

**A. Discuss**

1. Do you care about Valentine’s Day? How do you normally celebrate Valentine’s Day?
2. Talk about a particularly special Valentine’s Day that you remember.
3. If you could choose anyone in the world to be your valentine for a day, who would you choose? why?

**B. Read the article and try to guess the meanings of any words/expressions you don’t know**

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**Lin Chi-ling chosen as preferred date for Valentine’s Day**

Taiwanese model and actress, Lin Chi-ling was named by local male office workers in a **poll** as their ideal Valentine’s Day date, according to the results of a yes123 online survey released on Friday.

Lin, **dubbed** “the first face of Taiwan” by some members of the media, topped the list of **ideal companions** based on the answers given by male **respondents** in a poll conducted last month by the Taipei-based online job bank.

She was followed by Sonia Sui, also a model, and Tsai Huang-ju, an Internet **sensation**, while pop singers Show Luo), Wang Leehom and actor Liren Li were the top three choices among female respondents, the survey showed.

Yes123 also found that when asked about their love lives this year, most respondents (49.9 percent) said they hoped to fall in love, 27.8 percent wanted to get married, 11.8 percent wanted to stay single and 5.9 percent hoped to find a new boyfriend or girlfriend.

When asked about the occupation an ideal **spouse** should have, respondents offered very different answers, with 15.5 percent saying they wanted to marry a **public servant**, 13.6 percent preferring engineers, 9.9 percent favoring company **executives** and 8.7 percent hoping to marry a designer, the survey found.

Meanwhile, the poll also found that only a quarter of respondents planned to celebrate Valentine’s Day tomorrow.

Yes123 **conducted** its online survey from Jan. 3 to Jan. 28, with 2,582 **valid** responses collected. The **margin of error** was plus or minus 1.92 percentage points.

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**C. Now match the definitions below with the highlighted words in the article**

poll / ideal / dubbed / companions / respondents / sensation / spouse / public servant / executives / conducted / valid / margin of error

.....	husband or wife
.....	survey
.....	the top managers in a company
.....	called; named
.....	acceptable
.....	an allowance for any small calculation mistakes
.....	perfect
.....	special friends; people who accompany you to events
.....	star; celebrity
.....	did; carried out
.....	a person who works in a government job; civil servant
.....	people who answer questions in a survey

**D. Comprehension & Post-Reading Discussion**

1. According to the article, what is the hope of most people this year regarding their love lives?
2. What is *your* hope this year regarding your love life...?