

Teen Relationships and Relationship Issues

Select a verb from the box which fits in each gap and change the form or tense as appropriate. Some verbs are used more than once.

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- We'd been _____ steady for about six months before he _____ it off.
- They _____ off the engagement just before Christmas and _____ up.
- I spent the whole night _____ her up and eventually plucked up the courage to _____ her out.
- She _____ me off and said she wasn't interested.
- When it was clear to us both that it wasn't working, we _____ our separate ways for good.
- He _____ the dirt on me with my best friend; I don't think I can ever forgive either of them.
- We'd arranged to meet outside Barney's Cafe at 8 o'clock, but she _____ me up.
- We're _____ up and going to _____ it quits.
- I _____ for her in a bad way and was besotted for the best part of two years.
- We _____ head over heels in love probably the first time we ever met; it was sort of instant.

Issues affecting School- and College-leavers

(a) Match the verbs in **Column A** to the correct phrase-endings in **Column B**.

Column A	Answer	Column B
(a) priced		(i) candidates
(b) vetting		(ii) of debt
(c) spiralling		(iii) out of the market
(d) burden		(iv) with debt
(e) saddled		(v) out of control
(f) diminishing		(vi) cost of third-level education
(g) prohibitive		(vii) value of a college education
(h) let		(viii) down by the system

(b) Now use the completed phrases to fill the gaps in the sentences below. You will need to use each phrase once only. You will not need to change the verb forms.

- The rate of youth unemployment is _____.
- Moreover, the _____ is putting many good students from disadvantaged areas off the idea of pursuing their studies further.
- After all, the only option open to them is to finance their education through loans and face having to deal with a huge _____ as they start into their working lives.
- And yet, more and more today, recruiters _____ require that applicants for even fairly basic administrative roles have at least a foundation degree.
- The _____ is clear for all to see, so why is it then that something that is worth less nowadays actually costs more?
- Those lucky enough to be able to pursue their college education are _____ on exiting the system, and will be struggling to pay this off for much of their early working life.
- Graduates would be justified in feeling aggrieved and _____, having been made false promises and given assurances about the opportunities that would present themselves on attaining a college education only to discover that their prospects are very bleak indeed.
- And they also have to contend with the reality of having been _____ when it comes to buying property; they will not get a foothold on the property ladder for a good many years.