

## RELATIONSHIPS - VOCABULARY

Discuss with your partner each of the vocabulary words and phrases below. Try to use each vocabulary item in a sentence.

<p><b>Romance - People</b> casual / steady date boy/girlfriend significant other husband / wife lover mistress unrequited love love-interest Examples: <i>My date was late for the dance!</i> <i>Feel free to bring along your significant other to the party</i></p>	<p><b>Romance - Events</b> date one night stand fling engagement marriage breakup separation divorce Examples: <i>Tom and Betty's marriage is inspiring!</i> <i>Unfortunately, the marriage ended in divorce.</i></p>	<p><b>Romance - Verbs</b> have a crush on date flirt with go out with break up with live together marry / get married Examples: <i>Peter flirted with Maria during the class.</i> <i>Helen went out with Andrea for more than three years.</i></p>
<p><b>Friends / Enemies - People</b> good / close / best friend enemy companion acquaintance platonic relationship rival nemesis Examples: <i>We're not dating.</i> <i>We have a platonic relationship.</i> <i>My rival in tennis beat me last week.</i></p>	<p><b>Friends / Enemies - Verbs</b> compete with get along with hit it off with gang up on trust / distrust hang out with Examples: <i>Peter and Alan hit it off at the meeting last week.</i> <i>I like to hang out with Carl on the weekends.</i></p>	<p><b>Other types of relationships</b> Caregiver - patient Babysitter - child Tutor - pupil Examples: <i>We've got a private tutor to help Chris with his Maths homework.</i></p>

<p><b>Work - People</b>  coworker  colleague  business partner  boss  director  customer  client  management  staff  Examples:  <i>The director sent a memo out to staff.</i>  <i>My coworker got married last weekend.</i></p>	<p><b>Work - Events</b>  meeting  presentation  interview  sales call  convention  Examples:  <i>Alexander made a presentation at the convention last week.</i>  <i>I have a meeting at three o'clock this afternoon.</i></p>	<p><b>Work - Verbs</b>  do business with  meet  schedule  contact  delegate  compete with  be responsible for  present  apologize to  Examples:  <i>James is responsible for sales in California.</i>  <i>Let's schedule a meeting next week.</i></p>
<p><b>Family - People</b>  mother / father /  brother / sister  in-law  uncle  aunt  cousin  blood / distant  relatives  Examples:  <i>I don't often see my distant relatives.</i>  <i>Her mother-in-law drives her crazy!</i></p>	<p><b>Family - Events</b>  wedding  reunion  get together  funeral  holiday  Examples:  <i>It's funny how we only see distant relatives at weddings and funerals.</i>  <i>We had a nice family get together last weekend.</i></p>	<p><b>Family - Verbs</b>  get along with  rebel against  argue with  have a good relationship with  obey / disobey  punish  emulate  look up to  Examples:  <i>She looks up to her father.</i>  <i>The children disobeyed their parents and were punished.</i></p>

# Vocabulary Worksheet

## Exercise 1

Use a word or phrase to fill in the gaps. Each word or phrase is used only once.

*love-interest, blood, nemesis, friendship, love, crush, casual, distant,  
unrequited love, acquaintance, steady, business partner*

Love is very different from \_\_\_\_\_. If you've got a \_\_\_\_\_ on someone you can't wait to see them. If it's just an \_\_\_\_\_ you can probably wait until tomorrow or the day after. One thing is for sure: You'll probably see your \_\_\_\_\_ relatives every day! Luckily, you don't need to see your \_\_\_\_\_ relatives quite as often, though. When it comes to business, you'll probably see your \_\_\_\_\_ daily, but you'll stay away from \_\_\_\_\_ as often as you can.

Let's face it: \_\_\_\_\_ is complicated. I've heard from a number of people who have experienced \_\_\_\_\_, and they're never the same! There are also all kinds of considerations. For example, if you've had a \_\_\_\_\_ date, do you want to go out again? Are you tired of your \_\_\_\_\_ date? Well, maybe it's time for a new \_\_\_\_\_!

## Exercise 2

Use a verb to fill in the blanks in the sentences. Remember to conjugate the verb depending on the situation, and don't forget your prepositions!

1. My nemesis and I \_\_\_\_\_ each other on a daily basis!
2. I can remember the first time I met my wife. We \_\_\_\_\_ immediately and life was never the same.
3. Students who \_\_\_\_\_ their parents after the age of 30 are ridiculous.
4. I \_\_\_\_\_ my father for my whole life. He's a wonderful example of a kind-hearted person with good judgement.
5. Yesterday, she \_\_\_\_\_ her colleague for criticizing her work. She said she was very sorry.
6. Ever since he \_\_\_\_\_ Angela, he's been a changed man!
7. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ her boyfriend last week. She couldn't stand his complaining anymore.
8. They \_\_\_\_\_ for more than twenty years. They see no reason to get married.