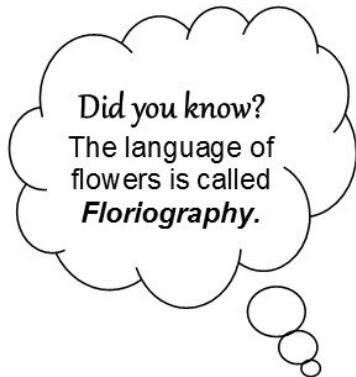










# The Secret Language of Flowers










Especially in spring, we love flowers for their pretty colors and smells. Some flowers also give us herbs for cooking and for medicine. More than a hundred years ago, people even used flowers to create secret messages.

Each kind of flower meant a different thing, so by sending one flower or a mixture of several kinds, you could say something with flowers you might be too shy to say in person. The color of the blossom was important, too. A rose usually stood for love, but a red one said "true love," a pink one was "secret love," and yellow meant jealousy. You had to be very careful to make sure you sent the right bouquet to your friend!

Using the images of the flowers and their meanings to the right, can you decode the secret message below? Match the flower image to its meaning, and fill in the correct word or phrase to complete the message!



	<b>Buttercup</b>	fortune; riches
	<b>Cherry Blossom</b>	education
	<b>Chrysanthemum</b>	wonderful friend
	<b>Crocus</b>	cheerful; happy
	<b>Hyacinth</b>	sports and games
	<b>Iris</b>	a message for you
	<b>Pansy</b>	you are on my mind
	<b>Red Clover</b>	hard work; industry
	<b>Sweet Pea</b>	good-bye
	<b>Tulip</b>	fame

Dear  : Because  , here is  . If you keep up your   
 at school and get a good  , you will find  and  .  
 Take time for  and always be  .  until later!