

# Film and TV

## Film / Romance movies

### Worksheet

#### 1. Speak

Discuss the questions below with your classmate.

Think of a couple you know (e.g. your parents, grandparents, friends). Describe the story of how they met. Are you a fan of romance movies? If so, name some of your favourites. If not, explain why. Do you consider yourself to be a romantic person? Explain.

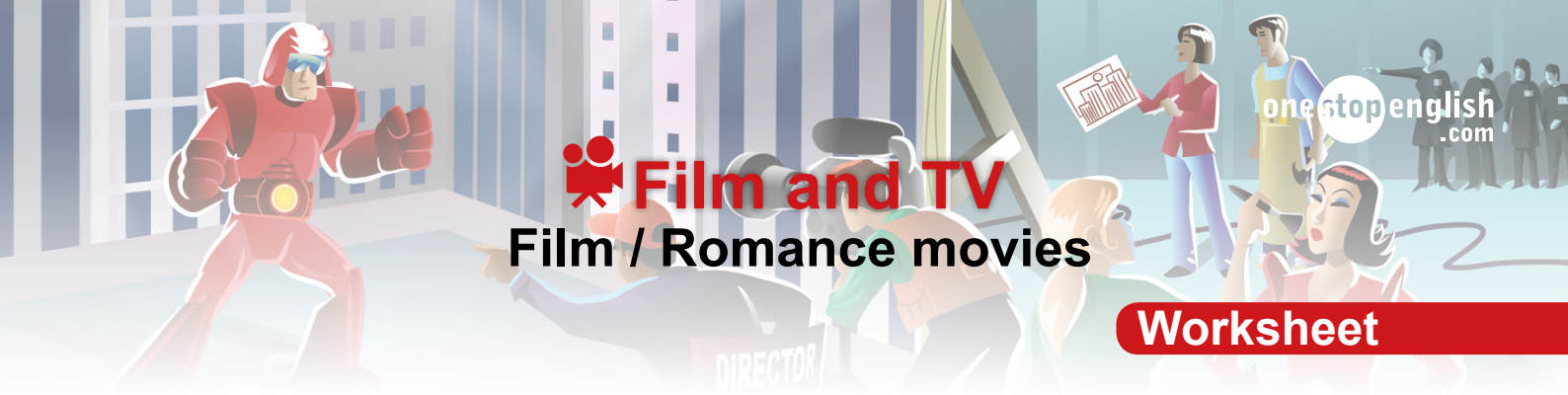
#### 2a. Vocabulary

The grid below contains eight words. They are all adjectives which describe common feelings in a relationship (positive and negative). Look at the clues below to help you find each word.

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\* The words go up, down, forwards and backwards

- \_\_\_\_\_ = optimistic; when you feel positive about the future
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you feel irritated because you can't change a situation
- \_\_\_\_\_ = enthusiastic; when your heart is beating very fast, perhaps because you're **going on a date with an interesting person**
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you feel angry with somebody and now you want **to take revenge on** that person
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you feel a little obsessed with a person and can't stop thinking about them (e.g. when a teenager **has a crush on** their favourite popstar)
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you feel very sad, maybe because your partner has **dumped** you and now your relationship is finished
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you believe that you can completely depend on another person
- \_\_\_\_\_ = when you feel angry and sad, perhaps because your partner has **cheated on** you (this word is also the opposite of 'sweet')



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#### 2b. Vocabulary

The previous exercise contains five expressions for talking about relationships. Match each expression to its definition.

Expression	Definition
1. To go on a date with somebody	A. To tell your partner that you want to finish the relationship
2. To take revenge on somebody	B. To be in a relationship with somebody but having a secret affair with a different person
3. To have a crush on somebody	C. To do something bad to a person because in the past he/she did something bad to you
4. To dump somebody	D. To have a romantic meeting with somebody (e.g. going to the cinema or a restaurant)
5. To cheat on somebody	E. To find somebody very attractive and dream about having him/her as your partner

#### 3. Listen and speak

Watch the trailer for Paper Towns, a movie about teenage love. Listen carefully and then answer the questions below.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFGiHm5WMLk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFGiHm5WMLk)

- Why does the girl enter the boy's bedroom?
- Why does the girl want to take revenge on her ex-boyfriend?
- When the girl disappears, what does she leave for the boy?
- What does the girl believe about risks?

