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!

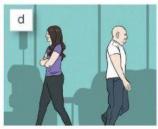
- A Match sentences 1-5 with pictures a-e.
- 1 Amiko got to know Scott at a friend's house.
- 2 They fell in love at first sight.
- 3 Scott asked Amiko out on a date.

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













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| Couple gets back tog | gether after 30 years | |
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| 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 | Friendship turned to romance when Gustavo Hannah They To Gustavo's favorite restaurant in Montreal, and before long they They Together for the rest of the summer, but they 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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love of travel.

1 We don't have / make / do a lot in common; in fact, we're completely different!

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- 2 I think I'm falling on I in I for love.
- 3 Are Charlie and Sarah really leaving / going / getting out together?
- 4 They're getting marry I marriage I married next year.
- 5 Do you get along / in / out well with your brother?
- 6 My boss introduced me with / for / to my future wife.
- 7 The first date that we went to / in / on together was to a rock concert.
- 8 They had a big argument and decided to break up / off / out.
- 9 We were classmates, but we only became / got / came friends after we graduated from high school.
- 10 I first became | arrived | got to know her when we worked together in Istanbul
- 11 Has Sam ever asked you out / up / off for dinner?
- 12 James and I are thinking of going | getting | joining back together.
- 13 You'll have to go / have / stay in touch while you're away.