

16 Relationships

A Romantic relationships

Max is my partner, and we have a very good relationship. We've been together for about two years. I started to go out with him after I came to London. We met at my ex-boyfriend's house, and because Max lived near me, it was easy for us to get to know each other. Now Max wants us to get married and have a baby, but I'm not sure. I have friends who are happily married, but I also know married couples who have separated and are now divorced. I don't want that to happen to us.

GLOSSARY

partner	sb you have a romantic relationship with (your boyfriend, girlfriend, wife or husband)	get to know sb	learn more about sb and become friends
be together	be in a romantic relationship	get married	become husband or wife with sb
go out with sb	have a romantic relationship with sb	have a baby	become a new mother/father
ex-boyfriend	a person who was your boyfriend in the past ALSO ex-girlfriend, ex-husband, etc.	couple	two people, often in a romantic relationship
		separate	stop being together
		be divorced	married in the past but not now



SPOTLIGHT **relationship**

You have a **relationship** with somebody. It can be good or bad.

- I have a **good relationship** with my classmates.
- He has a **difficult relationship** with his father.

We often talk about **romantic relationships** with wives, boyfriends, etc.

1 Make six more phrases using words from the box.

get to ex- be ✓ get go out have romantic
together ✓ know somebody boyfriend with somebody a baby married relationship

► be together

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2 Write the words in the correct order.

► get / to / they / married / want They want to get married

- 1 baby / last / had / a / year / they
- 2 separated / January / they / in
- 3 have / good / a / very / relationship / we
- 4 boyfriend / you / how / your / get / did / to / know
- 5 three / together / for / they / years / were
- 6 with / six / went / him / months / I / for / out

3 Complete the sentences with a single word.

► They have a very good relationship.

- 1 Tom married last summer, but I don't know his new
- 2 We to know each other at university, and we've been now for a year.
- 3 I know Tom and Lucy very well. They're a lovely
- 4 She went with him last year, but they in January.
- 5 Sonia is his girlfriend, but they still talk to each other.
- 6 My parents were married for twenty years, but now they're My father has a new , but I don't think they're going to married.



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B Friends



WHY WE LIKE each other

Sophie: I get on very well with Gemma – she's great. I don't know why, because we've got very different personalities. We first met at university about six years ago, and then we became flatmates. If I have a problem, Gemma is the first person I go to her for advice. And she always gives me good advice. We don't see each other very often now because we live in different cities, but I've known her for quite a long time, and she will always be my best friend.

GLOSSARY

each other	She likes me and I like her. = We like each other.
get on (well) with sb	have a good relationship with sb
personality	what a person is like that makes them different from other people
meet pt met	1 see and speak to sb for the first time 2 go to a place and wait for sb: We're meeting them at 7.30.
become	begin to be sth: become friends/ flatmates
flatmate	a person you live with, but not in a romantic relationship
advice [U]	an opinion or information that you give to help sb with a problem
see sb	give (sb) advice
know pt knew pp known	talk to or visit sb If you know sb, you have met them. If you have known sb for a long time, you are often friends.

SPOTLIGHT friend

A friend is a person that you like and know well. Your best friend is your most important friend. You can also have a close friend (= a very good friend) or an old friend (= somebody you have known a long time).

4 Are the sentences the same or different? Write S or D.

► We met last year. / I have known her for a year. S
1 We live near each other. / We are flatmates.
2 We get on very well. / We have a very good relationship.
3 I see her every Saturday. / I visit her every Saturday.
4 She's my best friend. / She's a close friend.
5 We became friends. / We stopped being friends.
6 She gives me advice. / She helps me with my problems.

5 Complete the sentences

► Abigail and I soon became friends.
1 My best friend often gives me good
2 Charles and Ed are good friends – they see other almost every day.
3 Mia is an friend – I've her for many years.
4 Sammy seems to on well with everyone – he's very popular.
5 I first my wife when we were at university – we were only twenty.
6 I've Olivia a long time, but we don't each other very much now.
7 I'm my friends outside the cinema at 7 o'clock.
8 Emma was just my – we shared a flat for a year. Now she's my friend, but we have very different

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

1 Who is your best friend? 4 How often do you see each other?
2 How long have you known him/her? 5 Why do you get on well with him/her?
3 How and where did you first meet? 6 Do you often give each other advice?



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