

# 5B Love at Exit 19

## 1 READING

- a How do you think people usually meet friends and partners nowadays? Number the phrases 1–5 (1 = the most popular). Then compare with a partner. Do you agree?
- A  at work
  - B  at school or university
  - C  on the internet (e.g. on forums, on social networking sites, etc.)
  - D  in a bar, club, etc.
  - E  through friends
- b 3 15))) Read and listen to an article about Sonya Baker and Michael Fazio. Why did their relationship nearly never happen?



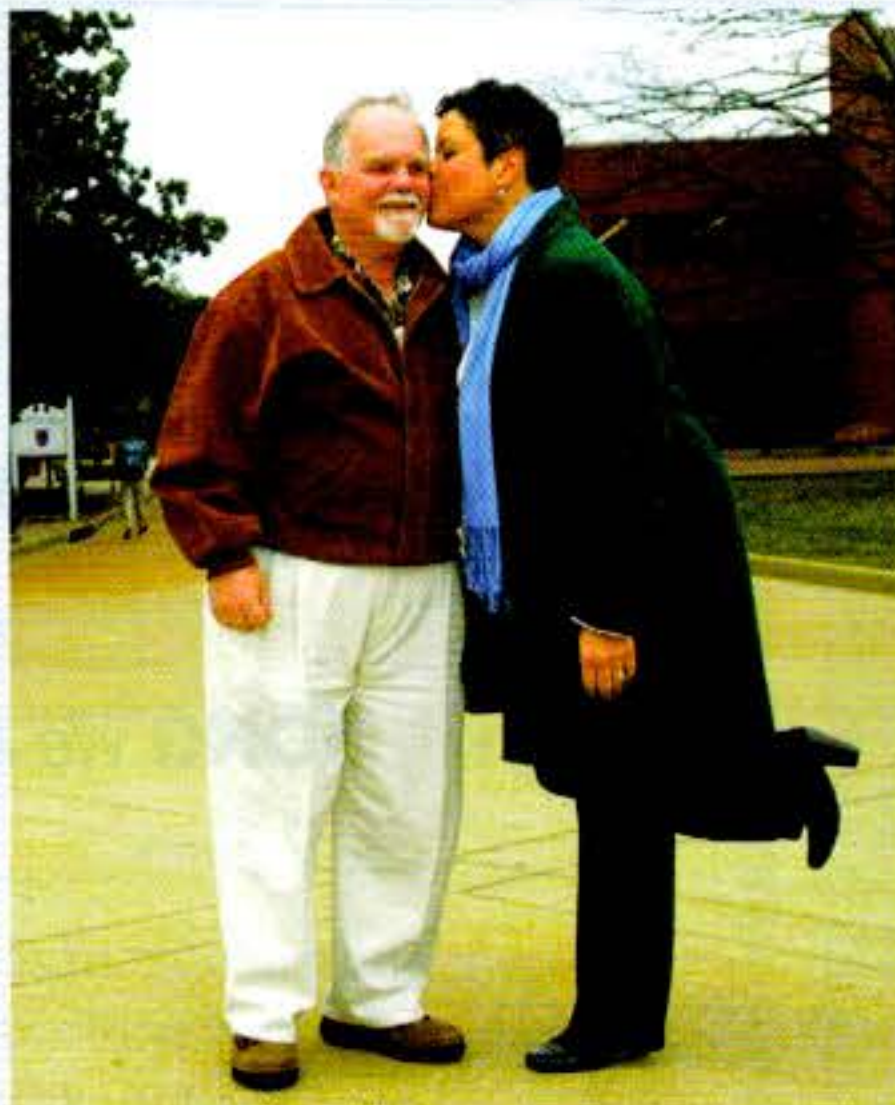
## ♥ Love at Exit 19

He was a tollbooth operator, she was a soprano who sang in Carnegie Hall. Their eyes met at Exit 19 of the New York State Thruway, when he charged her 37¢. The romance that followed was even less likely than the plot of an opera!

