‘I’ll never forget you’

Read the article and complete each gap with the right time expression from the box:

a few years later	17 years ago	for ten years	a year after





Steve Smith from Devon in the UK met Carmen Ruiz-Perez from Spain _____, when they were both in their twenties. Carmen was studying English at a language school in Torbay, where Steve lived.

They fell in love and decided to get married. But _____ the engagement, Carmen moved to France to work, and the long-distance relationship first cooled and then ended.

Steve tried to get in touch with Carmen again _____, but she had changed her address in Paris. So he sent a letter to her mother’s address in Spain. In the letter he asked her if she was married and if she ever thought of him or of coming back to England. He gave her his phone number and asked her to get in touch. But Carmen’s mother didn’t send the letter to her daughter and it fell down behind the fireplace, where it stayed _____.

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Listen to a news programme about Carmen and Steve and complete the missing phases:

couldn't believe it make the call always loved were kissing

on the fireplace still single sent the letter like a film

Presenter Earlier this year, ten years after Steve _____, some builders were renovating the living room in Carmen's mother's house in Spain. When they were working _____ they found Steve's letter. They gave it to Carmen's sister, and she sent the letter to Carmen in Paris. Carmen was now 42, and she was _____.

Carmen When I got the letter I didn't call Steve immediately because I was so nervous. I kept picking up the phone and putting it down again. I nearly didn't phone him at all. But I knew that I had to _____.

Presenter Carmen finally made the call and Steve answered the phone. He was also now 42 and he was also single.

Steve I _____ when she phoned. I've just moved house, but luckily I kept my old phone number.

Presenter Steve and Carmen arranged to meet in Paris a few days later.

Steve When we met it was _____. We ran across the airport and into each other's arms. Within 30 seconds of seeing each other again we _____. We fell in love all over again.

Presenter Last week the couple got married, 17 years after they first met.

Carmen I never got married in all those years, but now I have married the man I've _____.

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