

READING AND VOCABULARY

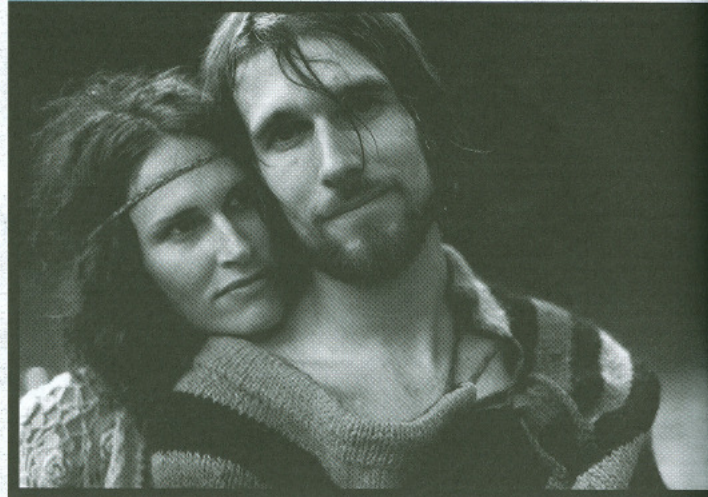
1 CD 1.2 Read the text and choose the best title.

- a Beauty is skin-deep c The key to successful relationships
 b Is romance dead? d Scientists prove that opposites attract

A recent survey in the US has raised eyebrows in the world of evolutionary psychology. Previous research had concluded that people prefer life partners with strong reproductive potential and qualities that they think will be good for raising children. However, the more recent study suggests that this is not necessarily the case and that people are attracted to mates with similar personality types as themselves, as it is more likely they will be able to hold down a stable relationship.

Theories of animal behaviour suggest that animals look for attractive physical qualities, such as brightly coloured feathers or shiny coats, because such things can be a sign of reproductive health. In the animal kingdom, a potential mate's 'wealth' – for example, a large, well-built nest and ample food – advertises its ability to provide for the next generation. There has always been an assumption that our behaviour isn't very different, but the more recent publication suggests that humans have a more sophisticated system of mate selection, which includes looking for positive personality traits.

The study began when university students taking a course called *Introduction to Behaviour* each administered questionnaires to ten other people (see sample questions below). The survey, which was voluntary and anonymous, resulted in data from 979 people – most of whom were students aged between 18 and 24. Hoping to learn what attracts people to each other, the students asked their male and female survey subjects to rank the importance



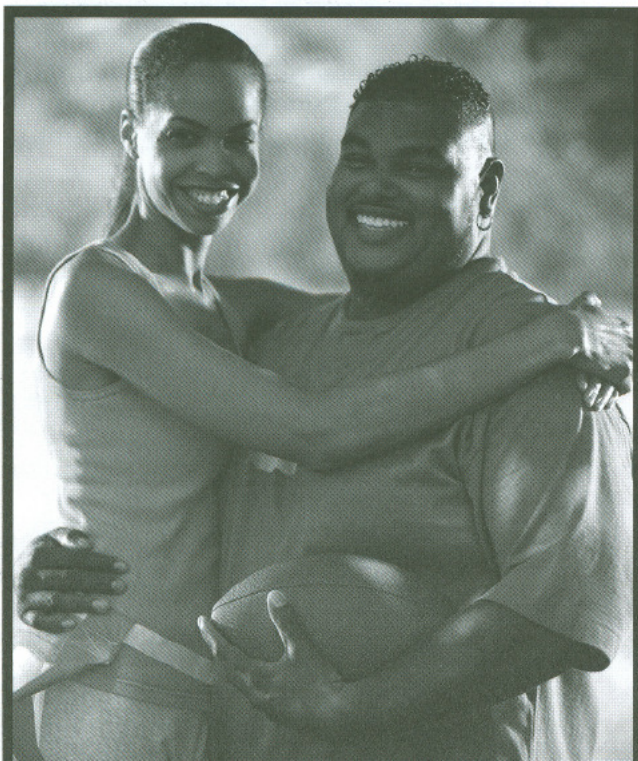
they placed on ten attributes in a long-term partner and to rate themselves on the same qualities.

