

7 Love and romance



1 Basic vocabulary

Complete the following text with the words and phrases below:

in love	going out
boyfriend	kissed
girlfriend	romantic
relationship	date

Peter had never had a (1) Anna had never had a (2) When they started (3) together, they were both very nervous. For their first (4) Peter wanted to take her somewhere (5), so he booked a table at an Italian restaurant. He walked her home. When he left, they (6) goodnight. The next day Anna told her best friend that she was (7) with Peter and that this was the first really serious (8) in her life.

If a girl has a boyfriend, and a boy has a girlfriend, they are romantically involved. Girls also often refer to their female friends as girlfriends.

2 Crazy about you

Match the beginnings and endings of the expressions below. Use one of the endings twice.

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| 1. She fancies | a. with him. |
| 2. She's not really interested | b. about him. |
| 3. She's absolutely crazy | c. in him. |
| 4. I don't know what she sees | d. you. |
| 5. She's always flirting | |

3 Starting a relationship

Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences below:

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| 1. Sarah's very happy at the moment. She's seeing | a. going out together. |
| 2. Have you heard about Mark? He's going out | b. her for a date. |
| 3. Have you heard about Laura and Joe? They've started | c. with Susie Jones, the singer. |
| 4. Apparently, Phil and Liz have been seeing | d. some guy she met on holiday. |
| 5. Did Sally tell you about Mike? He asked | e. a lot of each other recently. |

In American English you say that you are dating somebody instead of seeing or going out with them.

5 The relationship

Match the beginnings of the phrases on the left with the endings on the right:

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| 1. She loves | |
| 2. She's in love | |
| 3. She fell in love | |
| 4. She kissed | a. with him. |
| 5. She lives | |
| 6. She married | |
| | b. him. |

Very often if two people split up, they tell their friends that “we’re just good friends now”.

If you want to deny that you are “having a relationship” with someone, you can say “We’re just good friends.”

7 He’s been seeing somebody else

Complete the response in four different ways:

I hear Mark and Lucy have split up. What happened?

> She found out that he was . . .

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| 1. being | a. somebody else. |
| 2. seeing | b. unfaithful. |
| 3. having | c. on her. |
| 4. cheating | d. an affair. |

Are you romantic?

Do you believe in love at first sight?