



1. fancy sb. ['fænsi] UK ifml.  
have a crush on sb.  
[,hæv ə 'krʌʃ ðn] ifml.
2. fall in love with sb.  
[,fɔ:l ɪn 'lʌv wɪð],  
date sb. [deɪt]
3. be jealous of sb.  
[bi 'dʒeləs əv]
4. propose to sb.  
[prə'pəʊz tə]
5. get married [get 'mærid]
6. go on your honeymoon  
[,gəʊ ðn jɔ: 'hʌnɪmu:n]
7. start a family  
[,stɑ:t ə 'fæmli]
8. grow old together  
[grəʊ 'əʊld tə,geðə],  
celebrate your golden  
wedding anniversary  
[,seləbreɪt jə ,gəʊldən  
'wedɪŋ ,æni,vɜ:səri]

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## VOCABULARY

# Love and romance

*The 14th of February is Valentine's Day. What better time to talk about love?*  
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*presents the language of romance.*

**MEDIUM PLUS**

### Old love, new love

**Emma:** Sana, congratulations! I just heard you've **got engaged**. When did Rafi **pop the question**? Did he **get down on one knee**? Tell me all about it!

**Sana:** Well, actually it's not Rafi. My **fiancé's** name is Nasir.

**Emma:** Oh! I thought you and Rafi **were an item**. I know for sure he's **got a crush** on you. So, how long have you and Nasir been **dating**?

**Sana:** A month or so.

**Emma:** A month?

**Sana:** We met online, on a **matrimonial site**. We're a 98 per cent **match**.

**Emma:** Shouldn't you **get to know** him better first? Sean and I **lived together** for five years before even thinking about **marriage**.

**Sana:** Well, yeah, but then you **broke up** soon afterwards, didn't you? Don't worry. It's not an **arranged marriage**, and he's not marrying me for my **dowry**, either. We're **in love**.

**Emma:** Of course, Sana. I didn't mean to imply anything. I'm happy for you. I wish I could **find Mr Right**. Apart from the odd **fling**, I've **been single** ever since my **divorce**. Whenever I **fall in love**, it's either **unrequited**, or my new **boy-friend** starts **cheating on** me after a few weeks. Worse still, he leaves his hair in the bath and his dirty socks on the floor!

**PRACTICE**

Now try the exercises on this page to practise talking about love and romance.



**Exercise 1** E

Order the following lines (A–H) to create a short story. Number them from one to eight.

- A. May. For our honeymoon, we flew to Mauritius. It was
- B. boyfriends. So in the end, we broke up. Apart from
- C. We met online and fell in love on our first
- D. a spring wedding, so we got married the following
- E. date. We got engaged on Valentine’s Day. We wanted
- F. the odd fling, I’ve been single ever since.
- G. he was terribly jealous of all my previous
- H. heaven! We were determined to grow old together. But

**Exercise 2** M

Match the phrases on the left (A–F) to those that have the same meaning on the right (1–6).

A. fancy someone	1. be an item
B. propose to someone	2. have a fling
C. date someone	3. have a crush on someone
D. have an affair	4. pop the question
E. be <u>unfaithful</u> to someone	5. start a family
F. have your first baby	6. cheat on someone

**Exercise 3** A

Complete the definitions below with words from the opposite page.

- A. A(n) ..... marriage is a marriage for which the parents choose their child’s future husband or wife.
- B. A(n) ..... site is a website that connects people — from the Indian community in particular — who are looking for a husband or wife.
- C. .... love is love that is not returned by the person to whom you are attracted.
- D. A wedding ..... is the celebration of the number of years since two people have been married.
- E. A ..... is money or property that a woman’s family gives to her husband when they get married.

**I’m in love!**

Here are some more expressions you can use to talk about being in love:

- To show that you love someone very much, you can say that you **adore** a person or that you are **devoted to** him or her.
- If you can’t stop thinking about someone with whom you are in love, you can say you are **infatuated** or **besotted with** the person or that you are **mad** or **crazy about** him / her.
- If you are **keen on** (UK ifml) or **smitten with** someone, you feel strongly attracted to that person.
- And finally, if you are **lovesick**, you spend all your time thinking about a person you love, but who does not love you.



**Answers**

**determined** [di'tɜ:mɪnd]  
 • fest entschlossen

**unfaithful**  
 [ʌn'feɪθfəl]  
 • untreu

1.	A-4; B-7; C-1; D-3; E-2; F-8; G-6; H-5
2.	A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2; E-6; F-5
3.	A. arranged B. matrimonial C. Unrequited D. anniversary E. dowry