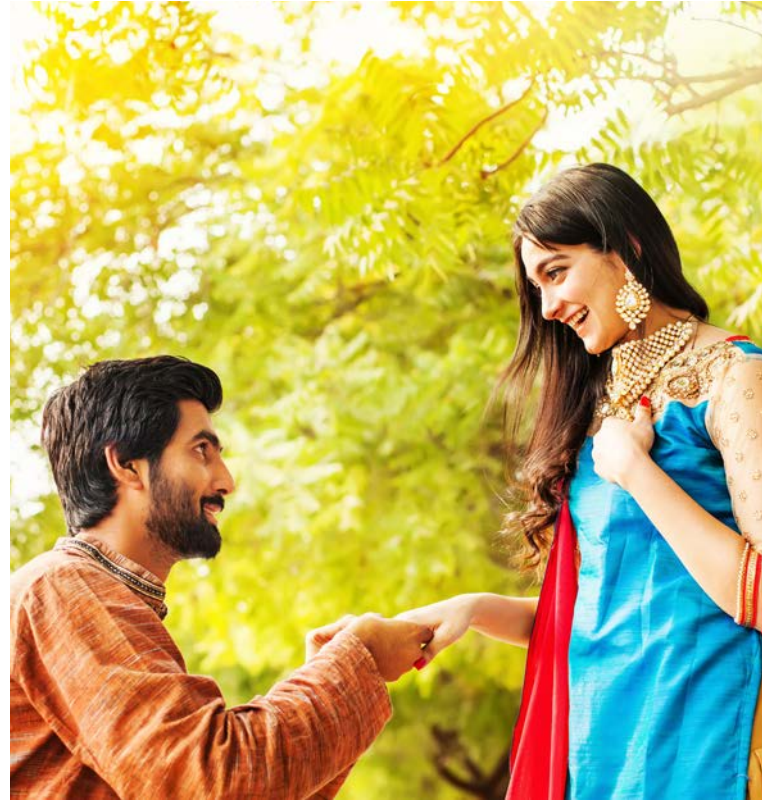




LIVING ENGLISH LESSONS
Romantic Relationships

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VOCABULARY

spouse partner	long-distance	husband wife	casual serious	arranged marriage
boyfriend girlfriend	domestic violence	dating single	ask out	sex
engaged propose	marry married	same-sex	in love	fiancé
separated	break up divorce	widow widower	cheat affair	ex

MATCHMAKER

Read the descriptions of these six single people and discuss who should date whom.

Patricia Smith – Whom should she date and why? _____

Daniel Reyes – Whom should he date and why? _____

Taylor Cole – Whom should they date and why? _____

Fareed Abed – Whom should he date and why? _____

Jada Kennedy – Whom should she date and why? _____

Justin Le – Whom should he date and why? _____

GERUNDS

A gerund is a noun that looks like the verb with “-ing” at the end.

Read the passage below and then talk about which kinds of activities happen during a wedding using the gerund form.

American Weddings

Wedding customs vary a lot within the United States, depending on the couple’s background. If the couple is religious, they will get married in a church or place of worship. This portion of the wedding is called the ceremony. The wedding party stands at the front with the bride and groom, and the officiant has the official job of marrying the couple.

After the ceremony is the reception. At the reception, the wedding guests eat, drink, and celebrate with the couple. Often, there is music and dancing after everyone has eaten. The parents and close friends of the bride and groom may give toasts. During a wedding toast, the couple is congratulated and stories about the couple are told. The couple commonly cuts the wedding cake together and has a “first dance” before being joined on the dance floor by the rest of the wedding guests.

Example: **Dancing** often follows dinner at a wedding reception.

MODERN LOVE

Watch the videos of different love stories and then answer the questions below.

Video 1

How did they meet?

Do they have any children together?

In their opinion, how is dating different now?

Video 2

How did they meet?

Where do they like to go on dates?

What are their plans for the future?

Video 3

How did they meet?

How did they feel when they first met each other?

Do they recommend online dating to others?

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Get with a partner or group and ask each other the questions below. Write down the answers. Discuss what else happens on a typical first date.

What do you like to do for fun? _____

What do you do for a living? _____

What kind of relationship are you looking for? _____

Where are you from? _____

What is your family like? _____

HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Plan a date night. Choose what you would do, where you would go, what you would wear, and what you would eat. Add specific details that will make your date special.

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