

# Colloc LOVE

## love noun

- ADJ. **deep, great, overwhelming, passionate** *her deep love for him* | **genuine, pure, real, true** | **unconditional** | **abiding, eternal, undying** *He had an abiding love of the English countryside.* ◊ *You have my undying love.* | **hopeless, unrequited** *a sad tale of unrequited love* | **thwarted** *a play about thwarted love* | **mutual** | **free** *They were into free love and avoided commitment.* | **first** *I like most sports but tennis is my first love.* | **brotherly, maternal, parental, sisterly** | **courtly, platonic, romantic** *the cult of courtly love in twelfth-century Aquitaine* | **erotic, physical, sexual** | **heterosexual, homosexual, lesbian** | **redemptive** | **divine, human**
- VERB + LOVE **feel, have** *She felt no love for him.* ◊ *He had a great love of life.* | **search for, seek** | **find** *At last she had found true love.* | **express, show** | **declare, pro-**

**fess** *They publicly declared their love for each other.* | **promise** *'You promised me love!' he cried despairingly.* | **return** *He didn't return her love.* | **share** *They share a love of music.* | **give sb, send (sb)** *Bob sends his love.* | **be in fall in** *He fell in love with one of his students.* | **fall out of** | **make** (= have sex) *It was the first time they had made love.* ◊ *He wanted to make love to her.*

• LOVE + NOUN **affair** | **life** | **letter** | **scene, song, story**

• PREP. **for/out of** *'I did it for love!'* | **in** *We are very much in love.* | **between** *the love between parent and child* | **for** *He did not know how to express his love for her.* ◊ *She had a great love of painting.*

• PHRASES **an act of love, deeply/madly/passionately in love** *I was madly in love with her;* **desperately/hopelessly in love, head over heels in love, love at first sight** *Do you believe in love at first sight?* **the love of sb's life** *She was the love of his life.*

## love verb

- ADV. **dearly, deeply, passionately, really, tenderly, very much** *He loved his wife dearly.* | **unconditionally** *He wanted to be unconditionally loved.*