Discuss with your classmate:

It is said that teenagers fall in love very easily. Describe a teenage love story, perhaps from your own experience or somebody you know.

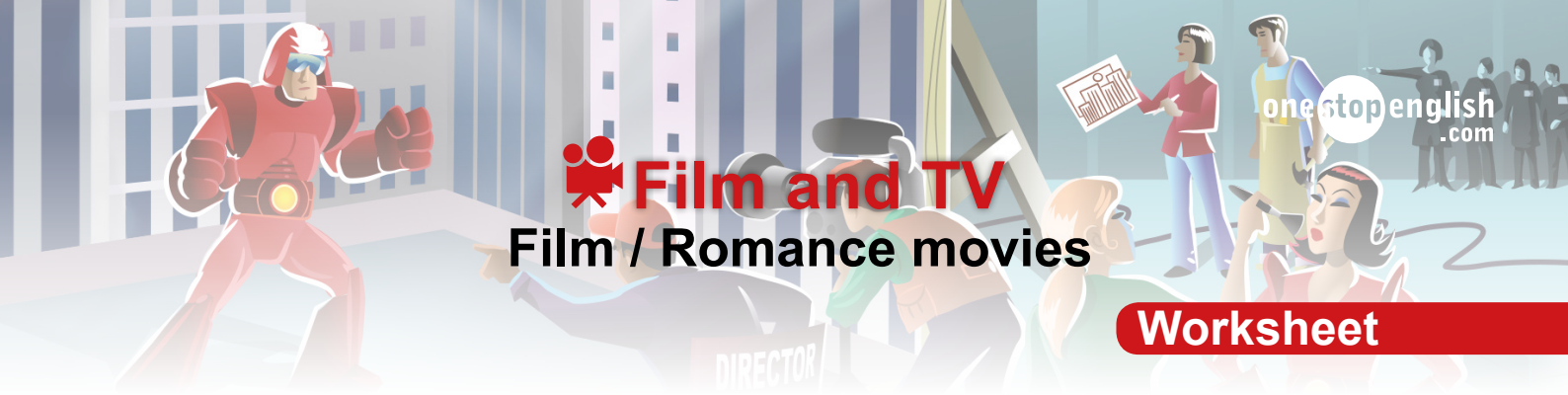
Do you think it's possible for a relationship to last and remain happy if the two people meet when they are still teenagers? Explain.

Would this trailer convince you to see the movie? Explain.

#### 4a. Read

The text below describes the experience of online dating apps. It is missing ten words. First, read the text but don't fill in the gaps. In pairs, decide the answers to the questions below.

- How does the writer's dating life compare to her childhood expectations?
- How did she meet Leo?



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- c. Is Leo now her boyfriend? Explain.
- d. What is her conclusion about dating apps?

#### Dating apps: for better or for worse

As a little girl, I had many ideas about how I was going to meet **the man of my** \_\_\_\_\_ (1). I imagined chatting to a handsome new neighbour or meeting a charming new doctor. What I didn't imagine was swiping right on a photo in cyberspace. What would Emily Bronte think of 21<sup>st</sup> century romance?

I've met various men from dating apps. There was Steve, who was friendly and funny but **we had no** \_\_\_\_\_ (2) together. There was Rob who was totally gorgeous but had zero personality. There was also Jeff who I suspected was married and just wanted to cheat on his wife! And most recently, there was Leo. When I first saw Leo's dating profile, I knew I was going to like him. He was exactly my type: tall, dark and handsome with a **good** \_\_\_\_\_ of humour (3) and an optimistic attitude. After a few flirtatious messages, I gathered up the courage to **ask him** \_\_\_\_\_ (4) to see a movie. And for once **reality lived** \_\_\_\_\_ to my expectations (5). Our first date quickly led to a second, then a third. I tried to tell myself not to get too hopeful but what could I do when he seemed so perfect?

Perfect he remained for a full nine days. There were flowers, romantic dinners and goodnight kisses. And then came the message that nobody ever wants to get. The one that says: '**It's not you, it's** \_\_\_\_\_ (6).' The one that very politely explains that: '**I broke** \_\_\_\_\_ with (7) my girlfriend a month ago but I think I'm still in love with her. We've decided to **get** \_\_\_\_\_ together (8).' It seems that Leo was **too good to be** \_\_\_\_\_ (9) after all.

Despite it all, I haven't lost faith in dating apps. I don't know if it will help me find **the love of my** \_\_\_\_\_ (10) but at least I can have fun trying.