The students wrote up their reports, got their grades and moved on. However, their tutors were left with an intriguing, if unsorted, mountain of information. When the academics finally got round to doing a proper statistical analysis of the results, the conclusion 'jumped out at us,' they reported. In simple terms, the conclusion was that humans are attracted to people like themselves; reproductive potential is less important.

The scientists were taken aback by the characteristics that people rated as most important. 'Surprisingly, physical attractiveness is not all that important – except to people who rate themselves as physically attractive: the Brad Pitts and Angelina Jolies of the world,' says one of the professors. 'What politicians like to call "family values" characteristics, for example qualities like responsibility, loyalty and trustworthiness, are what people say they're looking for in a long-term relationship. And most people say they perceive those same characteristics in themselves.'

However, the research also found particularly strong evidence that women who thought they were physically attractive tended to go for men who were wealthy or of high status. Equally, men who thought they were successful wanted to pair up with good-looking women.

The scientists' analysis concluded that like-minded people are more likely to have a good marriage than dissimilar individuals. A relationship expert commented that she thought the results were common sense. 'The results aren't earth-shattering. Any relationship can quickly be brought to its knees if you don't see eye to eye on important issues and share similar moral values,' she said. 'The safest choice would probably be a mirror image of yourself, but it would be a bit boring. After all, variety is the spice of life.'



2 Read the text again and choose the correct answers a–d.

- 1 The results of the recent survey
 - a confirmed earlier research.
 - b discovered something new.
 - c mean further research is unnecessary.
 - d were what the scientists expected.
- 2 The research suggests that human mate selection is
 - a based only on personality type.
 - b impossible to analyse.
 - c more complex than previously thought.
 - d the same as in animals.
- 3 The students who administered the survey gave the questionnaire to
 - a a variety of people.
 - b people in long-term relationships.
 - c students who had to complete it.
 - d respondents to a magazine survey.
- 4 The tutors analysed the information
 - a as soon as the students handed in their reports.
 - b because they knew the results would be interesting.
 - c so they could put the papers away.
 - d when they had some spare time.
- 5 The relationship expert doesn't think
 - a the least risky choice of life partner may lead to a dull life.
 - b difference makes life more interesting.
 - c we should marry the person most similar to ourselves.
 - d partners need to have similar views on what is right and wrong.

3 Match the underlined phrases in the text with their meanings.

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| 1 to be very noticeable | <u>jumped out at (us)</u> |
| 2 to be very surprised by something | _____ |
| 3 to have such a bad effect on something that it cannot continue | _____ |
| 4 to leave and start doing something else | _____ |
| 5 to prepare a text based on notes made earlier | _____ |
| 6 to shock or surprise people | _____ |
| 7 to succeed in keeping something for some time | _____ |

4 Complete the table with words from the text.

	adjective	noun
1	<i>evolutionary</i>	evolution
2		reproduction
3		statistic
4		attraction
5	loyal	
6		boredom

5 Complete each group of three sentences with one word from the text.

- 1 a Not many animals have a single _____ for life.
- b The builder's _____ was responsible for carrying all the heavy materials.
- c Hello, _____! I haven't seen you for ages. What have you been up to?
- 2 a The end-of-year exams are designed to _____ all the students in the year group.
- b It's _____ stupidity to marry someone you've known for only a week!
- c There was a _____ smell coming from the polluted river.

6 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the words and phrases from Exercises 3–5.

- 1 Government statistics show that the percentage of people who marry is falling.
- 2 'Please _____ your notes before next week's lecture.'
- 3 Visitors to Venice _____ it as one of the most romantic cities in Europe.
- 4 After two days at the beach, we decided to _____ to the mountains.
- 5 The country's economy was _____ its _____ by industrial action and strikes.
- 6 I spend Christmas with my family and New Year with my _____.

