

Relationships (B2)

1. TYPES OF RELATIONSHIP – Put the types of relationships on a scale from closeness to distance in the appropriate category.

acquaintance /ə'kwemtəns/	best friend	colleague /'kɒliːg, 'kɑːliːg/
date	ex(-boy/girlfriend)	ex(-spouse)
fiancé/e / wife/husband-to-be	flatmate	friend
good friend	one-night stand	partner
steady boy/girlfriend	wife / husband	workmate

	closeness ←-----→ distance
marriage	wife / husband,
romance	
friendship	
work	

2. VERBS OF “LIKING” AND “NOT LIKING” – Put the verbs of “liking” and “not liking” into the appropriate box of the table. Put an “F” next to the verbs which are formal and an “I” next to the ones which are informal.

admire	adore	can't stand	despise
detest	disgust	dislike	fall for
fancy	hate	idolize	loathe
look down on	look up to	love	repel
revolt	turn sb off	turn sb on	worship

positive	core verb	negative
adore,	like	
	respect	
	attract	
	be attracted to	

3. RELATIONSHIP PHRASES – Match the sentences with the meaning of their underlined phrases.

- 1) Jo and I get on well with each other. d)
- 2) Adrian and Liz don't see eye to eye.
- 3) I've fallen out with my parents again.
- 4) Jane and Tony have split up.
- 5) George is having an affair with his boss.
- 6) Children should respect their elders.
- 7) We're on speaking terms again: we've made (it) up.
- 8) She's senior to me.

- a) We've become friends again after a row /raʊ/.
- b) They're having a probably secret sexual relationship.
- c) We had an argument.
- d) ~~We have a good relationship.~~
- e) They often disagree or argue.
- f) They've ended their relationship.
- g) They should look up to people who are older, usually adults or parents.
- h) She's in a higher position at work than me.

4. A GOOD FRIEND... – What makes a good friend? Add any ideas. Then, select the five most important ones and order them.

- accepts you and loves you for who you are
- dares (to) criticize you
- has a good sense of humour
- has a lot in common with you
- is great at giving advice
- is reliable
- is there for you when you need them
- listens to your problems
- never lets you down
- shares their things with you
- stands by you when you have problems
- stands up for you
- ...