#### 4b. Vocabulary

Read the text again and complete the gaps using the ten missing words.

out	true	dreams	up	me	chemistry	life	back	sense	up
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With your classmate, try to decide the meaning of each of the ten expressions.

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#### 5. Listen and speak

Watch the trailer for *Her*, a futuristic movie about a man who falls in love with an artificial-intelligence computer. Listen carefully and then answer the questions below.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne6p6MfLBxc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne6p6MfLBxc)

- What information did the computer discover in the man's emails?
- What does the computer want from her relationship with the man?
- What accusation does the man's ex-wife make when he tells her about his new relationship?
- What does the man's friend say about joy?

Discuss with your classmate:

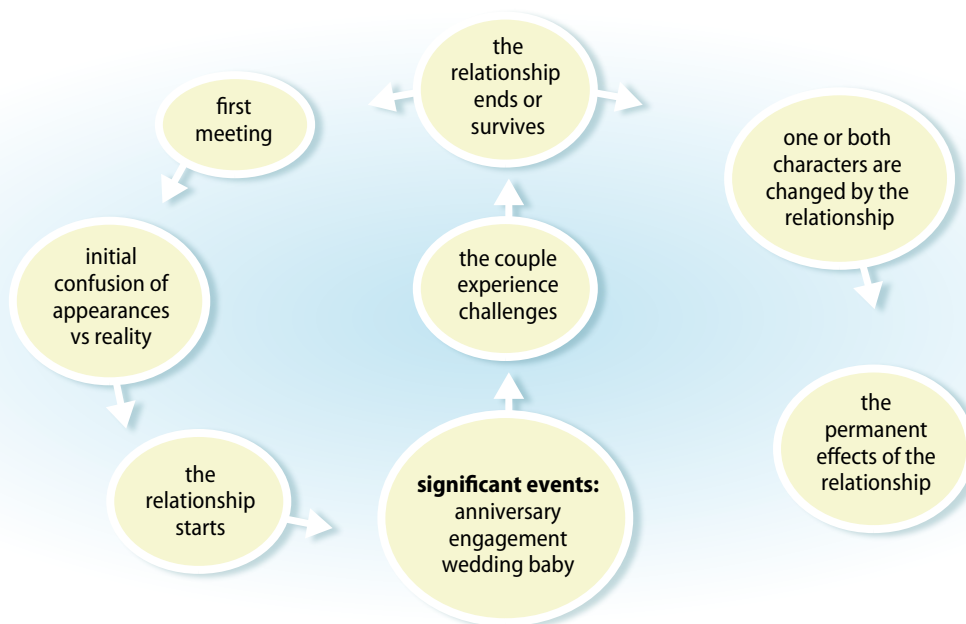
What comment do you think the movie *Her* is trying to make about modern society?

Do you think it would be possible to have a happy relationship with a person who you have never met in person?

Do you think that long-distance relationships can work? (When the two people live in different countries/regions and don't meet regularly.) Explain.

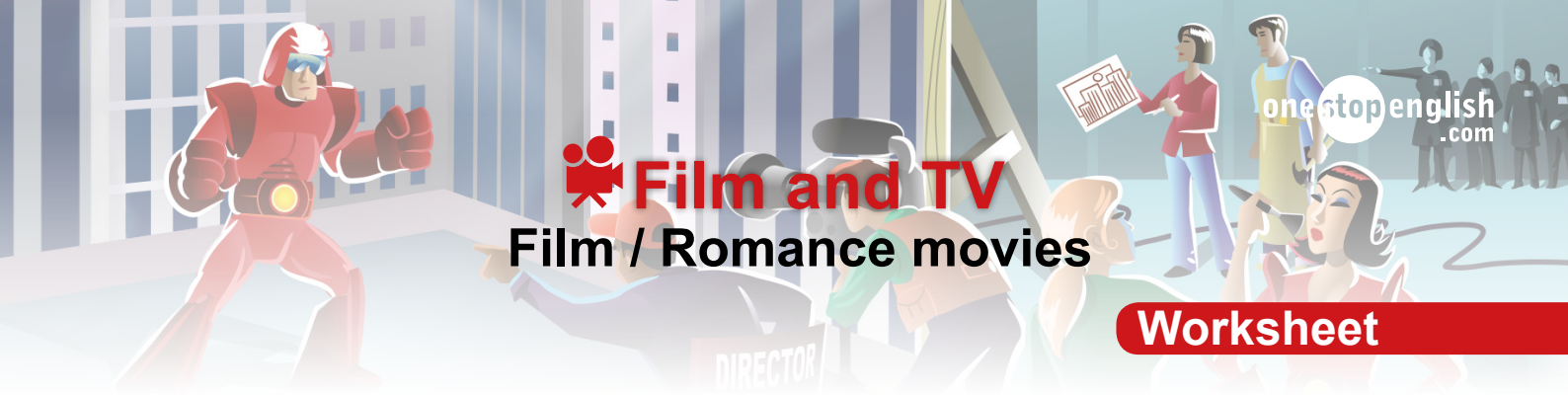
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Most psychologists agree that almost all relationships have similar stages. Look at these stages in the diagram below.