Rate each attribute 1–9 according to its relative importance in your choice of a long-term partner.

**1 = not at all important
9 = extremely important**

- ★ their financial resources
- ★ their physical attractiveness
- ★ their faithfulness
- ★ their parenting qualities
- ★ their social status
- ★ their health
- ★ their desire for children
- ★ their devotion to you
- ★ their ambition
- ★ the strength of their family bonds

GRAMMAR

Tense revision

Present and past tenses

1 Choose the correct answers a–d.

- 1 My little brother is exasperating. He ___ things from my bedroom.
a is always taking **c** had taken
b had always taken **d** always took
- 2 ___ a new boyfriend?
a Is Sally seen by **c** Has Sally seen
b Does Sally see **d** Is Sally seeing
- 3 I ___ into helpless laughter when I heard the joke.
a explode **c** exploded
b was exploding **d** had been exploding
- 4 My friends ___ my leg all morning about my new girlfriend.
a have been pulling **c** are pulling
b have pulled **d** will have pulled
- 5 They ___ lots of pets.
a are having **c** have
b had been having **d** were having
- 6 The number of speed-dating clubs ___ at the moment.
a grows **c** has been growing
b had grown **d** is growing
- 7 We ___ it's sensible to get married too young.
a aren't thinking **c** haven't been thinking
b don't think **d** haven't thought
- 8 Eva and Tim ___ each other for years before they got engaged.
a have known **c** had been knowing
b had known **d** know
- 9 When Jake ___ Clare to go to the party she was delighted.
a asked **c** was asking
b had been asking **d** had asked
- 10 Something ___ good. What are you cooking?
a smells **c** has smelt
b is smelling **d** was smelling
- 11 Our neighbours are very considerate. They ___ an eye on our house when we go away.
a always kept **c** are always keeping
b always keep **d** have kept
- 12 Everyone ___ when I walked into the party.
a had danced **c** is dancing
b has been dancing **d** was dancing

2 Complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

A new study ¹ claims (claim) that people are attracted to each other by smell. According to scientists, the smell of men's sweat ² _____ (change) with their moods and women's subconscious minds ³ _____ (recognise) the signals. As a result, a woman subconsciously ⁴ _____ (know) when a man wants to be more than just good friends.

To do the research, a professor of psychology ⁵ _____ (collect) sweat samples from men who hadn't used deodorant or soap for three days. These samples were collected while the men ⁶ _____ (watch) either boring or interesting films. The professor then ⁷ _____ (ask) female participants to smell the same samples while she ⁸ _____ (observe) their brain activity. The different sweat samples ⁹ _____ (light) up different areas on the brain images.

Now, women all over the world ¹⁰ _____ (wonder) if they are drawn to someone because of his charm or because he ¹¹ _____ (not use) soap all week.

Tenses with the perfect aspect

3 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 When Joe and Bella get back from their honeymoon next week **c**
 - 2 They've fixed a date for their wedding,
 - 3 Will and Ben have been getting on like a house on fire
 - 4 Naomi's been reading that book about animal mating habits,
 - 5 Marc had fallen head over heels in love with Lisa
 - 6 I expect I'll have settled down
 - 7 Alice had been gazing at the handsome stranger all evening
- a** since I introduced them earlier this evening.
b before she finally found an excuse to strike up a conversation.
c they'll have been travelling for two months.
d before he realised she wasn't interested in him.
e but they haven't sent out the invitations yet.
f but she hasn't finished it yet.
g by the time I'm thirty.

4 Complete the text with the verbs from the box.

.....
 'll have read 've tried has published
 have been publishing have been reading
 have brought have criticised have grown
 have read will have been publishing

A literary love affair

Marrying the Manhattan Millionaire
Jackie Braun

The Cowboy and the Princess
Myrna Mackenzie

MILLS & BOON
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People ¹ have been reading Mills & Boon romantic novels since 1908. In that time, Mills & Boon ² _____ thousands of titles and the books have been sold all over the world. Today, the company has more than three million regular readers in the UK alone. Over the years, more serious readers ³ _____ the books for being predictable and corny, but fans say that they like the guaranteed happy endings. One romantic fiction addict said, 'I ⁴ _____ a Mills & Boon book every week for the last five years. By this time next year, I ⁵ _____ more than 300 of them! I ⁶ _____ reading other books but they are never as good.'

