

UNIT 5



1. PRE-READING

Look at the picture.

- What do you see in the picture?
- In what language is the letter?

Read the title of the story. Look at the picture again.

- What do you think this story is about?
- Can you guess what happens?

The Love Letters

Ming-fu and Lee met at a party. For Ming-fu, it was love at first sight. "Hello," he said to Lee. "I'm Ming-fu." Lee looked at him and smiled. "Hi," she said. "I'm Lee." Ming-fu and Lee laughed and talked all evening. When they left the party, it was 2 A.M.

For the next year, Ming-fu and Lee were together every weekend. They went everywhere together—to movies, to parks, to museums, and to restaurants.

One night, at a romantic restaurant, Ming-fu asked Lee, "Will you marry me?" "No," Lee answered. "I'm not ready to get married."

"I can't believe it!" Ming-fu thought. "Lee doesn't want to marry me! But I love her! What can I do?"

Ming-fu began writing love letters to Lee. Every day he wrote a letter and mailed it to her. "I love you," he said in his letters. "Marry me."

Every day the same mailman delivered Ming-fu's letter to Lee. The mailman always smiled when he gave Lee a letter. "Another letter from your boyfriend," he said.

Ming-fu sent Lee a love letter every day for two years—700 letters all together. Finally Lee said, "I'm ready to get married now."

Did Lee marry Ming-fu? No, she didn't. She married the mailman who delivered Ming-fu's letters.

2. VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences with the words below.

delivered love at first sight can't believe it ready

- When Ming-fu met Lee, he loved her immediately. It was love at first sight.
- Lee told Ming-fu, "I don't want to get married now. It's not a good time for me. I'm not ready to get married now."
- When Lee told Ming-fu, "I'm not ready to get married," Ming-fu was very surprised. "This is not possible!" he thought. "I can't believe it!"
- Every day the same mailman took Ming-fu's letter to Lee's house. Then he gave the letter to Lee. He delivered Ming-fu's letter.

3. COMPREHENSION

UNDERSTANDING WORD GROUPS

Read each group of words. One word in each group doesn't belong. Find the word and cross it out.

PARTIES	PLACES	LOVE	LETTERS
smile fun laugh talk	parks museums labels restaurants	marry romantic together soccer	mailman nurse deliver send

REMEMBERING DETAILS

One word in each sentence is not correct. Find the word and cross it out. Write the correct word.

1. Ming-fu and Lee met at a ~~concert~~ *party*.

2. When they left the party, it was 2 P.M.

3. For the next year, Ming-fu and Lee were together every morning.

4. They went everywhere together—to movies, to parks, to museums, and to schools.

5. One night, at a romantic restaurant, Ming-fu asked Lee, "Will you write me?"

6. Ming-fu began writing postcards to Lee.

7. Ming-fu sent Lee a love letter every day—70 letters all together.

8. Lee married the mailman who wrote Ming-fu's letters.

UNDERSTANDING QUOTATIONS

Find the best way to complete each sentence. Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. When Ming-fu met Lee, he said, c

2. When Ming-fu asked Lee, "Will you marry me?" she said,

3. When Ming-fu wrote love letters to Lee, he told her,

4. When the mailman delivered Ming-fu's letters, he smiled and said,

a. "Another letter from your boyfriend."

b. "I love you. Marry me."

c. "Hello. I'm Ming-fu."

d. "No. I'm not ready to get married."

4. DISCUSSION

1. Do you believe in love at first sight? Raise your hands and vote. How many students think love at first sight is possible? How many think it's not possible?
2. When Lee told Ming-fu, "I'm not ready to get married," Ming-fu thought, "What can I do?"

What *can* Ming-fu do? Give him some ideas. First, read the list below with the help of your dictionary or your teacher. Then, in a small group, choose the five best ideas. Check (✓) them.

Ming-fu wants Lee to marry him. What can he do? He can . . .

1. write love letters to her.
2. call her on the phone every day.
3. sing to her.
4. buy her presents (flowers, candy, jewelry).
5. take her to restaurants for dinner.
6. cook for her.
7. take her dancing.
8. wear nice clothes.
9. be clean and smell good.
10. listen to her when she talks.
11. always tell her the truth. Never lie to her.
12. remember important days—her birthday, for example.
13. be polite; say "thank you" and "I'm sorry."
14. tell her she is beautiful.
15. be faithful to her. (No other girlfriends!)
16.

(Write your own idea.)

Which five ideas did your group check? Tell the class.

5. WRITING

What do people write in a love letter? Make a list of possible sentences with your classmates. Your teacher will write your sentences on the blackboard.

Ming-fu and Lee lived in Taiwan, so Ming-fu wrote his letters in Chinese. Write a love letter from Ming-fu to Lee in English. (You can use the sentences on the blackboard.)

Dear Lee,

Love,
Ming-fu