Talk to your partner about a relationship, describing as many of the above stages as possible. This could be a relationship from your own life or between characters from a movie (see box on the next page for suggestions).





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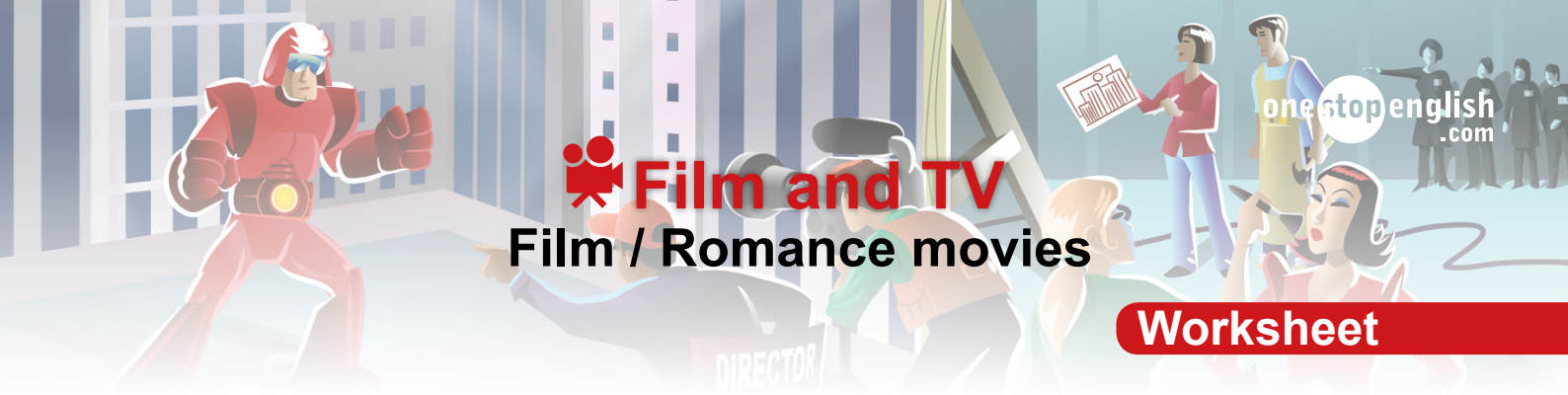
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When?	Movies
Recent movies	<i>One Day, The Fault in Our Stars, Moonrise Kingdom, Bridget Jones, Twilight</i>
Movies from ten years ago or more	<i>Titanic, Love Actually, Pretty Woman, Brokeback Mountain, Notting Hill</i>
Old, classic movies	<i>Gone with the Wind, Casablanca, Dirty Dancing, Grease, Annie Hall, Groundhog Day</i>

### 7. Write a chat (optional)

Step 1: Work in pairs. Imagine that you have access to various profiles on Mixer, a new dating app. Below there are six profiles. First read the profiles and try to imagine more about the personalities of the characters.

