

# Lesson 2 – Relationships

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When you move to a new city, it can be hard to **make friends**. You'll probably have a number of **casual acquaintances** – people who you know on a basic level, but with whom you don't have a significant relationship. Over time, some of these may become **good friends** or **close friends** – these collocations refer to friends with whom you have an especially strong relationship.

Do you believe in **love at first sight**? That's when two people meet each other and immediately **fall in love** – perhaps because they have **strong chemistry** – this expression describes strong compatibility or connection between two possible romantic partners. Some people believe that their **significant other** (their boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, or wife) is their **soul mate** – this is a poetic expression that means that two people are destined to be together.

It's possible for one person to **have feelings for** another person – this expression is an indirect way to describe *romantic* feelings – but if the other person doesn't feel the same way, then **the feeling is not mutual**. The other person might say **“he's/she's just not my type”** – meaning that they are interested in people of a different type of personality/appearance. Ah, there's nothing sadder than **unrequited love!** (Love that is not returned)

Some people marry their **childhood sweetheart** or **high school/college sweetheart** – this expression refers to a boyfriend or girlfriend from your childhood, teenage, or college years. Other couples are introduced by a **mutual friend** – one friend that the two people have in common. When the couple is ready to **make a commitment**, the man **proposes to the woman** – he asks her to marry him. If the marriage is good, then we say the couple is **happily married**.

Unfortunately, not all love stories have a happy ending. Sometimes a husband or wife **has an affair** – they have sex with a different person. We can also say that they are **cheating on their husband/wife**. The expression “have an affair” is typically used only for married couples, and the expression “cheating on” can be used for married couples or for boyfriends/girlfriends.

# Lesson 2 Quiz

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**1. The process of creating friendships is called...**

- a) getting friends                      b) earning friends                      c) making friends

**2. A "close friend" is someone...**

- a) who lives near you                      b) who is similar to you                      c) with whom you have a strong friendship

**3. When you develop romantic feelings for another person, you're...**

- a) becoming passionate                      b) falling in love                      c) giving your heart

**4. If only one of the two people has romantic feelings, we say the feeling is not...**

- a) mutual                      b) returned                      c) together

**5. A polite way to say you're not attracted to someone is: "He/she's not my..."**

- a) kind                      b) style                      c) type

**6. A man who marries a woman who he met when both were very young, has married his childhood...**

- a) darling                      b) lover                      c) sweetheart

**7. When two people get married, they make a \_\_\_\_\_ to each other.**

- a) commitment                      b) compromise                      c) guarantee

**8. Many men try to find a creative and romantic way to \_\_\_\_\_ to their girlfriends.**

- a) propose                      b) proposition                      c) purpose

**9. A lot of marriages end when one member of the couple has an...**

- a) affair                      b) experience                      c) intimacy

**10. If you catch your significant other in bed with another person, then he/she is \_\_\_\_\_ on you.**

- a) betraying                      b) cheating                      c) deceiving