

romance1. [rə(v)'mæns] *n*

1. (Romance) рыцарский роман (*обыкн. в стихах; тж. metrical romance*)
Arthurian romance - *лит.* роман Артурова цикла
2. 1) роман (*героического, приключенческого, любовного и т. п. жанра*)
historical [modern] romance - исторический [современный] приключенческий роман
a romance of the desert - романтическая повесть о пустыне
to be deeply read in romances - зачитываться романтическими произведениями
- 2) романтическая литература
3. 1) романтический эпизод; ряд необыкновенных приключений
our meeting was quite a romance - наша встреча была весьма романтической /как в романе/
her story is a romance in real life - её жизнь - настоящий роман
- 2) роман, любовная связь
a teen-age romance - юношеская любовь
4. романтика
the romance of youth - романтика юности
a girl full of romance - девушка с романтической душой
to travel east in search of romance - поехать на восток в поисках романтических приключений
there was an air of romance about the old castle - старый замок выглядел романтично
5. выдумка; небылица
this is romance, I don't believe a word of it - это выдумка, которой я нисколько не верю
6. *лит.* испанская баллада
7. *муз.* романс

2. [rə(v)'mæns] *v*

1. преувеличивать, приукрашивать действительность
to be apt to romance - иметь склонность фантазировать
2. предаваться мечтам, фантазировать
3. *разг.* ухаживать, волочиться (*за кем-л.*)

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romance [romance romances romanced romancing] *noun, verb BrE*[rəʊ'mæns] *BrE* [r'əʊmæns] *NAmE* ['roumæns]**noun**

1. **countable** an exciting, usually short, relationship between two people who are in love with each other
 - a holiday romance
 - They had a **whirlwind romance**.
2. **uncountable** love or the feeling of being in love
 - Spring is here and romance is in the air.
 - How can you put the romance back into your marriage?
3. **uncountable** a feeling of excitement and adventure, especially connected to a particular place or activity
 - the romance of travel
4. **countable** a story about a love affair
 - She's a compulsive reader of romances.
5. **countable** a story of excitement and adventure, often set in the past
 - medieval romances

Word Origin:

Middle English: from ↑**Romance**, originally denoting a composition in the vernacular as opposed to works in Latin. Early use denoted vernacular verse on the theme of chivalry; the sense 'genre centred on romantic love' dates from the mid 17th cent.

Collocations:**Marriage and divorce***Romance*

fall/be (madly/deeply/hopelessly) **in love** (with sb)
be/believe in/fall in love at first sight
be/find true love/the love of your life
suffer (from) (the pains/pangs of) unrequited love
have/feel/show/express great/deep/genuine affection for sb/sth
meet/marry your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend
have/go on a (blind) **date**
be going out with/ (especially NAmE) dating a guy/girl/boy/man/woman
move in with/live with your boyfriend/girlfriend/partner

Weddings

get/be engaged/married/divorced
arrange/plan a wedding
have a big wedding/a honeymoon/a happy marriage
have/enter into an arranged marriage
call off/cancel/postpone your wedding
invite sb to/go to/attend a wedding/a wedding ceremony/a wedding reception

conduct/perform a wedding ceremony
 exchange rings/wedding vows/marriage vows
 congratulate/toast/raise a glass to the happy couple
 be/go on honeymoon (with your wife/husband)
 celebrate your first (wedding) anniversary

Separation and divorce

be unfaithful to/ (informal) cheat on your husband/wife/partner/fiancé/fiancée/boyfriend/girlfriend
 have an affair (with sb)
 break off/end an engagement/a relationship
 break up with/split up with/ (informal) dump your boyfriend/girlfriend
 separate from/be separated from/leave /divorce your husband/wife
 annul/dissolve a marriage
 apply for/ask for/go through/get a divorce
 get/gain/be awarded /have /lose custody of the children
 pay alimony/child support (to your ex-wife/husband)

Example Bank:

- Everyone knows that online romances never work out.
- Have you ever had an office romance?
- He was still recovering from a failed romance.
- It ruined their perfect fairy-tale romance.
- Most of her songs are about love and romance.
- People find romance in strange places.
- They had a brief romance in the eighties.
- They married after a whirlwind romance.
- We're seeing more interracial romances in the movies.
- the budding romance between Richard and Elise
- the true story of a real-life romance
- a summer romance

verb

1. **intransitive** to tell stories that are not true or to describe sth in a way that makes it seem more exciting or interesting than it really is
2. **transitive ~ sb** to have or to try to have a romantic relationship with sb

Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | romance |
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| | BrE /'rɔːmæns/ |
| | NAmE /'rɔːmæns/ |
| he / she / it | romances |
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| | BrE /'rɔːmænsɪz/ |
| | NAmE /'rɔːmænsɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | |
| | romanced |
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| | BrE /'rɔːmænsɪd/ |
| | NAmE /'rɔːmænsɪd/ |
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[Word Family: **noun**: ↑romance, ↑romantic, ↑romanticism; **verb**: ↑romance, ↑romanticize; **adjective**: ↑romantic ≠UNROMANTIC, romanticized; **adverb**: ↑romantically]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: romans 'French, something written in French', from Latin romanicus 'Roman']

1. [countable] an exciting and often short relationship between two people who love each other ⇨ **affair**

romance with

- Hemingway's romance with his nurse inspired him to write 'A Farewell to Arms'.
- Michelle married him after a whirlwind romance (=one that happens very suddenly and quickly).

holiday romance **British English** **summer romance** **American English** (=one that happens during a holiday)

• a short holiday romance

2. [uncountable] love, or a feeling of being in love:

• The romance had gone out of their relationship.

3. [uncountable] the feeling of excitement and adventure that is related to a particular place, activity etc

romance of

• the romance of Hollywood

4. [countable] a story about the love between two people:

• romance novels

5. [countable] a story that has brave characters and exciting events:

a Medieval romance

II. **romance** ² *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb*

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1. [intransitive] to describe things that have happened in a way that makes them seem more important, interesting etc than they really were

romance about

an old man romancing about the past

2. [transitive] *old-fashioned* to try to persuade someone to love you

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