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Language of flowers

When do you pick flowers?

Usually people give flowers as a gift to someone special.

Did you know each flower has a meaning?

Language of flowers is a phrase given to plants to describe their symbolic meaning.

While most of us know that red roses symbolize love.

Did you realize that many more plants, herbs, and flowers have centuries-old symbolic meanings? Some flowers mean friendship, others symbolize love, yet others represent loss.

The symbolic language of flowers has been recognized for centuries in many countries throughout Europe and Asia. Nearly every sentiment imaginable can be expressed with flowers. Some plants, including roses, poppies, and lilies, could express a wide range of emotions based on their color alone.

For example, carnations of different colors have different meanings. Pink meant "I'll never forget you", red said "my heart aches for you", purple conveys capriciousness, white is for the "the sweet and lovely", and yellow expresses romantic rejection.

In this way, flowers have various meanings depending on the type and color.

If you have the opportunity to buy flowers, check out the language of flower first.

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