

Relationships

Task 1. A LOVE STORY: part 1

Complete the first part of the story below using the words and expressions in the box.

tie the knot • split up • engagement • got engaged
 courting • living in sin • got on • wined and dined
 attracted to • proposed • chatted her up • fallen in love
 asked her out • drift apart • cohabiting • go out

Laurence first met Carol at a party and was immediately 1. _____ her. He 2. _____ and at the end of the evening 3. _____ to dinner at a nearby restaurant. She accepted his offer and the next evening he 4. _____ her in style, with champagne and delicious, exotic foods. They 5. _____ well with each other, decided to meet again and then started to 6. _____ on a regular basis. Laurence's granny was delighted that he was 7. _____ at last. It wasn't long before they realised that they had 8. _____ with each other.

A few months later, they bought a flat and moved in together. Laurence's granny disapproved of them 9. _____, but Laurence explained that 10. _____ was quite normal these days.

One day, Laurence decided to ask Carol to marry him, so after a romantic meal, he got down on one knee and 11. _____ to her. They 12. _____ and the next day announced their 13. _____ to their friends and family. Their parents were delighted that they had decided to 14. _____. Laurence's friends weren't so sure, however, and all agreed that they would 15. _____ and 16. _____ long before the wedding.

Task 2. A LOVE STORY: part 2

Read the second part of the story and choose the correct word for each number.

A week or so before the wedding, Laurence went out on a 1. **stag night / bull night / lion night** with his male friends, while Carol enjoyed her 2. **chicken party / duck party / hen party** with her female friends.

At last, the big day arrived. Laurence and Carol had wanted to get married in a 3. **registered office / registry office / regimental office**, but their parents insisted on a traditional church wedding. The church was packed, friends and family of the 4. **bride / bright / blight** on the left, friends and family of the 5. **gloom / groom / doom** on the right. Laurence sat nervously at the front with his 6. **beast man / bent man / best man**, who was carrying the 7. **wedding rings / wedding rinks / wedding rims** in his pocket. The organist started playing the 8. **Wedding March / Wedding Crawl / Wedding Stagger** and Carol walked up the 9. **aisle / I'll / ail**, accompanied by her father and followed by the 10. **brightmaids / bridesmaids / bride's mates**. The priest conducted the ceremony and, after Laurence and Carol had exchanged 11. **cows / vows / vowels**, pronounced them husband and wife.