<p><b>Name:</b> Tom</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 32</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Tall, brown eyes, black hair</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Slim</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> Football, going to the pub with friends</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Going to a football match, then burgers and beers</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Tall, funny, intelligent, blonde</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> Dancing</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> Irene</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 41</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Very tall, brown eyes, brown hair</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Curvy and athletic</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> Football, pop music, fashion</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Food and drinks at home</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Red hair, interested in football and TV</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> Rock music</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> Don</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 53</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Really tall, brown eyes, black/greyish hair</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Well-built and athletic</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> Opera, Poetry, Latin music</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Cocktails, then dancing</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Curvy body type, younger than him, funny</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> Football</p>
<p><b>Name:</b> Sandra</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 25</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Medium height, blue eyes, blonde hair, works as a model</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Slim and athletic</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> Yoga, Philosophy, Long walks</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Cooking a vegetarian meal together</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Athletic, serious, very intelligent</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> The pub</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> Stephen</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 28</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Medium height, blue eyes, red hair</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Stocky</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> TV series, rock music, skateboarding</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Netflix and pizza</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Good sense of humour, interested in music, not an intellectual</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> Sports</p>	<p><b>Name:</b> Carla</p> <p><b>Age:</b> 37</p> <p><b>Appearance:</b> Medium-height, brown eyes, black hair</p> <p><b>Body type:</b> Curvy</p> <p><b>Interests:</b> Literature, salsa dancing, football</p> <p><b>Ideal first date:</b> Beer and pizza in the local pub</p> <p><b>Ideal partner:</b> Good sense of humour, very attractive, sporty</p> <p><b>Can't stand:</b> Tall men</p>



Step 2: In the same pairs, imagine two people from the profiles who would be an interesting combination. You are going to create a short online chat between these two characters. Before you begin, read the short chat below between the characters Tom and Sandra.

← Sandra

Tom  
Hi. 9:55 PM ✓

Sandra  
Hello. 9:57 PM

I Like your profile photo. 9:58 PM ✓

Oh, thanks. Your photo is... interesting! 9:58 PM

I'm an interesting guy. Your profile says that you like yoga. 9:59 PM ✓

Yes! I'm actually a professional instructor. Have you ever done yoga? 9:59 PM

I've always wanted to. 10:00 PM ✓

Really? But you've never done it? 10:00 PM

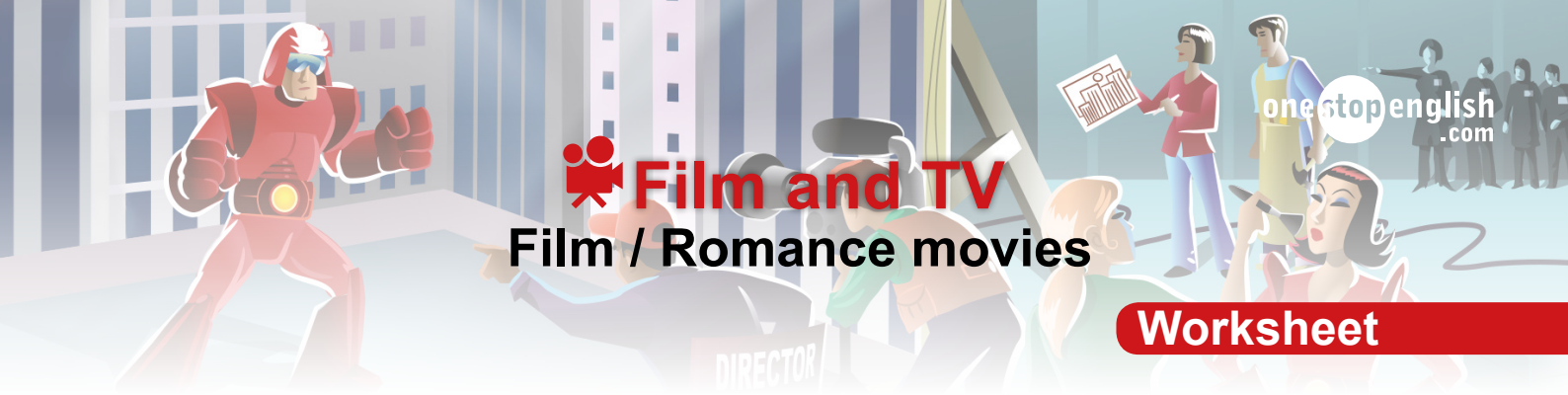
No but I'm thinking of starting a course. Where do u teach it? 10:01 PM ✓

Wait. I'm reading your profile. 10:02 PM

Oh, I wrote that a long time ago. I need to update some of the information. 10:02 PM ✓

