

# Relationships

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## 15 I can describe 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 **split up** and are now **divorced**. I don't want that to happen to us.



#### Glossary

**partner** someone you have a romantic relationship with (your **boyfriend**, **girlfriend**, **wife** or **husband**)

**be together** be in a romantic relationship

**go out with someone** have a romantic relationship with someone

**ex-boyfriend** a person who was your boyfriend in the past (also **ex-girlfriend**, **ex-wife**, **ex-husband**)

**get to know someone** learn about and become friends with someone

**get married** become husband and wife

**have a baby** become a new mother/father

**couple** two people, often in a romantic relationship

**split up** stop having a romantic relationship

**divorced** married in the past but not now

#### spotlight *relationship*

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

*I have a good **relationship** with my flatmate.*

*He has a difficult **relationship** with his father.*

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

#### 1 Write the words in correct sentences.

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

#### 2 Complete the sentences.

- They have a very good relationship.
- 1 When did they \_\_\_\_\_ a baby?
- 2 My boyfriend and I have been \_\_\_\_\_ for two months.
- 3 I know Phil and Sue very well. They're a lovely \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 She went \_\_\_\_\_ with him last year, but they split \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## 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're completely different. We first **met** at university, and then we **became flatmates**. If I have a problem, Gemma is the first person I ask for **advice** – and she always gives me good advice. We don't **see each other** very often now, because we live in different parts of the country, but I've **known** her for a long time, and she will always be my **closest friend**."

## Glossary

**get on (well) with someone** have a good relationship with someone

**meet** *PT met* see and speak to someone for the first time

**become flatmates** start to be flatmates (also **become friends**)

**flatmate** person you live with, but not in a romantic relationship

**advice** an opinion or information that you give to help someone with a problem (You **give advice** or **you give someone advice**.)

**see someone** talk to or visit someone

**know someone** be friends with someone or have met them

**closest friend** most important friend (also **best friend**)

## spotlight *each other*

*Pam and Mike really loved **each other**.*  
(Pam loved Mike, and Mike loved Pam.)

*The two girls never listen to **each other**.*  
(A doesn't listen to B, and B doesn't listen to A.)

3 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 don't get on very well.	We have a very good relationship.	
3	I see her every Saturday.	I meet her every Saturday.	
4	She's my best friend.	She's my closest friend.	
5	We became friends.	We stopped being friends.	
6	She gives me advice.	She helps me with my problems.	

4 ABOUT YOU Write your answers or ask another student.

- Who is your closest friend? \_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you known him/her? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did you meet? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did you get to know him/her? \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you see each other? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why do you get on well with him/her? \_\_\_\_\_