Sonya Baker was a frequent commuter from her home in the suburbs to New York City. One day, when she was driving to an audition, she came off the Thruway and stopped at the tollbooth where Michael Fazio was working. She chatted to him as she paid to go through, and thought he was cute. For the next three months, they used to exchange a few words as she handed him the money, and he raised the barrier to let her pass. 'It was mostly "What are you doing today? Where are you going?"' she said. They learned more about each other, for example that Sonya loved Puccini and Verdi, while Michael's love was the New York Yankees. But their conversations suddenly came to an end when Michael changed his working hours. 'He used to work during the day,' said Sonya, 'but he changed to night shifts.' Although Michael still looked out for Sonya's white Toyota Corolla, he did not see her again for six months. When Michael's working hours changed back to the day shift, he decided to put a traffic

cone in front of his lane. He thought, 'It will be like putting a candle in a window.' Sonya saw it, and their romance started up again. 'I almost crashed my car on various occasions,' she said, 'trying to cross several lanes to get to his exit.' Finally, she found the courage to give Michael a piece of paper with her phone number as she passed through the toll. Michael called her and for their first date they went to see the film *Cool Runnings*, and then later they went to an opera, *La Bohème*, and to a Yankees game.

They are now married and living in Kentucky, where Sonya is a voice and music professor at Murray State College and Michael runs an activity centre at a nursing home. It turned out that she had given him her number just in time. A short while later she moved to New Jersey and stopped using the New York State Thruway. 'I might never have seen him again,' she said.



### Glossary

- a tollbooth** a small building by the side of a road where you pay money to use the road
- Carnegie Hall** a famous concert hall in New York City
- New York State Thruway** a motorway
- New York Yankees** a baseball team based in the Bronx in New York
- a traffic cone** a plastic object, often red and white, used to show where vehicles can or can't go



c Read the article again and number the events in the order they happened.

- A  Michael changed his working hours.
- B  Michael tried to find Sonya.
- C  They got married.
- D  Sonya moved to New Jersey.
- E  Sonya gave Michael her phone number.
- F  Michael changed his working hours again.
- G  Sonya chatted to Michael.
- H  They stopped seeing each other.
- I  They had their first date.
- J  Sonya and Michael moved to Kentucky.

d Read the article again and look at the **highlighted** words and phrases. Try to work out what they mean. Then match them with 1–10 below.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_ a period of time worked by a group of workers
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ a person who travels into a city to work every day
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ attractive, good-looking (*AmE*)
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ what had happened was
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ manages
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ probable
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ sth which is used to give light, made of wax
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ have short conversations
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ they looked at each other romantically
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ was brave enough

## 2 GRAMMAR *usually* and *used to*

- a Think of a couple you know well, e.g. your parents or friends. How did they meet? Do you know any couples who met in unusual circumstances?
- b **3 16**) Listen to four people talking about where they met their partner. Match each one with a place from **1a**.  
Speaker 1  Speaker 2  Speaker 3  Speaker 4
- c Listen to each story again and take notes on how the people met. Compare your notes with your partner and listen again if necessary. Which meeting do you think was the most romantic?
- d Look at two extracts from the listening. Answer the questions with a partner.

We used to go to bars and clubs together on Saturday night.  
It used to be quite difficult to meet people.

- 1 When do we use *used to*? How do you make negatives and questions?
- 2 How would you change these sentences (using *usually*) if you wanted to talk about present habits or situations?

e **p.141 Grammar Bank 5B**. Learn more about *usually* and *used to*, and practise them.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING linking

### *used to*

Remember that *used to* and *use to* are normally linked and pronounced /ju:ste/.

a **3 18**) Listen and repeat the sentences. Copy the linking and the sentence rhythm.

- 1 I **used to** live in London.
- 2 She **didn't use to** wear glasses.
- 3 **Where** did you **use to** work before?
- 4 They **used to** see each other a lot.
- 5 **Didn't you use to** have a beard?

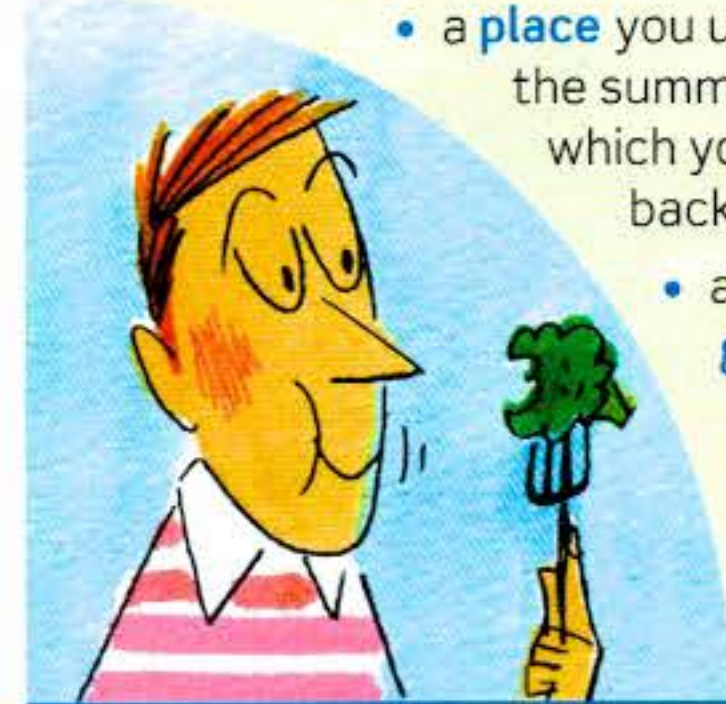
b In pairs, tell each other about *three* of the following. Give as much information as you can. How do you feel about these people and things now?

