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 boyfriend 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
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
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 unfaithful to someone 5. start a family
F. have your first baby 6. cheat on someone

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.

Exercise 3
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.