a) before February 14
 - b) on February 14
 - c) midnight
 - d) when the partner is on vacation

ROLE PLAY

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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.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pizza' and 'relationship'.

pizza	relationship
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• images• rarely• ditch• name• send• being	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• blend• real• awkward• deliver• crafted• best
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VALENTINE'S DAY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Valentine's Day in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

VALENTINE'S DAY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'relationship'?
3. What do you think of Valentine's Day?
4. How romantic are you?
5. What do you think of red roses and candlelit dinners?
6. How hard is it to break up with a partner?
7. What do you think of the goodbye pies?
8. How would you feel if you received a goodbye pie?
9. How bad is it to get dumped?
10. What's the best way to end a relationship?

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VALENTINE'S DAY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'pizza'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Valentine's Day?
15. What do you think of romance?
16. Do you prefer sweet or spicy flavours?
17. Have you ever been through an awkward breakup?
18. What's a good excuse to break up with someone?
19. What do you do on Valentine's Day?
20. What questions would you like to ask Pizza Hut?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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When we think of Valentine's Day, we think of romance. Images of red roses, pink hearts and (1) _____ dinners come to our minds. We rarely (2) _____ breaking up with our partner. However, restaurant chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to (3) _____ 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 (4) _____ on the box of the pizza. For those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online service to (5) _____ 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 (6) _____.

Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a blend (7) _____ sweet and spicy flavours. The company's chief marketing officer said: "With the (8) _____ of Goodbye Pies, we are bringing that perfect blend of sweet and heat...to real life. We are delivering spicy news in the (9) _____ way for Valentine's Day." The company's website said: "Break-ups are awkward. We can help. Send a free...Goodbye Pie from now (10) _____ 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 (11) _____, and potentially plausible break-up excuse for you." A YouGov poll stated that 45 per cent of people (12) _____ it is best to end a relationship before February 14.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) candle | (b) candlelit | (c) candied | (d) candy |
| 2. | (a) visage | (b) envisage | (c) ensue | (d) environ |
| 3. | (a) hitch | (b) bitch | (c) pitch | (d) ditch |
| 4. | (a) hex | (b) ex | (c) sex | (d) vex |
| 5. | (a) raid | (b) aid | (c) laid | (d) paid |
| 6. | (a) damped | (b) duped | (c) dumped | (d) dimpled |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) on |
| 8. | (a) lunch | (b) lurch | (c) launch | (d) latch |
| 9. | (a) sweeten | (b) sweetie | (c) sweatiest | (d) sweetest |
| 10. | (a) through | (b) though | (c) thorough | (d) thou |
| 11. | (a) curated | (b) curtained | (c) curtailed | (d) crated |
| 12. | (a) belief | (b) believer | (c) believe | (d) belies |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. tlcdaelni dinners
2. We rarely vagisnee breaking up
3. aeasnturtr chain Pizza Hut
4. For those who live rwseehlee
5. a mlyaoprecnmti pizza
6. get over being umdepd

Paragraph 2

7. The company's hcfei marketing officer
8. Break-ups are ardkwaw
9. carefully tcdreua
10. potentially lbpuielsa
11. break-up uscxee
12. end a tsrioahnelip

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for those who want to ditch their better
- () an expertly crafted, carefully curated, and potentially plausible break-up excuse for you." A YouGov poll
- () to-be ex on the box of the pizza. For those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online
- () Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a blend of sweet and spicy flavours. The company's chief
- () along with a link for the "future-ex" to receive a complimentary pizza to help them get over being dumped.
- () half. Pizza Hut is selling "Hot Honey Goodbye Pies" in New York, Chicago and Miami. Pizza Hut will write the name of your soon-
- () stated that 45 per cent of people believe it is best to end a relationship before February 14.
- () dinners come to our minds. We rarely envisage breaking up with our partner. However, restaurant
- () marketing officer said: "With the launch of Goodbye Pies, we are bringing that perfect blend of sweet and heat...to real
- () service to aid the break-up. Customers can go to the GoodbyePies.com website to send a break-up message,
- (**1**) When we think of Valentine's Day, we think of romance. Images of red roses, pink hearts and candlelit
- () Valentine's Day, and the delivery driver will deliver the bad news in the best way." It added: "We'll generate
- () website said: "Break-ups are awkward. We can help. Send a free...Goodbye Pie from now through
- () life. We are delivering spicy news in the sweetest way for Valentine's Day." The company's