A spokesperson for the company reported, 'Our books may seem trivial to some, but they ⁷ _____ pleasure to millions of readers, which is why we are now celebrating our one hundredth birthday. Since the company started in 1908, we ⁸ _____ from a small firm to one of the world's biggest publishers of romantic fiction. We ⁹ _____ affordable escapism for a century. Let's hope that by 2108, we ¹⁰ _____ it for two centuries.'

Future Continuous and Future Perfect (simple and continuous)

5 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Will (you be working) / you have been working here again next summer?
- 2 I won't be living / have lived with my parents in ten years' time.
- 3 At nine o'clock on Saturday evening, we'll be dancing / have been dancing at Erik and Jo's wedding.
- 4 In 2015 my grandparents will be being / have been together for fifty years.
- 5 On 1 September I'll have been learning / have learnt English for twelve years!
- 6 Will Oliver have been finishing / have finished his exams by this time next week?
- 7 When Sarah's boyfriend comes back from Paris, she won't have been seeing / have seen him for nine months.
- 8 At the half-way point of the marathon, how many hours will you have run / have been running?
- 9 You can't get married next month! You won't have gone out / have been going out together for long enough.

6 Complete the conversations with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A ¹ Will you be seeing (see) your girlfriend on Saturday evening?
 B No, I won't. She ² _____ (go) to her grandparents' house by then. She's spending the weekend with them.
- 2 A This time next month, I ³ _____ (get) my exam results.
 B So you ⁴ _____ (have) lots of sleepless nights between now and then.
- 3 A In August I ⁵ _____ (sunbathe) on a beach in Greece.
 B Lucky you! I ⁶ _____ (work) in a factory!
- 4 A When you finish your gap year, how many countries ⁷ _____ you _____ (visit)?
 B Well, we ⁸ _____ (travel) for twelve months so quite a lot!
- 5 A ⁹ _____ you _____ (stay) with your brother when you go to New York?
 B I don't think so. He ¹⁰ _____ (not have) time to find a flat.
- 6 A My last bus is at 11.15 so I ¹¹ _____ (leave) before then.
 B You can't go so early! The band ¹² _____ (not finish) before midnight.

SPEAKING

1 Complete phrases 1–9 then match them with their functions a–c.

- a breaking the ice
- b carrying on the conversation
- c getting away

- 1 Excuse me, do you happen to ...?
- 2 E_____ m_____, do you mind if ...?
- 3 I m_____ keep you any longer. I'm s_____ you're busy.
- 4 Is that the time? I r_____ m_____ be g_____.
- 5 P_____ to m_____ y_____. I've heard so much about you.
- 6 The r_____ I w_____ to talk to you is ...
- 7 Let's meet again. H_____ a_____ ...?
- 8 W_____ do you t_____ about ...?
- 9 W_____ in Germany are you from?

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2 Complete the conversations with the phrases from the box. There is one extra phrase.

Whereabouts that's enough about me If you ask me
 Sorry to bother you, but Let's meet again
 I'd better be going I wish I could stay Have you heard
 I couldn't help overhearing Have we met somewhere before

- 1 A ¹ Have we met somewhere before ?
 B Yes, I think you went to school with my neighbour.
 A You're right! ² _____ what she's doing now?
 B I think she's on a gap year in India.
 A That sounds fascinating. ³ _____ and hear all about it, but I've got to go.
- 2 A ⁴ _____ do you know what time the concert starts?
 B It should have started fifteen minutes ago, but the lead singer's famously temperamental!
 A ⁵ _____, they're paid so much they should be more respectful towards their fans.
 B I can see my friend waving to me.
⁶ _____.
- 3 A Sorry, but ⁷ _____ you talking about holiday plans. I'm looking for some ideas so do you mind if I join you?
 B No, not at all. I was just telling Di about my plans to go to the Pyrenees.
 A ⁸ _____ in the Pyrenees are you going?
 B I'm staying in a small village just inside Spain. I'll go climbing every day and in the evenings I'll meet up with other climbers in the hostel. But ⁹ _____; what sort of things do *you* like doing?

