RELATIONSHIPS - VOCABULARY

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

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

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

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.