

Types of Love



Without really getting into theories and styles of love that can just end up complicating your mind, let's talk about real life and the experiences you may feel in your own life. Read these types of love to see how many you have or have not experienced yet.

#1 Platonic love

Platonic love is the simplest of all types. There are no strings attached and no sexual intentions either. It's pure, friendly and something we experience from a very young age. The kind of relationships you share with siblings, close childhood friends and even a few grownup friends can fall right here. Do you remember the first time you missed a friend? That was probably your first platonic love moment.

#2 Limerence and crushes

Ever had a crush on someone? Of course, you have! The first crush is a memorable experience, one that's filled with confusing jolts in the stomach, sudden urges to throw up and a stupid sense of grinning satisfaction each time you see your crush. It's a beautiful experience even if it did feel like your life depended on it at that time.

Limerence, on the other hand, is rather close to a crush but much more intense and "weird." Have you ever liked someone madly, but didn't ever want to express your love for them, like a school teacher or an actor, or even a crush? Sometimes, you may have an intense infatuation for someone, yet, you wouldn't want to spoil the happy thoughts by doing anything about it. Ever been there?

#3 Unrequited love

Unrequited love is a love filled with heartbreaks and one that almost all of us have experienced. It's the dreaded one-sided love, where you like someone and you know that person will never like you back. They may be in a relationship, or they may just use you. You find yourself falling more in love with each passing day, even though you know you'll never get any happiness out of this type of love.

This is the type of love that gives love a bad name. But you know what, it also helps you understand the real value of reciprocal love.

#4 Selfish love

Selfish love is smart. And though it involves two people to create that relationship, selfish love also involves two people who are in love with one person.

Your partner loves you. You love you.

Selfish love is a narcissistic love where you don't care about your partner or their happiness. You only care about yourself. If you ever find yourself getting into a relationship just for the heck of it without really falling in love with the other person, chances are, you're a selfish lover.

Selfish lovers are clever, scheming foxes who only get into a relationship to see what they can get out of it.

Ever dated someone just to appear cooler or achieve something for personal gains? If you have, tick the selfish lover off the list. If you haven't, wait and watch yourself use someone at some point in your life. Don't worry, it'll eventually happen.

#5 Awww love

Awww... that's so cute. This type of love is the most spontaneous and yet, the one you'll forget the soonest. It lasts for a few seconds, sometimes even less and some other times, a lot longer.

Do you love cats, dogs, goats... any animals at all? Or perhaps, a car or a tree? Sometimes, all of us feel an overwhelming sense of love for something or the other, and it doesn't have to be a person. It's love at first sight, and yet, it's not something you'd want to keep close. We've all experienced the heart-melting "aww" when we look at vacation photos or a tiny kitten or a pup on YouTube. We've been there and done that, and yes, this is another type of love.

#6 Romantic love

Butterflies, bliss and Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World" is all you need to think of when you experience romantic love. It's beautiful, sappy love at its best.

You feel the flutter of butterflies in your stomach, the world looks so much more beautiful and you can't hold that grin back no matter what you do. You want to be with your sweetheart all the time, and even when you're not together, you wish you were.

You're happy. Your lover's happy. The world's happy for you. And you're having the time of your life!

#7 Unconditional love

Blessed are the lovers who experience this special type of love for each other. It's not easy, and it may not be something most people even want to try. However, if you do ever take a leap of faith, *you would see what true love really feels like.*

Do you love someone more than you love yourself? Do you care about your lover more than you care about anything else in the world? Chances are, you may be experiencing unconditional love. Unconditional love is the stuff fairy tales and romance novels are made of. If both of you care about each other and love each other selflessly, you're in the middle of a special type of love that few ever experience but spend all their lives looking for.