WRITING

1 Read the first half of a short story and study the information.

2 Read this summary of the rest of the story.

- Della went home. She became worried because she knew Jim had loved her hair.
- Jim came home. When he saw his wife's new haircut, his face was expressionless.
- Della asked him not to be angry. She explained that she had sold her hair to buy him a watch chain.
- Jim said he wasn't angry. He explained he didn't love her less. He told her to open her present.
- She opened her present. It was two expensive hair combs. But now she had very short hair.
- Jim told her he had sold his watch to buy the combs for her.

Use the summary to complete the story. Use your own ideas and the verbs and adverbs in the boxes to add colour and variety to your writing. Write about 250 words.

verbs

kiss sigh stare
 whisper gaze

adverbs

gently impatiently
 nervously softly
 tenderly wistfully

3 **CD 13** Now listen to the end of the story and compare it with yours.

Think of a good title which sums up the story without telling the reader the plot.

The perfect gifts

Have an opening sentence which catches the reader's attention.

One dollar and eighty-seven cents was all Della had. Three times she counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas. Flopping down on the shabby little couch, Della cried her eyes out.

Use a variety of tenses.

Use vivid adjectives to give the story colour and to create atmosphere.

Use adverbs to add depth and colour to the story.

Della finished her cry and repaired her make-up. She stood by the window and looked out miserably at the gray backyard. Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only one dollar and eighty-seven cents for Jim's present. The same question kept going through her mind: 'What can I buy with so little money?' She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. She had spent hours dreaming of what to buy him but twenty dollars a week doesn't go far.

Use rhetorical questions to show what a character is thinking.

Suddenly she whirled from the window and stood before the mirror glass, her eyes were shining brilliantly, but the colour had drained from her face. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length. 'Am I brave enough?' she asked herself.

Use participle clauses to avoid starting every sentence with the same subject.

Now, there were two things Della's husband, James, was proud of: his gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Della's beautiful long dark brown hair, which now fell down her back, shining like a moonlit waterfall.

Use similes to make your descriptions more vivid.

Tying up her hair, she pulled on her old brown jacket and hat and, with her eyes still sparkling with excitement, she dashed down the stairs to the street.

Della stopped at a sign which read 'Madame Sofronie. Hair Goods of All Kinds.' Running up the stairs, she burst into the room and said, 'Will you buy my hair?'

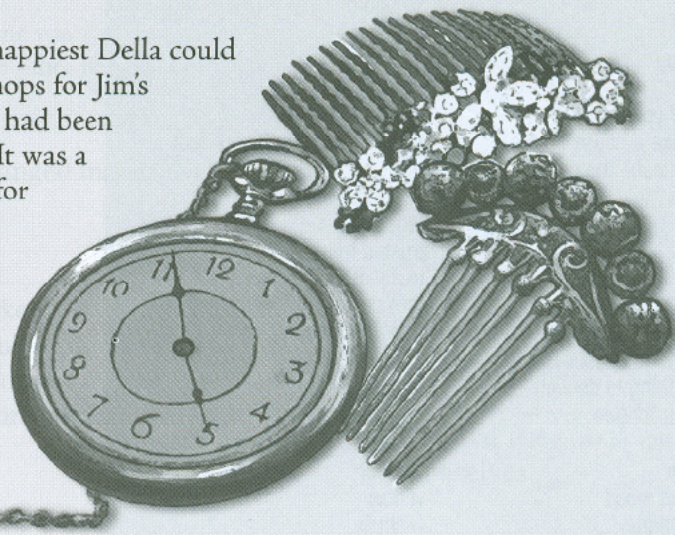
Use vivid verbs.

