WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Do you think love is important in a relationship?

   Yes No Maybe

2. Have you ever seen a wedding ceremony?

   Yes No Maybe

3. Is it easy to say "I love you" to someone?

   Yes No Maybe

4. Do you think it's important to celebrate special days?

   Yes No Maybe

5. Have you read or watched a story about love?

   Yes No Maybe



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15 Romance, marriage and divorce

A Romance



"I had my first **date**[1] when I was 16, and it was terrible. I took a girl to the cinema but she didn't like the film and looked bored all evening; it was a bad start. Then, when I was 17, I **went out with**[2] a girl for three months, but we **broke up**[3] when she met a boy who was two years older than me, and had a car. My first **serious relationship**[4] was when I went to university. I **got to know**[5] Melanie because we were on the same course. At first we were just friends, then we started going out with each other, and after a few months we realised we were **in love**. We **got engaged**[6] **a couple of**[7] years after we left university and then ..."

[1] a planned romantic meeting
[2] had a romantic relationship with
[3] the relationship ended
[4] important romantic relationship
[5] became friends with
[6] formally agreed to marry
[7] two, perhaps three

B Marriage*

(bride) groom

bride



"... we **got married**[1] the following year. We didn't want a big **ceremony**[2], so we had the **wedding**[3] in the local church near Melanie's home with just family and a few friends. afterwards we had the **reception**[4] in a small hotel nearby, and then went on our **honeymoon**[5] to Greece."

* the time when you are married
[1] became husband and wife
[2] an important public event
[3] the ceremony when people get married
[4] the wedding party
[5] a holiday just after getting married

Common mistakes

She **got to know** Darren at university. (NOT She ~~knew~~ Darren at university.)

Now they plan to **get married**. (NOT They plan to get ~~marry~~; or They plan to ~~married~~.)
She's getting married **to** Darren next year. (NOT She's getting married ~~with~~ Darren next year.)

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C Children

"Just over three years later Melanie **got pregnant**, and our first child, Cal, was born just two days after our fourth wedding **anniversary**[1]. We had a big **celebration**[2]."

[1] a day that is exactly one or more years after an important event
[2] a time when you do something you enjoy because it is a special day



Language help

adjective	noun	verb	noun
engaged	**engagement**	**celebrate**	celebration
pregnant	**pregnancy**	**marry**	marriage

D Divorce*

"Things started to **go wrong**[1] when I got a job as manager of a sportswear company. I was working six days a week and I had to do a lot of travelling. It was difficult for Melanie as well. She was working during the week, then at weekends she was often **alone / on her own**[2] with two young children. I felt I couldn't **give up**[3] my job, and in the end Melanie decided to **leave**[4] me. The following year we **got divorced**[5]."

* when a marriage officially ends
[1] become a problem
[2] without other people
[3] stop doing
[4] stop living with me
[5] the marriage officially ended

EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Match the word with the correct meaning:

1. Serious relationship	a. become a problem
2. Got engaged	b. a holiday just after getting married
3. Ceremony	c. important romantic relationship
4. Reception	d. an important public event
5. Honeymoon	e. the wedding party
6. Go wrong	f. stop doing
7. Wedding	g. formally agreed to marry
8. Give up	h. stop living with me
9. Leave	i. the marriage officially ended
10. Got divorces	j. the ceremony when people get married

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Exercise 2: Read the passage and choose the correct answer:

I had my first date when I was 16, and it was terrible. I took a girl to the cinema but she didn't like the film and looked bored all evening; it was a bad start. Then, when I was 17, I went out with a girl for three months, but we broke up when she met a boy who was two years older than me, and had a car. My first serious relationship was when I went to university. I got to know Melanie because we were on the same course. At first, we were just friends, then we started going out with each other, and after a few months we realized we were in love. We got engaged a couple of years after we left university and then we got married the following year. We didn't want a big ceremony, so we had the wedding in the local church near Melanie's home with just family and a few friends. afterwards we had the reception in a small hotel nearby, and then went on our honeymoon to Greece.



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Choose the correct answer:

1. My first _____ was when I was 16, but it didn't go well.

a. date b. met c. day

2. We _____ after three months because she met someone else.

a. went out b. gave up c. broke up

3. We started as friends, but then we were _____.

a. in love b. in a friend relationship c. in a fight

4. After university, we got _____.

a. engaged b. married c. divorced

5. It was my first serious _____ at university.

a. relationship b. trouble c. mistake

6. We _____married the following year.

a. went b. gave c. got

7. We didn't want a big (1) _____, so the (2) _____ was held in the local church near Melanie's home.

(1):

a. wedding b. reception c. ceremony

(2):

a. wedding b. reception c. ceremony

8. Then we went on our _____ to Greece.

a. anniversary b. honeymoon c. date

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Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer: Which words are being defined?

1. The big party you have after the wedding. _____
2. A romantic meeting you plan before it happens. _____
3. The period of time when you are married. _____
4. How you describe a woman who is going to have a baby. _____
5. The day that is exactly one year, or a number of years, after an important event. _____
6. The name given to the woman and man on their wedding day. _____and _____
7. Stop doing a job or activity. _____ something up.



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Exercise 4: Read the passage and choose (T) for True, (F) for False or (NG) for Not Given

Just over three years later Melanie got pregnant, and our first child, Cal, was born just two days after our fourth wedding anniversary. We had a big celebration.

Things started to go wrong when I got a job as manager of a sportswear company. I was working six days a week and I had to do a lot of travelling. It was difficult for Melanie as well. She was working during the week, then at weekends she was often alone with two young children. I felt I couldn't give up my job, and in the end, Melanie decided to leave me. The following year we got divorced.

**Write (T) for True, (F) False or (NG) Not Given for these statements:*

1. Cal was born shortly after their fourth wedding anniversary. _____
2. They didn't celebrate Cal's birth. _____
3. The man got a job managing a sportswear company. _____
4. Melanie stopped working when she had children. _____
5. Melanie often spent weekends alone with the kids. _____
6. The man wanted to quit his job but couldn't. _____
7. Melanie asked the man to travel less for work. _____
8. Melanie decided to end the relationship. _____
9. They got divorced the same year Cal was born. _____
10. They had three children together. _____

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Exercise 5: Answer these questions:

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Answer the questions for you, then, if possible, ask a friend and write their answers.

1 Can you remember your first date? (When, and who with?)

2 Can you remember your first serious relationship? (Who was it with? Did you break up, or are you still with the same person?)

3 Whose was the last wedding you went to?

4 What was the last big celebration (other than a wedding) that you went to?

Your answers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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