

# 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

<b>partner</b>	sb you have a romantic relationship with (your boyfriend, girlfriend, wife or husband)	<b>get to know sb</b>	learn more about sb and become friends
<b>be together</b>	be in a romantic relationship	<b>get married</b>	become husband or wife with sb
<b>go out with sb</b>	have a romantic relationship with sb	<b>have a baby</b>	become a new mother/father
<b>ex-boyfriend</b>	a person who was your boyfriend in the past ALSO <b>ex-girlfriend</b> , <b>ex-husband</b> , etc.	<b>couple</b>	two people, often in a romantic relationship
		<b>separate</b>	stop being together
		<b>be divorced</b>	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 together ✓ ex- be ✓ get go out have romantic a baby relationship  
know somebody boyfriend with somebody married

► 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.



### TEST YOURSELF



## 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

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



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