

English through Movies

Discussion & Role-Play

Level 1

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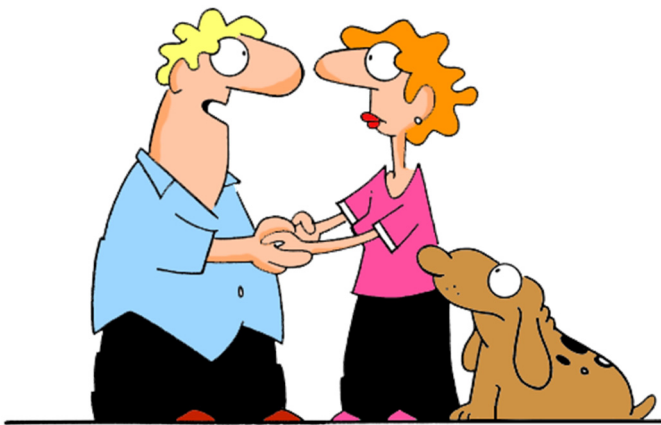
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Read and Discuss ▶

What do we mean when we say we have fallen in love? Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to look at what happens to us physically when we feel a strong attraction towards someone. It seems that most people experience symptoms such as a racing heart beat, flushed face, sweaty palms, and a funny feeling in the stomach like butterflies fluttering around inside. But what makes these things happen? Scientists say that when we are in love, chemicals such as dopamine and oxytocin enter the blood-stream lifting our mood and making our senses extra alert. As more and more of these hormones enter our bodies, our attraction and desire for the person increases so that, along with all the other symptoms, we start to feel dizzy, light-headed, and elated.

Interestingly, tests have shown that being in love is a bit like being mentally ill, which is probably where we get expressions like 'madly in love' and 'love sick' from. But this doesn't explain why we feel that attraction in the first place. One explanation is that we are looking for someone who will be the perfect parent for our children. Another theory is that we just like their smell. It seems that scientists don't have all the answers, but what is certain is that we will all fall madly in love and experience these love sick emotions at some point in our lives.



Setting the Scene

1. What are the well-known physical symptoms of being in love?
2. What causes the symptoms that we feel when we are in love?
3. What do some experts compare being in love with?
4. What other expressions do you know that mean being in love?

First Impressions ▶

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What is the relationship between these characters?
3. Where does this scene take place?
4. What is happening in this scene? Why?
5. What objects do you notice in the scene?
6. What did you find interesting or surprising about the scene?
7. What do you think the characters were doing before this scene?
8. What do you think happens next?
9. What do you think the main theme or the wider story of the movie might be about?
10. What is something in this scene that you can relate to or have experienced yourself?



Key Vocabulary

☐ defend	Thank you for defending me. What they said was completely untrue.
☐ rely on	I'm relying on you to help me study for the English test.
☐ come across	I was walking along the street and I came across a lost dog.
☐ used to	I used to play basketball every weekend, but now I play soccer.
☐ feel real	I feel so comfortable with you. You're the only person I feel real with.
☐ figure out	We're having a surprise birthday party. I hope she doesn't figure it out .
☐ get the wrong idea	I don't want you to get the wrong idea , so let me explain it to you.
☐ blame	I don't blame you. You did the right thing. I would have done the same.
☐ be flattered	Thank you for the compliment. I'm really flattered .
☐ hang out	What are you doing this weekend? Let's hang out at my place.

Language Point

1. Do you often hang out with classmates after school? What do you do?
2. Who do you usually hang out with on weekends?
3. Where do you usually hang out with your friends?
4. Where are you planning to hang out this weekend?
5. Where did you hang out...?

What happened?

1. Who defended Lola in an argument?
2. Who is Chad?
3. What was going to happen to Chad if Kyle hadn't helped?
4. Is it Chad that Lola is really in love with?
5. How does she feel when she is with Kyle?
6. What is she going to have to do?
7. What might happen if Kyle figures out that Lola likes him?
8. What is the 'wrong idea' Kyle doesn't want Chad to get?
9. What is Chad jealous about?
10. Why is Lola flattered?

Notes

Mini Dialog

Complete the dialog with words and phrases from the Key Vocabulary list

Emily: So how did it go with Jack last night? Did you have a good time?

Sara: It was good, Emily. It was more than good. Jack is just amazing to _____ with.

Emily: So you really hit it off together?

Sara: He's the first guy that I've ever _____ that makes me feel like this. I _____ so _____ when I am with him.

Emily: Well, I _____ think that you didn't like him much. What made you change your mind?

Sara: I don't know, Emily. I can't _____ what happened. One minute he was just another boy, and the next he was the real thing.

Emily: Wow! I'm really surprised. Don't _____. I can see he's a nice guy and I'd _____ if he asked me out, but I didn't think you two would hit it off.

Sara: Well, I don't know how it will work out, but I love _____ with him for now and I just hope things continue with him.

