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*Vocabulary: love 词汇: 爱情*

I'm sure we all remember a time when we **fell in love**. For some it was a gradual realisation that the person you knew was actually amazing. For others, it was **love at first sight** – an instant **lightning-bolt moment** that you knew you'd met your **perfect match**.

What is it that makes someone instantly love someone? **Physical attraction** is an obvious answer but there are other reasons that can create **affection** for someone; compatibility, personality and **a good sense of humour** to name just a few.

But according to one expert, there is a more scientific explanation. Dr Anna Machin, an Evolutionary Anthropologist at the University of Oxford says men look for signs of fertility and good health in a partner "and the major indicator of that in women is the **waist-hip ratio**... the absolute ideal." This is believed to be 0.7 which is "really your classic **hourglass figure**." And what do women look for in men? Well other experts have discovered they look for men who are taller, with broad shoulders and a relatively narrow waist – so a 'V' shaped **torso**.

If you're worried your figure isn't the perfect shape, there could be other factors that will cause someone **to fall head over heels in love** with you – people also use their sense of smell to sniff out their ideal **mate**. Apparently, we can detect whether people are genetically different to us by the way they smell.

Even if a potential partner's smell is **a passion-killer**, their facial expressions might make you **infatuated** with them. According to Professor David Perrett, at the School of Psychology and Neuroscience at St Andrews University, "we can change our faces by interacting with others and doing so in a pleasant manner, and that will aid our attractiveness and make others interested in us."

So it's good to know there are many reasons why we might be **smitten** with someone but there is a problem; will the feeling be **mutual** and if it is, how long will it last? Nothing is guaranteed and, we know from Shakespeare, **the course of true love never ran smoothly!**

## 词汇表

fell in love	坠入爱河，相爱了
love at first sight	一见钟情
lightning-bolt moment	电闪雷鸣的一刻，突然间
perfect match	完美的另一半，天生绝配
physical attraction	身体、外表吸引力
affection	喜爱，爱慕之情
a good sense of humour	有很好的幽默感
waist-hip ratio	腰臀比
hourglass figure	蜂腰体形，沙漏形身材
torso	躯干，身躯
to fall head over heels in love	坠入爱河，爱得神魂颠倒
mate	(名词) 配偶
a passion-killer	(俗语) 激情杀手，令人丧失激情的事物
infatuated	迷恋的，着迷的
smitten	着了迷的，突然爱上的
mutual	相互的，彼此共同的
the course of true love never ran smoothly	真爱之路永远充满坎坷

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. Give one reason, mentioned in the article, which might make us fall instantly in love with someone.
2. True or false? *Experts say men think a woman with an hourglass figure are likely to be healthier and more fertile.*
3. What can smell help us detect in a possible partner?
4. Which word means 'certain to happen or exist'?
5. If we fall in love with someone, what are we not sure of?

### 2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. I prefer dogs to cats because they show me a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

affliction	affection	addiction	affections
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2. Wildlife experts have discovered male pipistrelle bats 'sing' to attract a \_\_\_\_\_.

passion-killer	smitten	mate	infatuation
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3. What I liked about Helen is that we had \_\_\_\_\_ interests.

lightning-bolt	smitten	mutual	a good sense of humour
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4. We met at a party and instantly \_\_\_\_\_.

fell in love	falled in love	fallen in love	fell on love
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5. My husband wears his socks in bed and it's a real \_\_\_\_\_.

perfect match	lightning-bolt moment	physical attraction	passion-killer
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## 答案

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**Physical attractiveness, compatibility, personality, a good sense of humour.**

2. True or false? *Experts say men think a woman with an hourglass figure are likely to be to healthier and more fertile.*

**True. Men look for signs of fertility and good health in a partner and the major indicator of that in women is the waist-hip ratio. ("Really your classic hourglass figure.").**

3. What can smell help us detect in a possible partner?

**We can detect whether people are genetically different to us by the way they smell.**

4. Which word means 'certain to happen or exist'?

**Guaranteed.**

5. If we fall in love with someone, what are we not sure of?

**That someone will fall in love with you!**

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