### Is there...

- a kind of **food** or **drink** you didn't use to like at all, but which you now like?
- a **TV series** you used to be addicted to? Why did you like it?
- a **singer** or a **kind of music** you used to listen to a lot (but don't any more)?
- a **sport** or **game** you used to play a lot, but which you've given up?



- a **place** you used to go in the summer holidays, and which you'd like to go back to?
- a **machine** or **gadget** you used to use a lot, but which is now out of date?



*I used to hate most vegetables, especially spinach and cauliflower, but now I love them and usually eat a lot of vegetables every day...*



#### 4 VOCABULARY relationships

a Explain the difference between these pairs of phrases.

- 1 to meet somebody and to know somebody
- 2 a colleague and a friend
- 3 to argue with somebody and to discuss something with somebody

b ► p.158 Vocabulary Bank Relationships.

c Think of one of your close friends. In pairs, ask and answer the questions.





- How long have you known him / her?
- Where did you meet?
- Why do you get on well?
- What do you have in common?
- Do you ever argue? What about?
- How often do you see each other?
- How do you keep in touch?
- Have you ever lost touch? Why? When?
- Do you think you'll stay friends?

#### 5 PRONUNCIATION

the letter s

a 3 21 ))) Listen to the words in the list. How is the *s* (or *se*) pronounced? Write them in the correct columns.

busy close (adj) close (verb) conversation decision  
 discuss eyes friends lose music pleasure  
 practise raise school somebody sport sugar  
 summer sure unusual used to usually various

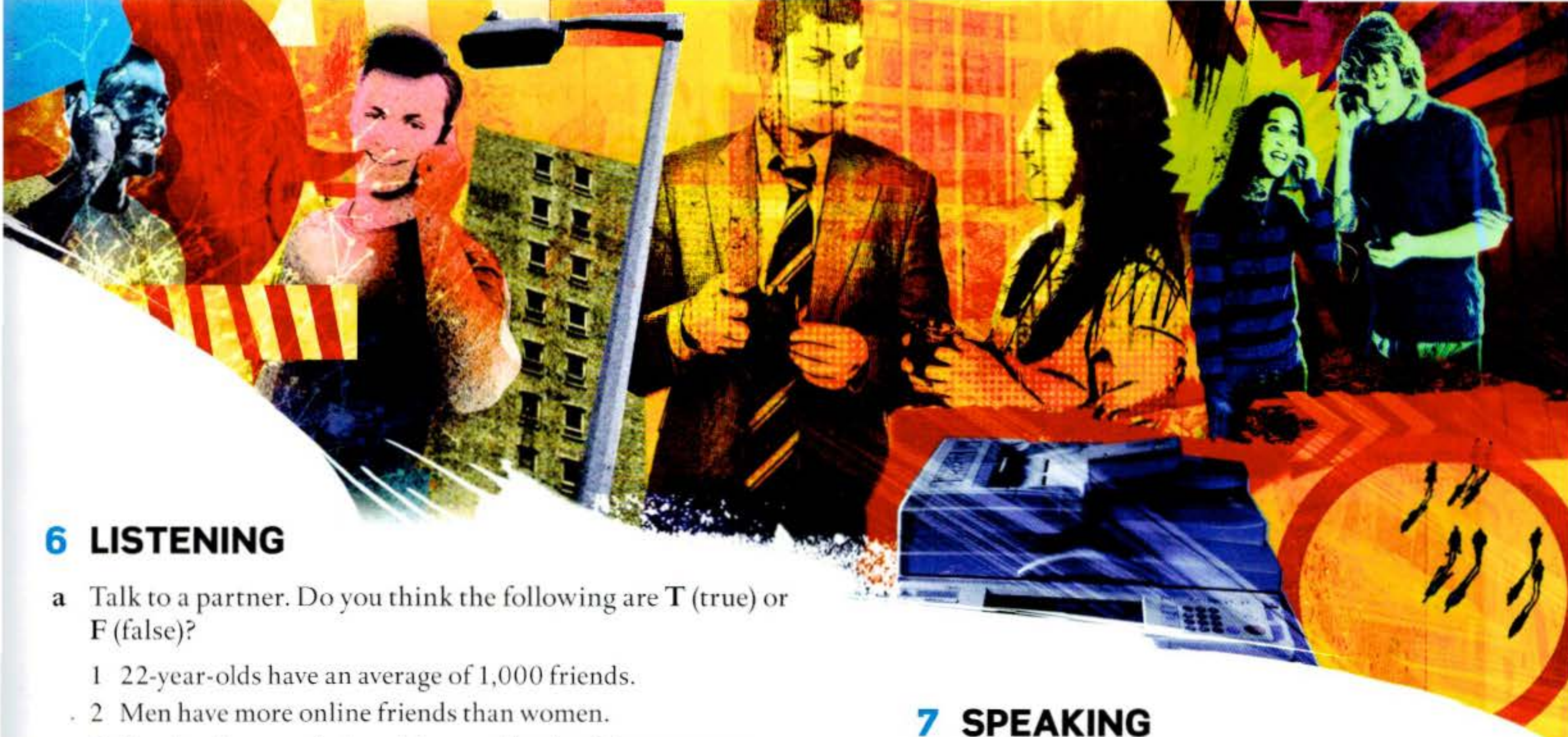
b 3 22 ))) Listen and check.

