

People and relationships

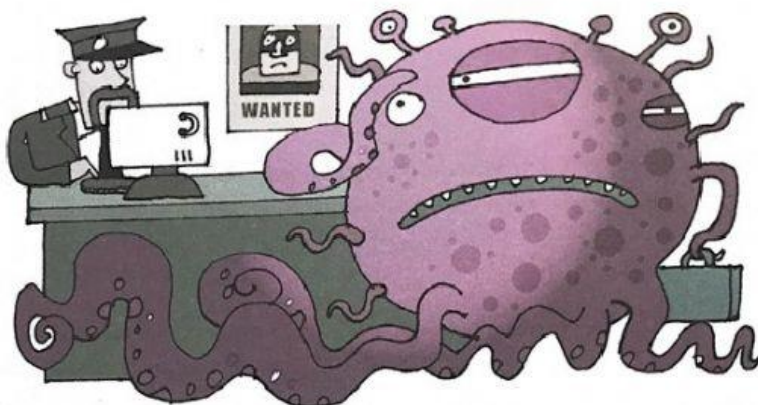
1 Complete the text, using a word or phrase from the box in each gap.

commitment	hit it off	patch	pushy	spoilt
domineering	interests	plucked up	rebelled	struck out
follow	live up to	pressure	sheltered	trial

I guess I was what one might call a (1) *spoilt*..... child, for I was an only child and I got whatever I wanted. I had a rather weak-minded mother and by contrast a very (2) father who had exceedingly high expectations of me, expectations that I could not (3) You see, my father was quite an eminent lawyer and wanted nothing more than for me to (4) in his footsteps. He encouraged me to win at everything and to be ultra-competitive. He just couldn't see that he was being far too (5) and putting too much (6) on me. He simply thought that he was acting in my best (7) Not surprisingly, perhaps, I (8) against my upbringing by becoming thoroughly apathetic at school. As soon as I turned 18, I (9) on my own and went off on a trip to India. It was there that I met Ingrid, a fellow traveller. It became clear that we came from very similar backgrounds. She too was running away from something: in her case a very (10) upbringing, caused by having two very over-protective parents. We (11) immediately, and I (12) courage and asked her to be my girlfriend. But I was young and I needed space, and I guess I was too immature to handle the give and take of a relationship. Or perhaps I was just afraid of (13) Anyway, we went through a very bad (14) and had a (15) separation for a couple of months.

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2 Underline the best option in each sentence.



- 1 As I am officially an alien / an outsider / a stranger, I have to register with the police.
- 2 Let me introduce you to my betrothed / engaged / fiancée. We're getting married next month.
- 3 Jim is just an acquaintance / a colleague / a figure I met on holiday.
- 4 Why not bring your child along to the Mothers and Juveniles / Juniors / Toddlers group? It's for one- and two-year-olds.
- 5 Local people are campaigning for better facilities for the senior / ancient / elderly.
- 6 Our ancestors / descendants / predecessors are all buried in the local churchyard.
- 7 Peter is 50 and unmarried and his friends call him 'an eligible bachelor / independent / single'.
- 8 The bridegroom was handed the ring by the assistant groom / best man / godfather.
- 9 When I was a bloke / chap / lad I used to walk ten miles to school.
- 10 We call her 'Auntie Flo', though she is not really any family / relation / relative to us.

3 Complete each sentence with an adjective from the box.

aggressive	attentive	devoted	insensitive	prejudiced
apathetic	conscientious	extrovert	mature	solitary

- 1 Sharon works very hard and is extremely conscientious.
- 2 Leo does everything alone. He is a rather person.
- 3 What a lovely couple! They seem totally to one another.
- 4 Jim has extreme views, and is against all immigrants.
- 5 Very few students wanted to join in the activities. They seemed rather
- 6 Simon is always getting into fights, he's so
- 7 Jane may look rather young, but she has a very attitude.
- 8 Kate is a good teacher, and very to the needs of the students.
- 9 Bill is shy but his brother Mike is more
- 10 Molly doesn't realize how she hurts people. She is really

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4 Match each expression (1–10) with an explanation (a–j).

- 1 nearest and dearest ...2.....
 - 2 newlyweds
 - 3 the nuclear family
 - 4 adults
 - 5 a community
 - 6 a generation
 - 7 contemporaries
 - 8 the extended family
 - 9 a household
 - 10 outcasts
- a people who are alive at the same time or, for example, attend the same school
 - b people who have only recently been (or are still) on their honeymoon
 - c all the people of approximately the same age
 - d the people in a family who live together under the same roof
 - e the entire range of relatives in one family
 - f all the people living together in the same area
 - g a person (or people) from your immediate family
 - h people who are no longer teenagers
 - i people abandoned by their families or by society in general
 - j parents and their children

5 Complete each sentence with a verb from the box.

abandoned	criticized	neglected	quarrelled	scolded
adopted	humiliated	offended	retired	separated

- 1 Keith's parents neglected him when he was a baby.
- 2 The small child was being by its mother for getting dirty.
- 3 Tom deeply Jill by ignoring her at the party.
- 4 David is not my real father. I was by him when I was small.
- 5 Ian and Fiona are and they may get divorced.
- 6 I with my boyfriend but we made it up in the end.
- 7 Jack on his 65th birthday and received his pension.
- 8 My parents me for having a ring in my nose.
- 9 Julie's parents her when she was a few months old and she grew up in a children's home.
- 10 My boss utterly me in front of important clients, so I resigned.

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6 Replace the words underlined in each sentence with a phrase from the box.

~~turned him down~~ went out together got to know kept in touch moved in with
got on well with fell out ran away from stood him up grew up

- 1 When Brian asked her to marry him, Lucy said no. *turned him down*
- 2 I communicated regularly with most of my old friends.
- 3 Ann spent her childhood years in London.
- 4 Max and Kate dated for three months before they got engaged.
- 5 Kate quarrelled with her boyfriend and they stopped seeing each other.
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- 6 Helen had a good relationship with her in-laws.
- 7 Harry left home without his parents' permission.
- 8 Sophia promised to meet Michael after work but disappointed him.
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- 9 After a few weeks I went to live in the house of some friends.
- 10 I grew friendly with Pam when we worked together.

7 Complete each set of sentences with one word which fits in all three sentences.

- 1 Barry was a very complicated individual who easily *took* offence.
I *took* to the job immediately and felt like I'd been doing it all
my life.
After 36 days of fighting, the invading forces finally *took* the city.
- 2 After quarrelling with Ryan, Martina was to tears.
It was a call, but I think Leupers just won it from Collins in
second place.
In such sweltering heat, it was unbearably and humid on
the Underground.
- 3 Jane's father with rage when she told him she was pregnant.
Events in oil-producing countries the confidence of investors.
The lion its magnificent mane and gave an almighty roar.
- 4 John and Mary met at university, and they've been going for almost
five years.
'..... on – is that really what you want you to do?'
There has been a decline in the number of male applicants.
- 5 'I just can't imagine my dad me down the aisle in church to get
married,' said Maggie.
Lewis Hamilton is currently the drivers' championship.
She emerged from the stable a beautiful black horse.