

## Family and friends

affair (n)	propose (to sb) (v)
anniversary (n)	relationship (n)
argue (v)	romantic (adj)
fall in love (phr)	separate (v)
friendship (n)	settle down (phr v)
get divorced (phr)	single (adj)
get on (with) (phr v)	start a family (phr)
go out (together/with sb) (phr v)	

### A Complete the text using words and phrases from the box.

affair anniversary arguing fell in love friendship got divorced  
got on proposed to relationship romantic separated settled down  
single mum started a family went out together

I met Alex when we were at university together. We <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ really well and soon our <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ developed into something else. We <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all the way through our time at university. When we graduated, we went travelling. He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me one night on a beach – it was so <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ !

When we got home, we got married and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. For a few years, we mostly focused on our careers, then when I was in my late 20s, we <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. We had two kids, and for a while everything was fine. But then we started <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and it soon became clear that our <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't working any more.

Just after our tenth <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, I found out that Alex had been having an <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with a female colleague. Soon after that, we <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and eventually we <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. At first, I found it difficult as a <sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on my own with two small children. In time, though, I met someone else, and the kids still see their dad every weekend.

A **single mum/mother/father/parent** looks after their children on their own. They can also be called a **lone parent**. We sometimes talk about a **single-parent family**.

### B Match the first part of the sentences (1–8) to the second part (a–h).

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| 1 In my late 20s, I got married and settled        | a a family.         |
| 2 She met a guy called Josh and fell               | b divorced.         |
| 3 We both love kids, so we decided to start        | c anniversary.      |
| 4 While we were away in Venice, Max proposed       | d out together.     |
| 5 Apparently, Jo and Ella are going                | e in love with him. |
| 6 Their relationship ended and they decided to get | f to me.            |
| 7 We usually go out for dinner on our wedding      | g with my brother.  |
| 8 I've always got on quite well                    | h down in London.   |

a **close/new/lifelong/strong friendship**: *It was the beginning of a **lifelong friendship**.*

a **close/good personal/working relationship**: *He developed a **good personal relationship** with his colleagues.*

a **friendship/relationship + with (someone) / between (two people)**: *the **relationship between father and son***

### C Complete each sentence with a word related to the word in brackets. Add any other words necessary.

- At the start of the film, Fay has just accepted a marriage proposal from her lover. (propose)
- Liam took me out for \_\_\_\_\_ meal and asked me to marry him. (romance)
  - My husband and I don't live together any longer. We \_\_\_\_\_. (separate)
  - I had a big \_\_\_\_\_ Molly last week and we haven't spoken since. (argue)
  - It's important to establish a good working \_\_\_\_\_ doctor and patient. (relate)
  - Apparently, Max and I are \_\_\_\_\_ each other; we're distant cousins. (relate)
  - He developed a close \_\_\_\_\_ Ewan while they were at college. (friend)