4 Vocabulary: relationships

a Explain the difference between these pairs of phrases.

1 to meet somebody and to know somebody

2 a colleague and a friend

3 to argue with somebody and to discuss something with somebody

b Match the words and definitions

1 ..... two people who are married or in a romantic relationship

2 ..... your husband, wife, boyfriend, or girlfriend

3 ..... the person that you are engaged to be married to

4 ..... a person that you share a flat with

5 ..... a person that you work with

6 ..... (colloquial) a person that you used to have a relationship with

7 ..... a very good friend that you can talk to about anything

8 ..... a friend from school or college

c Listen and check. 3.19

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d Complete the sentences with a verb or verb phrase in the past tense.

be together become friends break up get in touch get married get on get to know go out together have (sth) in common lose touch meet propose

1 I …….. Mark when I was studying at York University.

2 We …… each other quickly because we went to the same classes.

3 We soon ……..., and we discovered that we …….. a lot …….. . For example, we both liked art and music.

4 We …….. in our second term and we fell in love.

5 We …… for two years, but we argued a lot and in our last term at university we ……..

6 After we left university, we …….. because I moved to London and he stayed in York.

7 Five years later we …….. again on Facebook. We were both still single, and Mark had moved to London too.

8 This time we …… better than before, maybe because we were older.

9 After two months Mark …… and I accepted.

10 We …… last summer. A lot of our old university friends came to the wedding!



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e Listen and check. 3.20

Colloquial language

I went out last night with some **mates**. (= friends)
I really **fancy** a girl I met in class last week. (= I'm attracted to her)
Jane **dumped** her boyfriend last night!(= told him that their relationship was over)
My younger sister **has a crush on** Justin Bieber!(= be madly in love with when you are young)

Phrasal verbs

My sister and her boyfriend **broke up / split up** last month. (ended their relationship)
My daughter has **fallen out with** her best friend. They aren't speaking to each other at the moment. (= had an argument with and stopped being friends)

f Think of one of your close friends. In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- How long have you known him / her?
- Where did you meet ?
- Why do you get on well?
- What do you have in common?
- Do you ever argue? What about?
- How often do you see each other?
- How do you keep in touch?
- Have you ever lost touch? Why? When?
- Do you think you'll stay friends?



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5 Listening

a Do you think the following are T (true) or F (false)?

1 22-year-olds have an average of 1,000 friends. ⬜

2 Men have more online friends. ⬜

3 People who spend a lot of time on Facebook become more dissatisfied with their own lives. ⬜

b Listen to the introduction to a radio programme. According to research, are 1- 3 in ex. a true or false? 3.23

c Listen to four people who phone the programme, **George**, **Beth**, **Caitlin**, and **Ned**. Who is the most positive about Facebook? Who is the most negative?
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d Listen again. Answer with G (George), B (Beth), C (Caitlin), or N (Ned). Which caller. .. ?

1 does not want to share personal information with strangers ⬜

2 has fewer Facebook friends than he / she used to have ⬜

3 has over a thousand friends ⬜

4 uses it to keep in touch with friends who don't live near ⬜

5 thinks people use Facebook to give themselves more importance ⬜

6 used to use Facebook more than he /she does now ⬜

7 uses Facebook instead of phoning ⬜

8 does not use social networking sites ⬜

e Do you use Facebook or any other social networking sites? Do you agree with anything the speaker said?

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6 Speaking

Read sentences A-F below. Say the ones you agree with and the ones you don't agree with. Think about your reasons.

A You can only have two or three close friends.
B Nowadays people are in touch with more people but have fewer close friends.
C Men keep their friends longer than women.
D You should never criticize your friend's partner.
E You should never lend money to a friend (or borrow money) .
F It's impossible to stay good friends with an ex-partner.

b In groups, compare opinions. Try to give real examples from your own experience or of people you know. Use the phrases below to help you.

Giving examples
For example, I have a friend who I've known since I was five years old...
For instance, I once lent some money to a cousin...



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