

UNIT 12 C

VOCABULARY: RELATIONSHIP VERBS

The *ultimate* long-distance relationship



Having a long-distance relationship isn't easy. Staying in touch takes extra effort, and not having your partner around when you need support can be difficult. So it's hard to imagine what life is like for Amiko Kauderer, whose boyfriend, Scott Kelly, is often not even on the planet with her. That's because Scott is an astronaut who spends months floating 400 km. above the Earth on the International Space Station!

Amiko works at NASA, which is how she got to know Scott. They met a few times, and after talking "for hours and hours" one evening, Scott finally asked her out. They've now been together for several years. However, Scott's job means he is often away. His first trip to the Space Station lasted six months. After that, he lived in space for a whole year to find out what would happen to the human body on a journey to Mars. On his first trip, it wasn't easy for Amiko to stay in touch. E-mailing involved a six-hour delay, but now it's almost instant, and it's also possible to videochat once a week. But there are some things that can't be done. "One of the things I

miss most is holding hands," says Amiko. "We can connect by phone. I can upload pictures, but you can't upload human touch."

Other couples might have broken up in such a situation, but not Scott and Amiko. "We really appreciate a challenge because we know that in the end, we will be able to say, 'Yeah, we did that!'"

So, whenever you think your love life is difficult, just think of Amiko and Scott!



A Match sentences 1–5 with pictures a–e.

- 1 Amiko **got to know** Scott at a friend's house. _____
- 2 They **fell in love** at first sight. _____
- 3 Scott **asked** Amiko **out** on a date. _____

- 4 **Staying in touch** now is easier than it was. _____
- 5 They **broke up**, but **got back together** in the end. _____



B Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Check your answers in the text.

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12.5 Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the phrases in the box. Listen and check.

stay in touch go out (together) get back together ask (someone) out fall in love get along
have (something) in common become friends get married introduce get to know go on a date break up

Couple gets back together after 30 years



Hannah Mason from the U.S. and Gustavo Ramos from Argentina first met in 1985. They were both traveling around Canada after graduating from college. A friend ¹ _____ Gustavo to Hannah, and they immediately ² _____ well. As they ³ _____ each other better, they ⁴ _____ good _____. They discovered that they ⁵ _____ a lot in _____, including a love of travel.

Friendship turned to romance when Gustavo ⁶ _____ Hannah _____. They ⁷ _____ to Gustavo's favorite restaurant in Montreal, and before long they ⁸ _____ in _____. They ⁹ _____ together for the rest of the summer, but they ¹⁰ _____ when Hannah returned to the U.S. and Gustavo went home to Argentina.

They didn't ¹¹ _____, and that could have been the end of the story. But, 30 years later, Gustavo moved to the U.S. and contacted Hannah. They realized they still cared for each other, so it wasn't long before they ¹² _____. And their story ended happily when they ¹³ _____ last year.

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

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| 1 We don't <i>have / make / do</i> a lot in common; in fact, we're completely different! | 8 They had a big argument and decided to <i>break up / off / out</i> . |
| 2 I think I'm falling <i>on / in / for</i> love. | 9 We were classmates, but we only <i>became / got / came</i> friends after we graduated from high school. |
| 3 Are Charlie and Sarah really <i>leaving / going / getting</i> out together? | 10 I first <i>became / arrived / got to know</i> her when we worked together in Istanbul. |
| 4 They're getting <i>marry / marriage / married</i> next year. | 11 Has Sam ever asked you <i>out / up / off</i> for dinner? |
| 5 Do you <i>get along / in / out</i> well with your brother? | 12 James and I are thinking of <i>going / getting / joining</i> back together. |
| 6 My boss introduced me <i>with / for / to</i> my future wife. | 13 You'll <i>have to go / have / stay</i> in touch while you're away. |
| 7 The first date that we went <i>to / in / on</i> together was to a rock concert. | |