Paraphrasing

Rewrite these sentences with phrases used in the dialog above

1. He makes me feel really good when we're together.

2. So the two of you got on well together?

3. Tell me what happened with Jack last night.

4. I didn't see that coming.

5. Please don't misunderstand me.

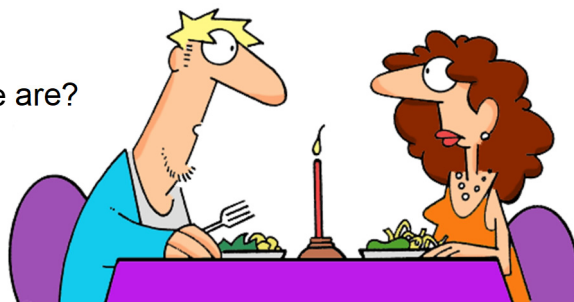
Ad-Lib the Scene

List the key events in the storyline and then ad-lib the scene

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Discuss the Issues

1. What is love?
2. What do you think the symptoms of love are?
3. How do you think people fall in love?
4. Does love last forever?
5. Why is it important to feel love?
6. Is it possible to fall in love with anyone?
7. How and why do you think people fall out of love?
8. How can love in a relationship change over time?
9. How does being in love affect everything else in your life?
10. Why do they say "there's a thin line between love and hate"?
11. Are there shades of love or is there only love or no love?
12. Which of these forms of love have you experienced?



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| • infatuation | • puppy love | • nationalistic love |
| • romantic love | • maternal love | • self-love |
| • companionate love | • paternal love | • brotherly love |
| • unconditional love | • soul mate love | • tough love |
| • unrequited love | • undeserved love | • love of being in love |

Matching

Connect the two parts of the sentences

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| 1. You should feel flattered... | a. ...but I've stopped going there now. |
| 2. I used to go there... | b. ...help me do it. |
| 3. It's hard to defend... | c. ...that he likes you. |
| 4. I'm relying on you to... | d. ...to this question. |
| 5. I can't figure out the answer... | e. ...such bad behavior. |



Conversation Jumble

Work with a partner and construct a conversation using the given words

- A: don't / I / wrong / want / idea / me / about / you / to / get / the
- B: blame / argument / I / with / the / him / you / for / starting / don't
- A: on / can / so / rely / you / I / ?
- B: I'll / whatever / happens / defend / you
- A: figure / out / where / go / to / talk / can / we / to / ?
- B: hang / we / out / my / at / place / can
- A: often / that / guys / like / so / come / do / across / you / ?
- B: used / I / not / high / to / in / school / recently / but

Synonyms

Write a synonym for the given word to complete the sentence

1. The soldiers had to _____ the city. (protect)
2. I can't _____ until he arrives. (start)
3. Not going to college will _____ her future. (damage)
4. It was _____ to see her do such a thing. (wonderful)
5. She _____ her mind about staying in. She went out instead. (altered)
6. The cupboard was completely _____. There was no food left at all. (bare)
7. He had come to _____ on her to look after him when he most needed it. (depend)
8. He likes to _____ his friends on weekends. (be with)
9. It won't be _____ until the last pages have been written. (finished)
10. He climbed the narrow _____ up the mountain. (trail)

Idioms Supplemental

love at first sight

- ▶ love when two people first see one another
- ▶ instant love from when you first meet

love is blind

- ▶ if you love someone, you cannot see their faults
- ▶ loving someone makes us overlook the bad in them

love (someone) to death

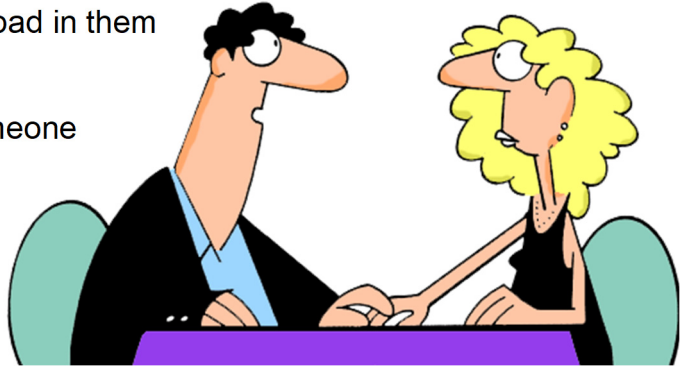
- ▶ to feel extremely strong affection for someone
- ▶ to love someone completely

puppy love

- ▶ infatuation as in a crush
- ▶ a shallow romantic attachment

tough love

- ▶ helping someone by doing something severe
- ▶ intervening in someone's actions in order to help them



Idioms Quiz

1. He is a bad person but she can't see his true personality. _____
2. I ____ my pet dog _____. I look forward to getting home every day.
3. I saw her from across the room at a party. It was _____.
4. Is it real love or just _____?
5. It was _____ when they met, but it didn't last long.
6. Look at them together. It may be _____, but they look so cute together.
7. ____ sure _____. I don't understand why you don't believe that he had an affair.
8. She is easy to work with, and everyone in the office ____ her _____.
9. Sometimes we all need a little _____ to realize that we have a problem.
10. _____ is the only approach to take to help a friend hooked on drugs.

Idioms Discussion

1. Do you believe love at first sight is possible?
2. If love is blind, what are some things a person in love might not see?
3. What is a possession that you love to death?
4. When did you first experience puppy love?
5. In what situation might tough love be necessary?



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