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Images minds . candlelit our come to of dinners
2. up with partner . envisage rarely breaking our We
3. to who want their ditch Those half . better
4. the your ex . name of Write soon-to-be
5. dumped . help being over Pizza them get to
6. of pizzas a The goodbye blend flavours . are
7. sweetest news in We're the spicy way . delivering
8. deliver will The news . the driver delivery bad
9. for potentially plausible Write you . excuse a break-up
10. before to It's end relationship a best February 14 .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

When we think of Valentine's Day, we think of *romantic / romance*. Images of red roses, pink hearts and candlelit dinners come to our minds. We rarely *envisage / visage* breaking up with our partner. However, restaurant chain Pizza Hut is selling a Valentine's pizza for *those / them* who want to *ditch / pitch* their better *quarter / 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 *former / ex* on the box of the pizza. For those who live elsewhere, Pizza Hut has an online service to *raid / aid* the break-up. Customers can go to the GoodbyePies.com website *for / to* send a break-up message, *longing / along* with a link for the "future-ex" to receive a complimentary pizza to help them get over being *bumped / dumped*.

Pizza Hut's goodbye pie pizzas are a *bland / blend* of sweet and spicy flavours. The company's *chief / chef* marketing officer said: "With the *lunch / launch* of Goodbye Pies, we are bringing that *prefect / perfect* blend of sweet and heat...to real life. We are delivering spicy news in the *sweatiest / 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 *though / through* Valentine's Day, and the delivery driver will deliver the *badly / bad* news *in / on* the best way." It added: "We'll generate an expertly crafted, *carefully / careful* 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 *on / before* February 14.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Wh_n w_ th_nk _f V_l_nt_n_'s D_y, w_ th_nk _f
r_m_nc_. _m_g_s _f r_d r_s_s, p_nk h__rts _nd
c_ndl_l_t d_nn_rs c_m_ t_ __r m_nds. W_ r_r_ly
_nv_s_g_ br__k_ng _p w_th __r p_rtn_r. H_w_v_r,
r_st__r_nt ch__n P_zz_ H_t _s s_ll_ng _ V_l_nt_n_'s
p_zz_ f_r th_s_ wh_ w_nt t_ d_tch th__r b_tt_r h_lf.
P_zz_ H_t _s s_ll_ng "H_t H_n_y G__dby_ P__s" _n
N_w Y_rk, Ch_c_g_ _nd M__m_. P_zz_ H_t w_ll wr_t_
th_ n_m_ _f y__r s__n-t_-b_ _x _n th_ b_x _f th_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2402/240212-valentines-goodbye-pies.html>

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 goodbyepiescom 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

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. VALENTINE'S DAY: Make a poster about Valentine's Day. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BREAKING UP: Write a magazine article about ending relationships online. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Valentine's Day. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to be romantic on Valentine's Day. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. a 3. e 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Candlelit dinners
2. Their better half
3. Hot Honey Goodbye Pies
4. On the pizza box
5. A pizza
6. Sweet and spicy
7. They are awkward
8. Delivery drivers
9. A break-up excuse
10. Before February 14

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Images of candlelit dinners come to our minds.
2. We rarely envisage breaking up with our partner.
3. Those who want to ditch their better half.
4. Write the name of your soon-to-be ex.
5. Pizza to help them get over being dumped.
6. The goodbye pizzas are a blend of flavours.
7. We're delivering spicy news in the sweetest way.
8. The delivery driver will deliver the bad news.
9. Write a potentially plausible break-up excuse for you.
10. It's best to end a relationship before February 14.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)