

## UNIT 12 C

### VOCABULARY: RELATIONSHIP VERBS

#### **The ultimate long-distance relationship**



Having a long-distance relationship isn't easy. Staying in touch takes extra effort, and not having your partner around when you need support can be difficult. So it's hard to imagine what life is like for Amiko Kauderer, whose boyfriend, Scott Kelly, is often not even on the planet with her. That's because Scott is an astronaut who spends months floating 400 km. above the Earth on the International Space Station!

Amiko works at NASA, which is how she got to know Scott. They met a few times, and after talking "for hours and hours" one evening, Scott finally asked her out. They've now been together for several years. However, Scott's job means he is often away. His first trip to the Space Station lasted six months. After that, he lived in space for a whole year to find out what would happen to the human body on a journey to Mars. On his first trip, it wasn't easy for Amiko to stay in touch. E-mailing involved a six-hour delay, but now it's almost instant, and it's also possible to videochat once a week. But there are some things that can't be done. "One of the things I miss most is holding hands," says Amiko. "We can connect by phone. I can upload pictures, but you can't upload human touch."

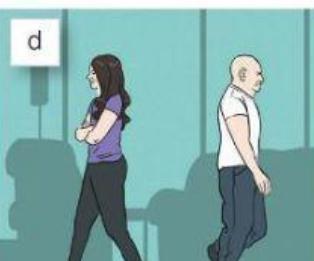
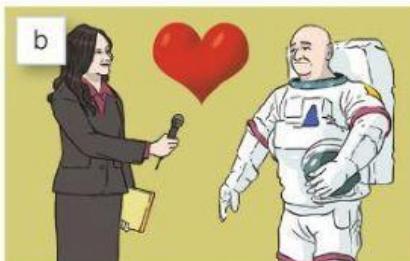
Other couples might have broken up in such a situation, but not Scott and Amiko. "We really appreciate a challenge because we know that in the end, we will be able to say, 'Yeah, we did that'." So, whenever you think your love life is difficult, just think of Amiko and Scott!



**A** Match sentences 1–5 with pictures a–e.

- 1 Amiko **got to know** Scott at a friend's house. \_\_\_\_\_  
2 They **fell in love** at first sight. \_\_\_\_\_  
3 Scott **asked** Amiko **out** on a date. \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 **Staying in touch** now is easier than it was. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**B** Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Check your answers in the text.

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12.5 Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the phrases in the box. Listen and check.

stay in touch go out (together) get back together ask (someone) out fall in love get along have (something) in common become friends get married introduce get to know go on a date break up

## Couple gets back together after 30 years



Hannah Mason from the U.S. and Gustavo Ramos from Argentina first met in 1985. They were both traveling around Canada after graduating from college. A friend <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Gustavo to Hannah, and they immediately <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ well. As they <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ each other better, they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ good <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They discovered that they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, including a love of travel.

Friendship turned to romance when Gustavo <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Hannah <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to Gustavo's favorite restaurant in Montreal, and before long they <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. They <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ together for the rest of the summer, but they <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when Hannah returned to the U.S. and Gustavo went home to Argentina.

They didn't <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and that could have been the end of the story. But, 30 years later, Gustavo moved to the U.S. and contacted Hannah. They realized they still cared for each other, so it wasn't long before they <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. And their story ended happily when they <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ last year.

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 We don't **have / make / do** a lot in common; in fact, we're completely different!
- 2 I think I'm **falling on / in / for** love.
- 3 Are Charlie and Sarah really **leaving / going / getting** out together?
- 4 They're **getting marry / marriage / married** next year.
- 5 Do you **get along / in / out** well with your brother?
- 6 My boss introduced me **with / for / to** my future wife.
- 7 The first date that we **went to / in / on** together was to a rock concert.

- 8 They had a big argument and decided to **break up / off / out**.
- 9 We were classmates, but we only **became / got / came** friends after we graduated from high school.
- 10 I first **became / arrived / got to know** her when we worked together in Istanbul.
- 11 Has Sam ever asked you **out / up / off** for dinner?
- 12 James and I are thinking of **going / getting / joining** back together.
- 13 You'll have to **go / have / stay** in touch while you're away.