

### LUCKY IN LOVE

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**Age:** Teenager/Adult

**Level:** Intermediate (B1)

**Time:** 60 minutes

**Activity:** In this lesson, students will:

- » Match typical expressions to situations
- » Role-play a romantic situation
- » Learn some phrasal verbs related to relationships
- » Complete a conversation related to dating

**Language focus:** vocabulary related to relationships; speaking as part of an informal role play

**Materials:** one copy of the worksheet per student

#### PROCEDURE

1. Draw two faces on the board, one sad and one happy, and give them both names. Explain that one is sad because s/he is unlucky in love. The other is happy because s/he is lucky in love. Ask the students what kinds of things they could be happy or unhappy about. For example, one is always meeting people, while the other never meets anybody; one has a long stable relationship with a great partner, while the other has a series of short, terrible relationships; etc.
2. Ask students if they think they are lucky or unlucky in love. Tell them they are going to play a game to find out.
3. Hand out the worksheets. Ask students to read the five romantic dilemmas in Exercise 1 and think of something they would say in each, sharing their answers in pairs or small groups. Then ask them to match the sentences a-o to the situations. Check answers.
4. Now, ask students to read through the fifteen endings to the stories individually. Can they tell which endings go with which dilemma? Clarify any meanings or vocabulary, if necessary, then check that students have realized that the first row contains the three possible conclusions to the first dilemma, and so on.
5. Students role-play one of the dilemmas in pairs. They pick a dilemma together. Student A chooses one of the three matching sentences to say, while Student B chooses one of the three conclusions and prepares what they are going to say. When they are ready, they act out the dialogue. Students then switch roles and choose another dilemma to role-play. The pairs with the funniest dialogues perform them for the class.

6. Students work through Exercise 2. In part A they practise phrasal verbs related to love situations. In part B they complete a dialogue in which someone invites someone else out on a date. In part C students reflect on the difference between how men and women feel loved.

#### Key

##### Exercise 1

1. Hi. I don't think we've met. My name is ...	1. Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again?	1. Hi. You look very familiar. Have we met before?
2. I don't love you anymore. It's over.	2. I'm sorry, but I've met someone else.	2. Look, it's not you. I just need some time to myself
3. Stop calling me, you creep!	3. I'm sorry, but I'm busy next Friday. And the following Friday, too. And the one after that...	3. I can't see you. I've got a lot of work/studying to do.
4. Will you marry me?	4. I think the time has come to ask you a very serious question.	4. I want to spend the rest of my life with you.
5. Are you cheating on me? Tell me the truth!	5. Who did I see you with yesterday?	5. You would tell me if there was someone else, wouldn't you?

##### Exercise 2

A. Are you really lucky in love?

a. 5; b. 3; c. 2; d. 6; e. 7; f. 4; g. 1

1. I can't believe it! My girlfriend broke up with me on Christmas Eve!
2. People always try to pick me up when I go to the disco.
3. It takes me a long time to get over a relationship.
4. It takes a lot of courage for me to ask someone out. I am afraid that they will turn me down.
5. My friends think I'm lonely! They are always trying to set me up with someone!
6. I'm really lucky; I get on with my ex-boyfriend really well.

B. Asking someone out  
Students' own answers.

C. Who says it?  
Students' own answers.

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### Exercise 1: Romantic dilemmas

Read the following five dilemmas.

Dilemma #1	Dilemma #2	Dilemma #3	Dilemma #4	Dilemma #5
You are at a party. You want to introduce yourself to someone you find very attractive.	You have been in a relationship with someone for nine months. You want to break up with them.	You went out with someone two weeks ago, but you are not interested. However, they still keep calling you. You want them to stop.	You want to ask someone to marry you.	You suspect your partner of being unfaithful to you. You want to ask them about it.

Look at the responses below. There are three possible responses for each dilemma. Which sentences match which dilemma? Write them out in the table.

- a. Stop calling me, you creep!
- b. I don't love you anymore. It's over.
- c. Hi. I don't think we've met. My name is ...
- d. Will you marry me?
- e. I'm sorry, but I've met someone else.
- f. Are you cheating on me? Tell me the truth!
- g. I'm sorry, but I'm busy next Friday. And the following Friday, too. And the one after that ...
- h. Who did I see you with yesterday?
- i. Do you believe in love at first sight or should I walk by again?
- j. I can't see you. I've got a lot of work/studying to do.
- k. I think the time has come to ask you a very serious question.
- l. You would tell me if there was someone else, wouldn't you?
- m. Hi. You look very familiar. Have we met before?
- n. Look, it's not you. I just need some time to myself.
- o. I want to spend the rest of my life with you.



