

VOCABULARY TO TALK ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

POSITIVE TERMS

- **To date so. / to go on a date with so.**
- **to chat (somebody) up**
to talk to somebody in the hope of starting a romantic or sexual relationship
- **to flirt (with somebody)**
to behave playfully towards another person who you are - or pretend to be - attracted to romantically or sexually. **A flirt is** a person who likes to flirt
- **to fall for somebody**
to fall in love with somebody
- **it was love at first sight**
two people fell in love with each other as soon as they met
- **I can hear wedding bells**
I suspect that they are going to get married soon
- **We are seeing each other**

- **To enjoy each other's company**
- **To see eye-to-eye on** most things so we rarely
- **to fall head over heels in love:** to start to love someone a lot
- **to get on well with:** to understand someone and enjoy similar interests
- **to get to know:** to begin to know someone
- **to go back years:** to have known someone for a long time
- **to have a lot in common:** to share similar interests
- **a healthy relationship:** a good, positive relationship
- **to hit it off:** to quickly become good friends with
- **to settle down:** to give up the single life and start a family
- **to work at a relationship:** to try to maintain a positive relationship with someone
- **to be in a relationship:** to be romantically involved with someone
- **to be just good friends:** to not be romantically involved
- **to keep in touch with:** to keep in contact with

NEGATIVE TERMS

- **they are having a domestic** (informal)
they are having an argument
- **he/she is having an affair**
- **to break up with somebody**
to finish a relationship with somebody
- **to split up**
to break up
- **to dump somebody**
to finish a relationship with somebody without much thought for the other person

- **To cheat on someone:** when you are unfaithful

- **to drift apart:** to become less close to someone
- **to fall out with:** to have a disagreement and stop being friends
- **to lose touch with:** to not see or hear from someone any longer
- Sometimes it takes people a long time **to get over** a break-up. They feel sad that the relationship is over, and it will take them awhile to feel better about it.
- You can refer to the person as your **ex-girlfriend**, or your **ex-boyfriend**, or just your **ex**.
- Sadly, not all marriages last forever, either. Sometimes couples will **separate**. They don't want to live together anymore, but they don't want **to get divorced** yet.
- **be married to one's work**

NEUTRAL TERMS

- **a blind date**
a meeting (arranged by a third party) with a person you might be interested in romantically but who you have never met before
- **to have ups and downs:** to have good and bad times
- The verb phrase **to get married (to someone)** is used to refer to the actual day of the wedding or the act of getting married. After the wedding, you can use **be married (to someone)**
- A speed dating event
- A dating agency

