

English through Movies

Discussion & Role-Play

Level 2

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Read and Discuss ▶

If you have a crush on someone, how can you know for sure that the feeling is mutual? If you make a move on them and you then find that they aren't interested, you are going to feel very embarrassed. So how can you tell? The answer is that we have to look for clues in the way that they move their body – in their body language. Experts have discovered that women tend to be better at communication skills than men and this is also true with body language. On average men have around ten body language 'tells' to show that they are interested compared to the fifty-two that women show. Either way, you need to be able to recognize these signs. For example, we usually pick up that someone may be interested in us if they make frequent eye contact or hold our gaze for just that little bit longer than necessary. But there are other less obvious signs too. Someone facing their entire body toward you when talking to you is usually a positive sign. But if they sit with their arms folded, lean away from you or start looking around the room instead of at you when you talk with them, these are definitely signs that they are not interested. If you are getting mixed signals, it is important to consider all the body language together in order to be sure if they are possibly interested before you make that first move.



Setting the Scene

1. How do you know if someone likes you?
2. Have you ever mistakenly thought someone liked you but it turned out that they didn't?
3. What made you think they were interested?
4. Are you aware of your own body language when around someone you like?
5. What is a sure sign someone likes you?

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

☐ it's because	I think it's because I'm allergic to cats that I never had a pet.
☐ remind	Thank you for reminding me that the homework is due today.
☐ on the same page	We broke up because we were never on the same page .
☐ it's over	It's over . There is no chance of getting back together.
☐ nothing to be done	My phone is completely broken. There is nothing to be done .
☐ go for	She's not my type. I don't go for that kind of person.
☐ seem to	He seems to love orange juice. He drinks 2 liters of it a day.
☐ look over here	That man keeps looking over here . Do you know him?
☐ bet on it	All cars will eventually become electric. You can bet on it .
☐ there it is	I can't find my phone. Oh, there it is .

Language Point

1. What is something that someone reminded you that you had to do recently?
2. What did you remind someone to do recently?
3. What is something that recently reminded you of something from your childhood?
4. What smell reminds you of something from your childhood?
5. What does... remind you of?

What happened?

1. What does heart-shaped candy remind Holden of?
2. Why doesn't he like Valentine's Day?
3. Why did they break up?
4. Are they likely to get back together?
5. Who seems to like whom?
6. Does Holden also think she likes him?
7. How often does she look over at Holden?
8. What do they bet on?
9. Do you think Kate was right about the stewardess?
10. Do you think it was just a coincidence?

Notes

Mini Dialog

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

Sophie: So what happened with you and Brad? I used to think that you two really had something going between you.

Kate: _____, Sophie. _____ he didn't care for me as much as I cared for him. There's _____. We just weren't _____. I wish I could just forget him now.

Sophie: Well, don't let it worry you. There are lots of other guys out there. You'll find someone else. The tall guy standing by the door _____ be really interested in you. He keeps _____.

Kate: Do you think so?

Sophie: You can _____. He keeps checking you out. _____. He's looking at you again.

Kate: He does _____ be the type of guy I usually _____. He looks cute. He _____ a bit of Brad. He has the same curly hair.

Sophie: So what are you waiting for? Give him a smile. Let him know you are interested. Before you know it you will have forgotten all about Brad.

Kate: Oh! That's done it. He's smiling back at me. Now he's coming over here.

Sophie: That's great. I'll leave you to it. Tell me how it goes.

Paraphrasing

Rewrite these sentences with phrases used in the dialog above

1. There are plenty of other men who you might like to date.

2. After a while you won't remember Brad.

3. I'm going now so you can get on with it.

4. We just didn't think or feel the same way about each other.

5. I thought you two really liked each other.

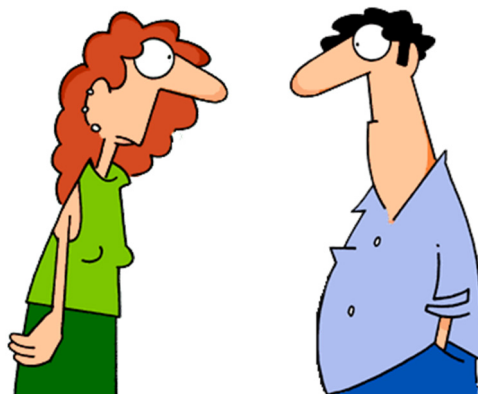
Ad-Lib the Scene

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

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Discuss the Issues

1. What is body language?
2. How much notice do you take of other people's body language?
3. What messages would the following send?
 - standing with your hands on your hips
 - putting your hands in your pockets
 - crossing your arms
 - clasping your hands behind your back
 - twiddling with your hair
 - looking at the floor
 - standing sideways while talking to someone
4. Which of these have you seen recently? Describe the situation?
5. Which of these have you done recently? Describe the situation.
6. What body language do you often use to communicate?
7. What body language do you consciously avoid making?
8. What are common examples of body language that show attraction?
9. What body language might be misinterpreted for signs of attraction?
10. What other body language is deceptive?