Try to come up with a surprising turning point - a 'twist in the tale'.

'Take your hat off and I'll look at it.' Lifting the silky mass, Madame said, 'Twenty dollars.'

The next two hours were the happiest Della could remember. She searched the shops for Jim's present. She found it at last. It had been made for Jim and no one else. It was a beautiful watch chain, perfect for his family heirloom.

As soon as she saw it, she knew that it must be Jim's. It cost twenty-one dollars and she hurried home with the 87 cents.



WORD LIST

additional
 animal mating
 arranged marriage
 assertive
 awkwardly
 be under someone's thumb
 blindly
 break the ice
 break up with someone/
 a relationship
 briskly
 bump into someone
 burst into tears
 by force
 careless
 chaperone
 charisma
 charismatic
 charming
 chat someone up
 chatter
 cheerful
 chivalry
 cocky
 come up with a good idea
 confidence
 consent
 corny jokes
 courageous
 courtship
 creep
 cry your eyes out
 dating service
 dazzle
 disobedient
 divorce
 do with some help
 emotional
 energetic
 engaged
 engrossed
 exasperating
 exquisite
 fall for someone/a trick
 fall head over heels in love
 fall out with someone
 fancy someone
 flash
 flicker
 flirt
 frantically
 fun-loving
 gaze
 get it off your chest
 get on like a house on fire
 give someone the cold shoulder
 glance
 glare
 glimpse
 glisten
 glitter
 go out with someone
 have a mind of your own
 have nothing to do with
 hold your tongue
 honeymoon
 improper
 in a good mood
 inconsiderate
 indecisive
 indiscreet
 insecure
 insensitive
 irresponsible
 keep a stiff upper lip
 keep a straight face
 keep your head
 knight in shining armour
 lack/be lacking in something
 laugh your head off
 leap year
 lose your head
 make up your mind
 maturity
 mumble
 mutter
 mutual friend
 out of your mind
 overcome an obstacle
 overhear
 passionately
 peep
 peer
 petulantly
 presumably
 propose marriage
 pull someone's leg
 put on a brave face
 put your foot in it
 respectful
 see eye to eye with someone
 self-conscious
 sensible
 sensitive
 serenade (v)
 settle down
 shrug your shoulders
 sigh
 speed dating
 spinster
 stagger
 stare
 starry-eyed
 storm (v)
 strait-laced
 strike up a conversation
 striking
 stroll
 strong-willed
 stubborn
 stumble
 stutter
 stylish
 suitor
 take the weight off your feet
 tear your hair out
 temperamental
 tenderly
 trusted friend
 trustworthy
 turn down some help
 turn your nose up at
 something
 unaffectionate
 unassertive
 unselfish
 wander
 widow
 wistfully

VOCABULARY ACTIVATOR

- 1 Complete the postings on a website with the correct forms of the words in brackets.

www.worried.com

Worried about someone? *Get it off your chest and you may get some good advice!*

My girlfriend is fun-loving, ¹ charming (charm) and ² _____ (cheerfulness) but sometimes I find her completely ³ _____ (exasperation). She is very ⁴ _____ (carelessness) with other people's property – she left my iPod on the train. Also, she never locks the doors and windows when she goes out, which is just ⁵ _____ (responsibility). I think she lacks ⁶ _____ (mature), but what do other people think?

I hate my sister's new boyfriend! He is ⁷ _____ (cockiness), ⁸ _____ (sensitivity) and completely lacks any ⁹ _____ (charismatic)! Normally, she is ¹⁰ _____ (assertiveness) and ¹¹ _____ (strong will), but with him she is very ¹² _____ (security) and lacking in ¹³ _____ (confident). She says she is head over heels in love with him! Will it make her more ¹⁴ _____ (stubbornness) if I say what I think?

