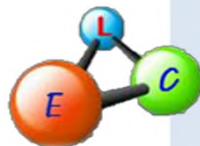




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Unit 11

Living

Dialogues

Liam: Hi Bea. I've been wanting to ask you this but... are you with someone?

Beatrice: Uhm. No.

Liam: Good. Hmm... Can I ask you out then?

Beatrice: Sure. I'm free this Saturday.

Liam: Can I pick you up at 6:00?

Beatrice: Yes. I know a nice restaurant. Let's go there.

Liam: It's a date then.



Sample Phrases

Here are sample phrases you can use when setting up a date or asking someone out. Can you add more examples on the list?

- What are you doing this weekend?
- Can I ask you out?
- I was wondering if you'd have dinner with me.
- This might make you laugh a little, but—well, you have a beautiful smile. Can we see each other again some time?
- Would you like to go hiking/swing-dancing/cliff diving/inner tubing with me?
- I have no idea what to say to you. I just know that I like you, and I want to get to know you better.
- Can we go out on a date this Saturday?
- Do you have anything to do after ... today?
- Are you asking me out on a date?
- Let's go for a walk on the beach this evening! If that's alright with you...
- I'd love to get to know you better. Would you like to have lunch?
- I've never met anybody quite like you.
- I have to leave now, but I had fun talking to you—I want to see you again.

C Conversation Questions

1. Have you experienced dating someone already? Tell about it?
2. Do you think it's okay for girls to ask a guy out if they want to? Or should they just wait for the guy to ask them out? Explain.
3. What are some places you could go on a first date?
4. Would you dress up for a first date? What clothes would you wear?
5. What kind of girl/guy would you never go on a date with?
6. Have you ever been on a blind date? How was it? If not, would you like to?
7. How are first dates different from later dates?

Sample Answers

1. Yes, I've already experienced dating someone. It was a wonderful experience. I think it's fun to go on a date with someone you're really interested with.
2. I think it's okay for girls to ask a guy out if she wants to. She shouldn't be ashamed of it because it's a natural feeling to want to go out with someone.
3. On a first date, you could go to romantic places like a nice restaurant, the beach, museum/planetarium,
4. I would dress well but not too much on a first date. I believe first impressions leave a mark and we should be especially groomed when on a date.
5. I would never go on a date with someone who is loud and immature. I would choose someone who is independent, responsible, smart and outgoing.
6. I have never been on a blind date and the thought of it doesn't interest me. I think going out with a complete stranger is awkward and somewhat unsafe.
7. First dates are well-planned while later dates can be spontaneous. On first dates, couples are usually too formal but it changes over time.



Role-play the following scenarios.

Make use of the phrases you've learned in this lesson.

- A. You have been friends with Daniella for a long time now and you realized you like her more than a friend. You'd like to ask her out on a date. Talk to her.
- B. A colleague approached you and asks when you're free. He'd like to ask you out. Agree upon the date and time you'll meet each other.
- C. You and Yllana have been on a relationship for a many years now and you'd like to set up a date for the coming Valentine's day. Ask her out formally just like the first time you met each other.

Dialogues**1. Going on a Date**

Liam: I love your style.

Beatrice: Thank you. I didn't put much effort in it.

Liam: You are so beautiful.

Beatrice: Thank you. You look good too.

2. Expressing Love

Liam: I think of you everyday. I'm so in love with you.

Beatrice: I love you too.

3. Breaking Up

Beatrice: I can't take it anymore. Let's break up.

Liam: No please. Think it over. I can't give you up.

4. Going Strong

Lucy: How are you and Liam doing?

Beatrice: We're going strong. We went through a lot but we love each other too much to separate.

Lucy: You two are adorable. I'd hold onto that one if I were you.

Sample Phrases

Here are sample phrases related to dating and being in a relationship.

Can you add more phrases to the list?

- You are so beautiful.
- Thank you for this day.
- I had a wonderful time.
- You look so good.
- It's late. I should be going home.
- It was nice seeing you.
- Will I be seeing you again?
- I don't want to let you go.
- I think of you everyday.
- I love you forever.
- I want to spend my life with you.
- Stay with me.
- Hold me close.
- I love you.
- I like you a lot.
- Don't be so cold.
- I don't love you anymore.
- I think we should break up.
- We're over.
- I can't give you up.
- Let's start over again.
- I want to marry you.
- We're doing great.
- We're getting married.

C onversation Questions

1. What do you look for in a girlfriend or a boyfriend?
2. Do you think fairy tales influence our choice of a partner?
3. When do you think should someone introduce his/her boyfriend/girlfriend to his/her parents?
4. Have your parents ever disapproved of any of your relationships?
5. Is there a such thing as a perfect relationship for you?
6. How long does it take for dating to become a relationship?
7. Do you have any expectations for your partner or future partner?

Sample Answers

1. The qualities I look for in a guy are responsible, manly, thoughtful, outgoing, adventurous, smart and independent.
2. No I don't think so. I think what influences our choice of partner is how we were brought up and the environment we were raised in.
3. I think someone should introduce his/her boyfriend/girlfriend to his/her parents when they are already dating for quite some time. I think that's the time when trust is already established between each other.
4. No, they never have and I don't think they ever will. They know that I'm smart enough to choose who to be with. They let me choose for myself.
5. No, there's no perfect relationship because nobody in this world is perfect. A relationship will always have its ups and downs.
6. There's no specific period of time required for dating to become a relationship. It depends on the couple.
7. Yes I have. I expect him to be loving, caring and understanding.



Role-play the following scenarios.

- A. You have a date this evening. You have gone to your date's house and his/her parent has answered the door. Speak with the parent.
- B. You used to be best friends with Mike. However, now you hardly meet. His new partner is controlling his life. He never goes out anymore or does his hobbies. His girlfriend has dominated his life and you're sick of it. Call him on the phone and convince him to break up with her.
- C. Your long time partner wants to break up with you. Convince her not to leave you. Tell her your plans for each other.

Dialogues

1. Married Life

Aunt Grace: How are the newlyweds?

Beatrice: We're on cloud nine. We're glad we finally settled down.

Aunt Grace: I'm so happy for you two. Now you are both married, you have to be more responsible with your actions. I wish you well.

Beatrice: We will. Thank you.

2. Pregnancy

Liam: Beatrice is pregnant!

Grandpa Simon: Congratulations! You're going to be a father.

Liam: Thank you! We're so blessed.



Sample Phrases

Below are sample phrases and sentences used when talking about marriage. Can you think of other phrases that you can add on the list?

- When are you getting married?
- Congratulations on your marriage.
- When's the wedding?
- We are both so busy planning the wedding.
- The bride is so beautiful.
- How are the newlyweds?
- My wife is pregnant!
- It's a baby boy!
- My husband comes straight home after work.
- Things are going rough.
- We got into a fight.
- How long have you been married?
- How are things going?
- He hasn't been home for a while.
- We're in the midst of a divorce.
- We're fighting over custody rights.
- I lost my wife in an accident.
- Things are going well.
- We are planning things out.
- We are moving to our new house.
- We've been married for 5 years.
- If I could go back and do it all over again, I would.
- I love him/her so much.

C Conversation Questions

1. How does the idea of getting married make you feel? Excited? Scared? Happy? Nervous?
2. Some people say that marriage is outdated (too old-fashioned and not needed), do you agree or disagree?
3. What do you think married life will be like?
4. What do you want your wedding to be like?
5. What do you think of arranged marriages?
6. What do you think of people who get divorced? Would you ever consider getting divorced?
7. What is your attitude to same sex weddings?