Love and relationships ESL lesson plan (B1)

B1 (intermediate) · 60 minutes · for English teachers · englishcue.app

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 qualities matter most in a partner?
- How did your parents or grandparents meet?
- Have dating apps made meeting people easier or harder?

2. Vocabulary (15 min)

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

Word	Meaning	Example
online dating	meeting romantic partners through websites or apps	Many couples now meet through online dating.
dating app	a phone app for meeting romantic partners	I deleted my dating app.
blind date	a date with someone you have never met	My friend set me up on a blind date.
love at first sight	falling in love the first time you see someone	It was love at first sight.
chemistry	a strong attraction between two people	There was no chemistry between us.
commitment	a promise to stay with someone	He's afraid of commitment.
compromise	to accept less than you want so you can agree	Couples need to compromise.
get over	to feel better after a sad experience	It took me a year to get over him.
split up	to end a relationship	They split up after ten years.
cheat on	to have a secret relationship with someone else	He cheated on his wife.

Grammar focus (10 min): Second conditional: wishes and advice — if I were you

Four friends are on a long road trip. Mia: “Let’s play a game. What would you do if you won a million pounds?” Josh: “If I won a million, I’d buy a house by the sea.” Later, Josh has a problem with his boss. Mia: “If I were you, I’d look for a new job.” By the end of this lesson you can talk about imaginary situations and give advice.

Form	Pattern	Example
Form	If + past simple, would + base form	If I won, I’d buy a boat.
Advice	If I were you, I’d…	If I were you, I’d talk to her.
Could / might	imaginary ability / possibility	If I had a car, I could drive you.
Real or not?	first = possible · second = imaginary	If it rains, I’ll… / If I were a bird, I’d…

Watch for: ~~If I would have more time, I’d learn Chinese.~~ → **If I had more time, I’d learn Chinese.**. No would in the if part.

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 B1 love and relationships vocabulary page on englishcue.app has a self-correcting quiz with all 22 words.

Love and relationships (B1)

Student handout · Name: _____ · Date: _____

A. Word bank

possessive · faithful · crush · soulmate · long-distance relationship · settle down · flirts · affectionate

B. Complete the sentences

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

1. I had a _____ on my teacher.
2. He's always been _____.
3. Her boyfriend is very _____.
4. He _____ with everyone.
5. They want to _____ and have kids.
6. I think I've found my _____.
7. She's very _____ with her kids.
8. We had a _____ for a year.

C. Talk with a partner

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

1. What is the most romantic thing you have seen someone do?
2. Should couples have the same interests?
3. Who should pay on a first date?
4. What is the secret of a long relationship?
5. How have weddings changed in your country?

Write

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

Answer key

B. Complete the sentences: 1 crush · 2 faithful · 3 possessive · 4 flirts · 5 settle down · 6 soulmate · 7 affectionate · 8 long-distance relationship