My best friend has always been quite ¹⁵ _____ (sensitivity), but this is becoming a real problem. She is very ¹⁶ _____ (emotion) and she cries her eyes out at the smallest things. She has become so ¹⁷ _____ (decisiveness) that making any kind of choice is agony for her and she is now so ¹⁸ _____ (self-consciousness) that she refuses to go to parties. How can I help her?

- 2 Circle the verbs that can be used in the sentences. More than one answer may be possible.

- 1 The candle ___ and died.
(flickered) / glistened / glittered
- 2 The exhausted marathon runners ___ the last kilometre of the race.
stumbled / staggered / strolled
- 3 Tina kept ___ at her watch to check how much time she had to finish the exam.
glancing / peering / peeping
- 4 'P-p-p-please, p-p-please h-h-h-elp m-m-me,' Max ___.
muttered / stuttered / mumbled
- 5 I knew I'd put my foot in it when my mother ___ furiously at me.
gazed / glared / glimpsed
- 6 The ambulance's lights were ___ as it sped to the accident.
glittering / flashing / flickering
- 7 We can ___ the sea from our hotel room – but only if we stand on a chair and lean out of the window.
glimpse / gaze at / stare at
- 8 ___ silently through the house, the burglars didn't wake anyone.
Stumbling / Storming / Creeping
- 9 The children ___ excitedly about the party.
whispered / chattered / sighed

3 Complete the second sentence so it has the same meaning as the first. Use three to five words, including the word given.

1 Despite it being a funny situation, I managed not to laugh.
face

I kept a straight face although it was a funny situation.

2 Tim had annoyed me so I ignored him.
shoulder

I _____ because he had annoyed me.

3 Stop teasing me!
leg

Stop _____ !

4 We'll be all right if no one panics.
head

If everyone _____, we'll be all right.

5 Please don't say anything until I've finished speaking.
tongue

Please _____ until you've heard everything I have to say.

6 Jenna is famous for saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.
foot

Jenna is always _____.

7 It's important not to show your feelings.
lip

You need to _____.

8 Ben does everything his girlfriend wants.
thumb

Ben _____.

4 Choose the correct answers to complete the article.

Modern courtship

For many of us, chaperones and ¹ _____ are things of the past but, if you don't want to be a bachelor or a ² _____ all your life, how do you find a partner in the modern world?

If there is no one in your class or place of work that you ³ _____ or want to ⁴ _____ with, you could try ⁵ _____ or a ⁶ _____.

But if you are lucky enough to already know someone you ⁷ _____, you can avoid embarrassment by asking a ⁸ _____ if the other person has a romantic interest in you.

- 1 a dating agencies b suitors arranged marriages
 2 a spinster
 b knight in shining armour
 c mutual friend
 3 a flash b fancy c flicker
 4 a flirt b creep c stroll
 5 a speed dating b mutual friend c divorce
 6 a chaperone b brave face c dating service
 7 a laugh your head off at
 b turn your nose up at
 c get on with like a house on fire
 8 a suitor b mutual friend c widow

Extend your vocabulary

1 Match idioms 1-7 with meanings a-g.

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| 1 to cause raised eyebrows | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 to turn a blind eye | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 to toe the line | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 to drag your feet | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 to grit your teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 to dig your heels in | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 to go behind someone's back | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- a to use all your determination to do something difficult
 b to deliberately ignore something which shouldn't be happening
 c to do something without a person knowing
 d to do what others tell you to even if you don't agree
 e to refuse to do something although others are trying to persuade you
 f to surprise or shock people
 g to take a long time to do something because you don't want to do it

2 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the idioms in Exercise 1.

- 1 Jack was annoyed when his colleagues went behind his back and complained to his boss.
 2 Bella is very stubborn. If she doesn't want to do something, she _____ and refuses to cooperate.
 3 The whole class thought the mobile phone rule was silly, but they decided it was easiest to _____ and not argue about it.
 4 I really have to _____ when I get on a plane. I hate flying!
 5 Technically, you shouldn't cycle on the pavement in the UK, but the police usually _____.
 6 Whenever my parents ask me to wash up, I _____ for so long that they do it themselves.