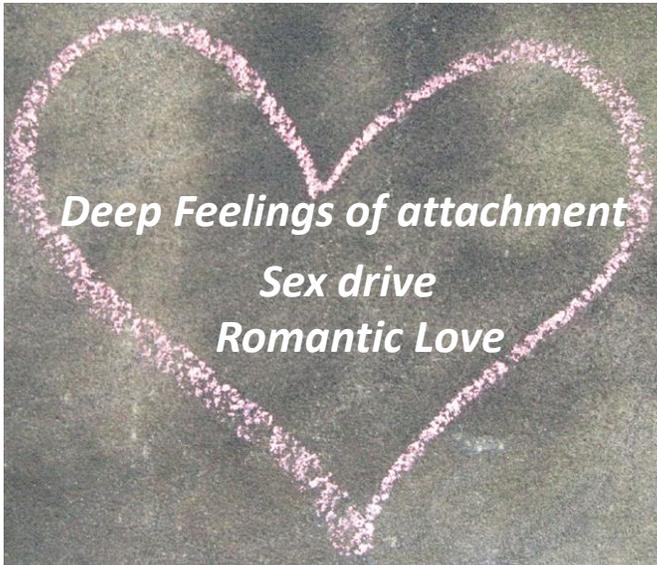




## Oh, *lovely* February!

Probably the most famous day in February is **Valentine's Day**. And, of course, this celebration is deeply linked to kissing. **But do you know the [science behind kissing](#)?**

According to [dr. Helen Fisher](#), from New Jersey's [Rutgers University](#), kissing can trigger anyone of these 3 main systems:



There's more: kissing is more important to men than to women at the beginning of a relationship. Women regard kissing as equally important all the way through the relationship.

**So, never stop kissing!**

## The real meaning of "BUT"

**Words influence people's way of thinking.  
People's thinking influences their feelings.**

When speaking it is **great being aware of the real influence some usual words** have on other people's feelings.

It is quite common using **the conjunction "but"** to express an antithesis. And, what is good to be aware of, it is that **this word has the power of a rubber**. This means, **that you erase any sentence, preceding the word "but"**.



Therefore, when giving a **compliment avoid this type of formulation "I like your idea, but..."**, because your **"I like" will be missed**.

Simultaneously, this conjunction will **help you keep other people positive** if you use its power in sentences such as: **"I know we lost today, but we can win the league."**

## The English Language Corner

**Practice your spelling. Choose the right answer.**

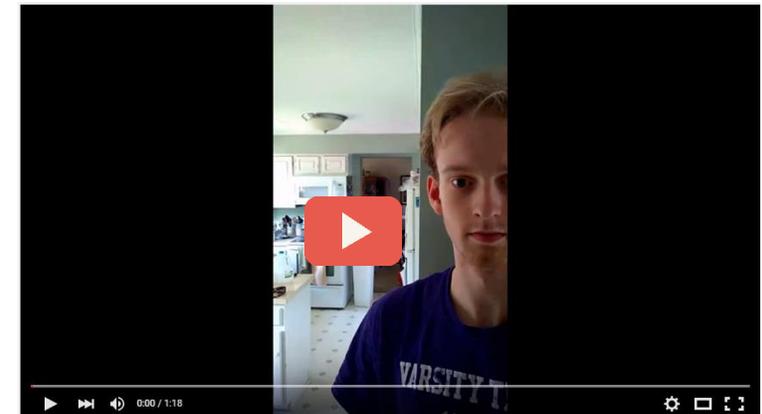
1. The F.C. Barcelona was ..... in 1899 by a Swiss.
2. Have you ..... my key?

**a. Fount – b. Found – c. Founded**

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1. .... might be drinks if you wait a bit.
  2. 'Where will she sleep?' 'Well, ..... still one free bed.'
- a. There's – b. Their – c. Theirs – d. There**

## He casually throws things into place without batting an eye



**[without batting an eye](#)**

Showing no emotion, acting as though nothing were unusual. For example, *Richard ate the snails without batting an eye.*