

## Valentine's Day: "Dropje", "Chen You Luo Yan", or "Orsacchiotto" - The cutest pet names from around the world by Rosetta Stone

For many people in the UK, languages play a particular role: According to a study by [Eurostat](#), nearly 9 per cent of married couples in the UK include a foreign-born spouse with supposedly at least two languages spoken. This does not account for all the friendships, which blossom during a winter holiday in Japan, or a stay at the Italian coast in summer. You might have fallen for a beautiful girl in Tokyo, or a gorgeous guy in Naples and you decided to take your friendship further. Yet, it is still too early to move in together or even get engaged. So how can you show your love in a different way? One way to impress is by showing interest in your partner's culture and [language](#).

In occasion of Valentine's Day Rosetta Stone put together over [20 ways](#) to say "I love you". This is a good start. Once you have learnt the St. Valentine's basics like "I love you", or "I am thinking of you", the use of pet names will surprise your love addressing him/her in an affectionate way: "Meu Chuchu" is a very sweet way to express your love in Brazil. Chuchu is actually a typical Brazilian vegetable (chayote). The Dutch love liquorice, they actually eat the most amount of liquorice per capita of any people in the world. It is no surprise that your Dutch girlfriend will love to be considered your "Dropje" (candy). It might be that Russians love cherries, but it is a *fact* that they call their beloved "Vishenka" (Cherry). It is often girls who choose an animal as a pet name for their boyfriend: How can you not love to hear yourself being called "Orsacchiotto" (little bear) by an Italian, "Spatz" (sparrow) by a German, or "myszka" (little mouse) by your Polish girlfriend?

A beautiful pet name the Chinese use is "Chen Yu Luo Yan". It means a woman with overwhelming beauty, who makes the fish sink and wild geese fall, based on an old Chinese [anecdote](#). Last, but not least, the French would say "Mon petit chou", meaning literally "my little cabbage", or referring to a French patisserie called "chou à la crème" (a cream puff), thus, something sweet and delicious, like your love.

Then only the right present is missing for Valentine's Day to be a success. Be aware of the different customs in different cultures though: In Germany mainly flowers are given. In Japan women give men chocolate on February, 14<sup>th</sup>. One month later the "White Day", they will get white chocolate from their men in return. In South Korea there is also a "Black Day": First chocolate is given like in Japan. Whoever does not receive chocolate on neither day has a very sad day on April, 14<sup>th</sup> and will eat "Jajangmyeon", noodles with black bean sauce. In Brazil nothing happens mid-February: Here Valentine's day is on June, 12<sup>th</sup>, this year the beginning of the football World cup.

Learning a language for your partner will not only be fun, but might be the start of an exciting journey together. With [Rosetta Stone](#) you can get started right away - simply immerse yourself in a new language from your tablet or smartphone.

### About Rosetta Stone:

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