

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Reading Exercises: ordering, matching, gap-fill

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, freer practice (pair work)

Focus

Love and romance vocabulary

Aim

To practice vocabulary related to love and romance.

Preparation

Make one copy of the sentence strips for each pair of students and cut as indicated.

Also, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This love story activity helps students practice vocabulary related to love and romance.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a set of love story sentence strips.

Ask the students to shuffle the sentence strips and place them face-up on the table.

Students begin by arranging the strips in the correct order to reveal a love story.

When the students have finished, check the correct order of the story with the class.

The correct order is shown on the uncut worksheet.

Next, give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Working alone, students then match love and romance words and phrases from a box with their definitions using the bold words from the story to help give context.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. flirt | 6. make up |
| 2. ask someone out | 7. go out with |
| 3. propose to | 8. honeymoon |
| 4. get to know | 9. become engaged |
| 5. split up | 10. fancy |

After that, students complete love and romance conversation questions with the words and phrases from Exercise A in their correct form.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. fancies | 6. propose to |
| 2. asked / out | 7. becoming engaged |
| 3. have been going out | 8. honeymoon |
| 4. flirting | 9. get to know |
| 5. make up | 10. split up |

Lastly, students discuss the conversation questions in pairs.

Vince was a shy university student from London. He had **fancied** a girl called Mary for a long time. One day, he finally worked up the courage to **ask her out** on a date, and, to his surprise, she said yes. During their date, they **got to know** each other and agreed to go on another date. One month later, they were officially **going out with** each other, and Vince couldn't believe his luck. The pair were extremely happy until one day Vince caught Mary **flirting** with a classmate. A huge argument followed, and they ended up **splitting up**.

Vince was very lonely without Mary in his life, and he couldn't stop thinking about her.

A few months later, the pair bumped into one another at the bus stop. Both of them realised how much they'd missed each other, and they apologised and **made up**. By the end of the day, they were back together again, and they were now even more deeply in love than they had been before.

Mary and Vince continued dating for several years, until one day Vince got down on his knees and **proposed to** her with a diamond ring. Mary accepted his offer, and the pair **became engaged**. They got married six months later and went on a **honeymoon** to Hawaii. The couple lived happily ever after and went on to have a large family.

A. Match the love and romance words and phrases from the box with their definitions.

make up	propose to	flirt	split up	become engaged
honeymoon	ask someone out	get to know	go out with	fancy

1. Playfully showing interest in someone romantically.
2. Invite someone on a date.
3. Ask someone to marry you.
4. To be friends with someone before starting a romance.
5. End a relationship.
6. Becoming friends again after a disagreement.
7. To date only one person.
8. A holiday people go on after getting married.
9. Agree to marry someone.
10. Feel attracted to someone.

B. Complete the love and romance conversation questions with the words and phrases from Exercise A in their correct form.

1. Do you think it's possible to tell if someone you? If so, how?
2. If someone you on a date, where would you like them to take you?
3. Do you know any couples that for a long time? If so, for how long?
4. What would you do if you saw your partner with someone else?
5. What is the best way to with a partner after an argument?
6. What do you think is the most romantic way to someone?
7. How long after do couples usually get married?
8. If you got married, what would be a romantic place to go on a?
9. How long does it take to someone and decide if they're right for you?
10. What's the best way to cheer a friend up who has just with a partner?

C. Now, in pairs, discuss the conversation questions.