Love and relationships ESL lesson plan (A1)

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Stage	Time
Warm-up	5–10 min
Vocabulary	15 min
Controlled practice	10 min
Grammar focus	10 min
Speaking	15 min
Wrap-up and homework	5 min

1. Warm-up (5–10 min)

- What is a good first date?
- Do you like romantic films?
- How do people usually meet a partner in your country?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

Elicit each word before you give it, model the pronunciation, then check meaning with a quick question.

Word	Meaning	Example
love	to like someone or something very much	I love you.
like	to think someone or something is nice	I like him a lot.
boyfriend	a man or boy you have a romantic relationship with	Her boyfriend is from Italy.
girlfriend	a woman or girl you have a romantic relationship with	His girlfriend is a doctor.
husband	the man you are married to	My husband cooks every day.
wife	the woman you are married to	His wife works in a bank.
partner	the person you live with or have a relationship with	I live with my partner.
couple	two people in a relationship	They're a lovely couple.
married	having a husband or wife	Are you married?
single	not married or in a relationship	My brother is single.

Grammar focus (10 min): Past simple questions and time expressions: ago, last, in

Somebody stole a bike outside a café. Sergeant Reid asks a witness, Tara: “What did you see? When did it happen? What did the man look like?” Tara answers: “I saw him about ten minutes ago. He went that way.” By the end of this lesson you can ask detailed questions about the past and say exactly when things happened.

Form	Pattern	Example
Wh- question	Q + did + subject + base form	Where did he go?
Subject question	Who / What + past verb	Who called? · What happened?
Ago · last	time + ago · last + time	ten minutes ago · last week
In · on · at · for	in 2019 · on Friday · at 3:30 · for an hour	I lived there for five years.

Watch for: ~~Where you went yesterday?~~ → **Where did you go yesterday?**. Past question: did + base form.

Speaking (15 min): The agony aunt

You read three short letters from people with relationship dilemmas (My partner wants to move abroad. My best friend dislikes my partner.). The learner answers each with advice, a reason and a warning.

Useful language

- to go out with · to fall in love · to break up
- We met through… / on…
- I think the most important thing is…
- They’ve been together for…
- to get engaged · to get married · to get divorced
- It depends on the couple.

Wrap-up and homework (5 min)

- Each learner says the three new words they will remember, and one sentence with each.
- Homework: write 80–120 words about love and relationships using at least six words from the lesson and the grammar point.
- Self-study: the A1 love and relationships vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 21 words.

Love and relationships (A1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

beautiful · hugs · happy · date · wedding · kissed · flowers · heart

B. Complete the sentences

Use a word from the word bank. Then compare with a partner.

1. They look very _____ together.
2. My mom _____ me every morning.
3. You look _____ today.
4. The _____ is in June.
5. He _____ her on the cheek.
6. She drew a _____ on the card.
7. We went on a _____ to the cinema.
8. He gave her _____.

C. Talk with a partner

Ask and answer. Make notes of one interesting answer to report to the class.

1. What do people do on Valentine's Day where you live?
2. Is it better to be single or in a couple?
3. What is a nice present for a partner?
4. At what age do people usually get married in your country?
5. Do you believe in love at first sight?

Write

Write 80–120 words about love and relationships. Use six words from the lesson.

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 happy · 2 hugs · 3 beautiful · 4 wedding · 5 kissed · 6 heart · 7 date · 8 flowers