Matching

Connect the two parts of the sentences

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| 1. You seem to have... | a. ...but I wouldn't bet on it. |
| 2. The woman over there,... | b. ...nothing to be done about it now. |
| 3. It's a shame, but there's... | c. ...of that place we used to go to. |
| 4. This place reminds me... | d. ...something stuck in your teeth. |
| 5. I think the sun will come out... | e. ...keeps looking over here. |



Conversation Jumble

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

- A: sad / you / a / seem / bit / today
- B: because / it's / boyfriend / fight / my / with / I've / a / had
- A: over / is / all / it / so / now / ?
- B: nothing / yes / done / be / to / there's
- A: together / seemed / so / always / happy / you / be / to
- B: page / weren't / same / we / on / anymore / just / the
- A: go / maybe / else / you'll / for / you / find / someone / can / really
- B: bet / wouldn't / it / on / maybe / but / I

Synonyms

Write a synonym for the given word to complete the sentence

1. I never used to like it but just _____ I've changed my mind. (lately)
2. I _____ eating eggs, but I love eating cheese. (detest)
3. Our thoughts just weren't _____. We were completely different. (matching)
4. We didn't go home until the game was _____. (finished)
5. I want to be your friend, not your _____. (foe)
6. It _____ to be the right thing to do, but I'm not sure. (appears)
7. It was quite a _____ that we chanced to meet again like that. (accident)
8. _____ me, but please can you let me get through the door. (pardon)
9. I'd like you to do it _____ you are the best person for the job. (as)
10. I'm so it's sure it's true that I would _____ money on it. (gamble)

Idioms Supplemental

attracted to (someone)

- ▶ to feel a physical or emotional pull to someone
- ▶ to be interested in someone in a romantic way

make eyes at (someone)

- ▶ to flirt with someone
- ▶ to look at someone to try and attract him or her

seeing (someone)

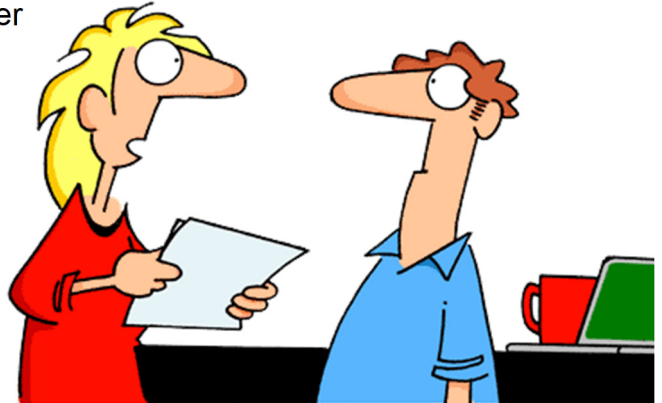
- ▶ to be dating someone on a regular basis
- ▶ to be a couple

split up

- ▶ to end a relationship
- ▶ to break up

unrequited love

- ▶ love that is not returned
- ▶ one-way love



Idioms Quiz

1. No, I'm not _____ anyone at the moment. I'm single.
2. He is very good-looking. I was _____ him the moment I met him.
3. She was not _____ anyone when she met the guy at the party. He was single too.
4. I hear she's only _____ tall guys so I don't stand a chance.
5. I think I saw her _____ me, but I'm not sure. Should I go talk to her?
6. No we're not together anymore. We _____ recently.
7. She was in love with him but sadly it was _____. He did not love her.
8. The boy was _____ the girl in his English class whenever she looked at him.
9. The girl and her boyfriend decided to _____ after being together for three years.
10. I thought she loved me but my _____ for her was _____.

Idioms Discussion

1. Are you seeing anyone at the moment? How did you meet?
2. Are you attracted to anyone at the moment? Are your feelings requited?
3. Have you ever experienced unrequited love? When did you realize it was unrequited?
4. Has anyone ever made eyes at you? What did you do?
5. What is the kindest way to tell someone you want to split up with them?



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