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Dilemma	Response 1	Response 2	Response 3
#1			
#2			
#3			
#4			
#5			

There are three possible endings for each dilemma. Some are lucky; some are not so lucky! Read the fifteen choices and decide which endings match which dilemma.

They smile and start a conversation with you.	They laugh in your face and tell you to get lost.	You start a conversation with them, and then they introduce their boyfriend/girlfriend to you.
They confess that they were thinking the same thing. You agree to be just friends.	They start to cry and ask you why. They don't want to accept it.	They get very angry with you. They swear revenge.
They get angry and demand to know why you don't like them.	They apologize and promise to stop calling you.	They agree. Six months later they become a famous movie star and a millionaire.
They say they aren't ready for such a big commitment right now and ask for time to think about it.	They accept and are very happy.	They confess that they are already engaged to someone they met two months ago. They wanted to tell you sooner but didn't want to hurt you.
It was a misunderstanding and they are completely faithful.	It isn't true. They have been acting strangely recently because they have been planning a surprise party for you.	You were right. They have been seeing someone else, and even worse, this person is your best friend!

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### Exercise 2: Love exercises

#### A. Are you really lucky in love?

Match the phrasal verbs with their definitions. Then fill in the gaps with the correct form of the correct phrasal verb.

- a. break up/off
- b. set (someone) up
- c. turn down
- d. ask out
- e. get over
- f. get on with
- g. pick (someone) up
- 1. become friendly with someone you have just met because you find them attractive
- 2. refuse an offer, request or invitation
- 3. arrange for two people to meet on a date
- 4. have a friendly relationship with
- 5. end (a relationship)
- 6. invite someone on a date
- 7. begin to feel better after the end of a relationship

- 1. I can't believe it! My girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_ with me on Christmas Eve!
- 2. People always try to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ when I go out dancing.
- 3. It takes me a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship.
- 4. It takes a lot of courage for me to \_\_\_\_\_ someone \_\_\_\_\_. I am afraid that they will \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. My friends think I'm lonely! They are always trying to \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ with someone!
- 6. I'm really lucky; I \_\_\_\_\_ my ex-boyfriend really well.

Compare with a partner. Are any of these sentences true for you? Are you lucky in love?

#### B. Asking someone out

John met Marie at a party and phoned her to ask her out on a date. Here is John's half of the phone conversation. Can you write what Marie said?



John: Hi. Can I speak to Marie please?  
Marie: \_\_\_\_\_  
John: Oh hi. This is John. Do you remember me? We met at Sean's party last week.  
Marie: \_\_\_\_\_  
John: Yes, I thought it was fun, too. Anyway, I was wondering if you were free this Friday night.  
Marie: \_\_\_\_\_  
John: OK, I understand. Exams are stressful.  
Marie: \_\_\_\_\_



John: Sure. Oh no, wait. I can't. I'm working until eight o'clock Saturday evening. Would you like to meet later?



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Marie: \_\_\_\_\_

John: I don't know. We could go for a coffee.

Marie: \_\_\_\_\_

John: That is a good idea. OK, let's do that. Can I pick you up on Saturday at nine o'clock?

Marie: \_\_\_\_\_

John: OK, see you then.

Marie: \_\_\_\_\_

John: Bye.

### C. Who says it?

The following are all answers to the question, 'How do you feel loved?' Complete the sentences using he, his or him if you think it refers to a man, she or her if it refers to a woman, and they or their if it could be both.

\_\_\_\_\_ makes me feel that I'm \_\_\_\_\_ hero.

\_\_\_\_\_ 's there for me. I can depend on \_\_\_\_\_ when I need \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ laughs at my jokes.

\_\_\_\_\_ trusts me completely.

\_\_\_\_\_ is continually impressed by me.

The small everyday acts \_\_\_\_\_ does.

Saying \_\_\_\_\_ will love me no matter what I do.

\_\_\_\_\_ puts flowers on the pillow.

When \_\_\_\_\_ 's with me, \_\_\_\_\_ 's with me. I have \_\_\_\_\_ complete undivided attention.

As my best friend, \_\_\_\_\_ accepts me and loves me just the way I am, whether I put on two kilos or lose two kilos.

\_\_\_\_\_ is tender, thoughtful, and \_\_\_\_\_ makes me laugh.

\_\_\_\_\_ is romantic and says, 'I love you.'

I love the gifts \_\_\_\_\_ gives me, but the best gift is \_\_\_\_\_ emotional support.

