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## Why the French rarely say 'I love you'



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It likely explains why the French have the reputation of being so demonstrative about love – because if you can't really say it, you have to show it.

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y French husband loves me. I know he loves me because he hands me a bouquet of flowers almost every weekend. And when I tell him I was at a party full of beautiful people, he charmingly says something about "birds of a feather". I'm reminded that he loves me when we're at a cocktail party with work colleagues and he reaches out to caress my arm. He calls me *ma biche* (my deer) and shows his love for me every day, even after more than a decade together.