It says you like the pub and football. Eww! Not my type. 10:05 PM

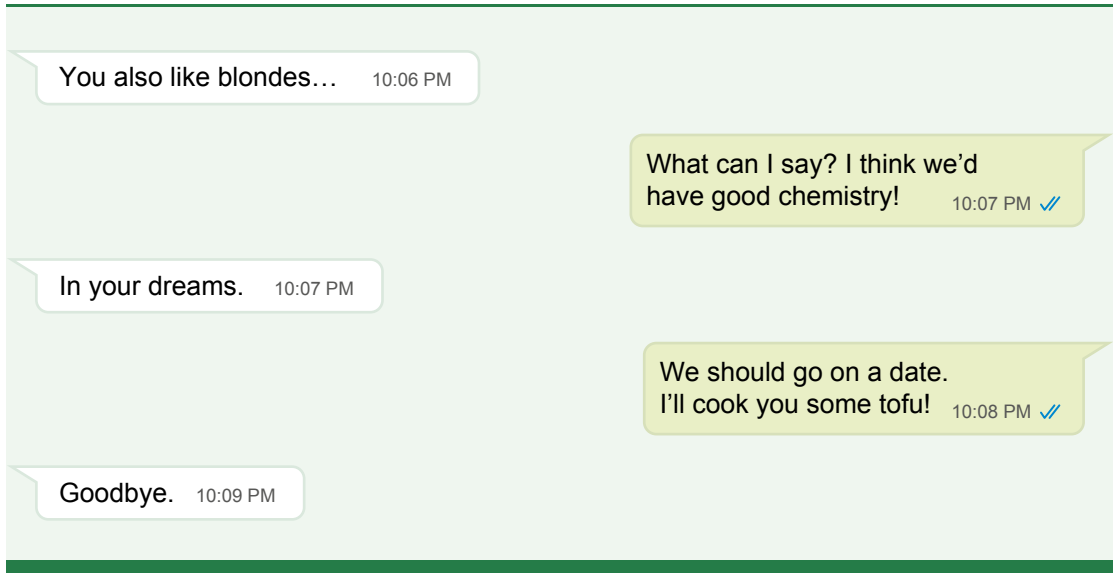
Ok, I'm a football fan. But I did yoga once with my ex. And I admit, I'm not a vegetarian but I like vegetables! 10:06 PM ✓



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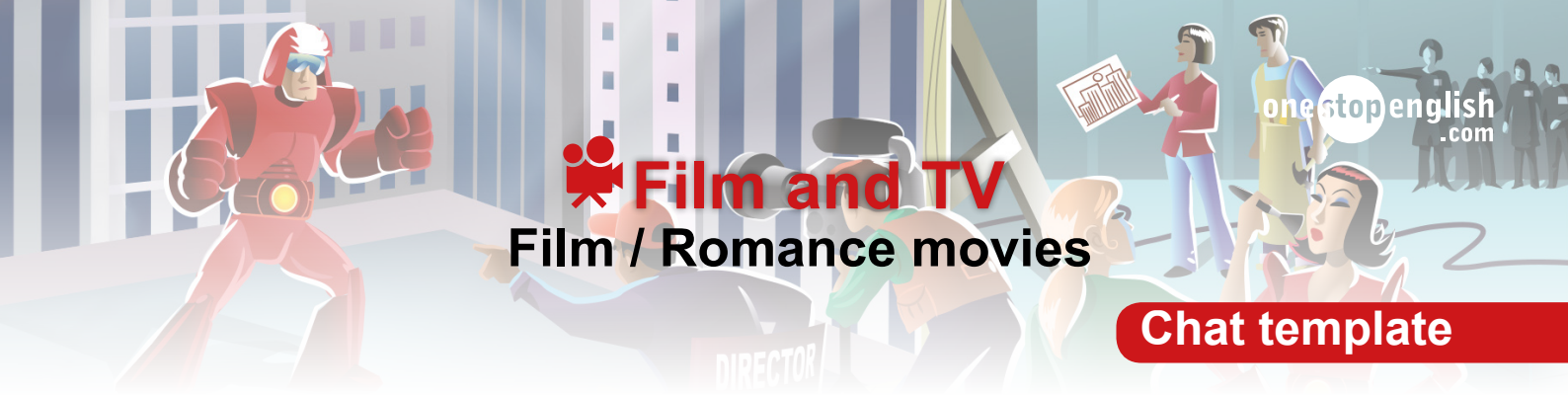
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**Step 3:** Now begin to write your chat. Use the template at the end of this worksheet. You should write the messages for one character and your partner will write the other, passing the page to each other to complete the story. Try to incorporate some new expressions from this lesson.

**Step 4:** Allow your other classmates to read the chat you have created.



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Chat template

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10:06 PM ✓✓

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