# 16 Relationships

## A Romantic relationships



Max is my **partner**, and we have a very good **relationship**. We've **been together** for about two years. I started to **go out with** him after I came to London. We met at my **ex-boyfriend's** house, and because Max lived near me, it was easy for us to **get to know** each other. Now Max wants us to **get married** and **have a baby**, but I'm not sure. I have friends who are happily married, but I also know married **couples** who have **separated** and **are** now **divorced**. I don't want that to happen to us.

**GLOSSARY**

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| **partner** | sb you have a romantic relationship with (your *boyfriend, girlfriend, wife* or *husband*) | **get to know sb** | learn more about sb and become friends |
| **be together** | be in a romantic relationship | **get married** | become husband or wife with sb |
| **go out with sb** | have a romantic relationship with sb | **have a baby** | become a new mother/father |
| **ex-boyfriend** | a person who was your boyfriend in the past ALSO **ex-girlfriend**, **ex-husband**, etc. | **couple** | two people, often in a romantic relationship |
| | | **separate** | stop being together |
| | | **be divorced** | married in the past but not now |

**SPOTLIGHT** *relationship*

You have a **relationship** with somebody. It can be good or bad.

- *I have a **good relationship** with my classmates.*
- *He has a **difficult relationship** with his father.*

We often talk about **romantic relationships** with wives, boyfriends, etc.

**1** **Make six more phrases using words from the box.**

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| get to know somebody | ex- boyfriend | be ✓ together ✓ | get married | go out with somebody | have a baby | romantic relationship | | |

▸ be together

**2** **Write the words in the correct order.**

▸ get / to / they / married / want They want to get married.
1 baby / last / had / a / year / they .
2 separated / January / they / in .
3 have / good / a / very / relationship / we .
4 boyfriend / you / how / your / get / did / to / know ?
5 three / together / for / they / years / were .
6 with / six / went / him / months / I / for / out .

**3** **Complete the sentences with a single word.**

▸ They have a very good relationship.
1 Tom married last summer, but I don't know his new .
2 We to know each other at university, and we've been now for a year.
3 I know Tom and Lucy very well. They're a lovely .
4 She went with him last year, but they in January.
5 Sonia is his girlfriend, but they still talk to each other.
6 My parents were married for twenty years, but now they're . My father has a new , but I don't think they're going to married.

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## B Friends



WHY WE LIKE

# each other

Sophie: I **get on very well with** Gemma – she's great. I don't know why, because we've got very different **personalities**. We first **met** at university about six years ago, and then we **became flatmates**. If I have a problem, Gemma is the first person I go to her for **advice**. And she always gives me good advice. We don't **see** each other very often now because we live in different cities, but I've **known** her for quite a long time, and she will always be my **best friend**.

**GLOSSARY**

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|---|---|
| **each other** | She likes me and I like her. = We like **each other**. |
| **get on (well) with sb** | have a good relationship with sb |
| **personality** | what a person is like that makes them different from other people |
| **meet** *pt* **met** | **1** see and speak to sb for the first time **2** go to a place and wait for sb: *We're* ***meeting*** *them at 7.30.* |
| **become** | begin to be sth: ***become friends/ flatmates*** |
| **flatmate** | a person you live with, but not in a romantic relationship |
| **advice** [U] | an opinion or information that you give to help sb with a problem **give (sb) advice** |
| **see sb** | talk to or visit sb |
| **know** *pt* **knew** *pp* **known** | If you **know sb**, you have met them. If you **have known sb** for a long time, you are often friends. |

**SPOTLIGHT** *friend*

A **friend** is a person that you like and know well. Your **best friend** is your most important friend. You can also have a **close friend** (= a very good friend) or an **old friend** (= somebody you have known a long time).

**4** **Are the sentences the same or different? Write *S* or *D*.**

▶ We met last year. / I have known her for a year. S

1 We live near each other. / We are flatmates. .....
2 We get on very well. / We have a very good relationship. .....
3 I see her every Saturday. / I visit her every Saturday. .....
4 She's my best friend. / She's a close friend. .....
5 We became friends. / We stopped being friends. .....
6 She gives me advice. / She helps me with my problems. .....

**5** **Complete the sentences**

▶ Abigail and I soon became friends.

1 My best friend often gives me good _____.
2 Charles and Ed are good friends – they see _____ other almost every day.
3 Mia is an _____ friend – I've _____ her for many years.
4 Sammy seems to _____ on well with everyone – he's very popular.
5 I first _____ my wife when we were at university – we were only twenty.
6 I've _____ Olivia a long time, but we don't _____ each other very much now.
7 I'm _____ my friends outside the cinema at 7 o'clock.
8 Emma was just my _____ – we shared a flat for a year. Now she's my _____ friend, but we have very different _____.

**6** ABOUT YOU **Write your answers, or ask another student.**

1 Who is your best friend? _____
2 How long have you known him/her? _____
3 How and where did you first meet? _____
4 How often do you see each other? _____
5 Why do you get on well with him/her? _____
6 Do you often give each other advice? _____

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