c Answer with a partner.

- 1 How is *s* usually pronounced at the beginning of a word? What are the two exceptions?
- 2 What two ways can *s* (or *es*) be pronounced at the end of a word?
- 3 How is *s* pronounced in *-sion*?







## 6 LISTENING

a Talk to a partner. Do you think the following are **T** (true) or **F** (false)?

- 1 22-year-olds have an average of 1,000 friends.
- 2 Men have more online friends than women.
- 3 People who spend a lot of time on *Facebook* become more dissatisfied with their own lives.

b **3 23**) Listen to the introduction to a radio programme. According to research, are 1–3 in **a** true or false?

c **3 24**) Listen to four people who phone the programme, George, Beth, Caitlin, and Ned. Who is the most positive about *Facebook*? Who is the most negative?

d Listen again. Answer with **George, Beth, Caitlin, or Ned.**

Which caller...?

- 1  does not want to share personal information with strangers
- 2  has fewer *Facebook* friends than he / she used to have
- 3  has over a thousand friends
- 4  uses it to keep in touch with friends who don't live near
- 5  thinks people use *Facebook* to give themselves more importance
- 6  used to use *Facebook* more than he / she does now
- 7  uses *Facebook* instead of phoning
- 8  does not use social networking sites

e Do you use *Facebook* or any other social networking sites? Do you agree with anything the speakers said?



## 7 SPEAKING

a Read sentences **A–F** below. Tick (✓) the ones you agree with and cross (✗) the ones you don't agree with. Think about your reasons.

- A  You can only have two or three close friends.
- B  Nowadays people are in touch with more people but have fewer close friends.
- C  Men keep their friends longer than women.
- D  You should never criticize your friend's partner.
- E  You should never lend money to a friend (or borrow money).
- F  It's impossible to stay good friends with an ex-partner.

b In groups, compare opinions. Try to give real examples from your own experience or of people you know. Use the phrases below to help you.

### Giving examples

**For example,** I have a friend who I've known since I was five years old...

**For instance,** I once lent some money to a cousin...



present and past habits and states: *usually* and *used to*

- 1 I **usually get up** at 8.00 during the week. 3 17)))  
 I **don't normally go out** during the week.  
 English houses **usually have** gardens.  
**Do you normally walk** to work?
- 2 We **used to go** to France for our holidays when I was a child.  
 He **didn't use to do** any exercise, but now he runs marathons.  
 I **never used to like** football, but I watch it every week now.  
 We **used to be** close friends, but we don't talk to each other any more.  
 That building **used to be** a restaurant, but it closed down last year.  
**Did** they **use to live** in the city centre?  
**Didn't** you **use to have** long hair?

- 1 For present habits we can use *usually* or *normally* + present simple.  
 NOT *I used to get up at 8.00*.
- 2 For past habits we use *used to* / *didn't use to* + infinitive.
- used to* does not exist in the present tense. NOT *I use to get up at 8.00 during the week*.
  - We use *used to* for things that were true over a period of time in the past. *Used to* often refers to something which is not true now.  
*I used to do a lot of sport.* (= I did a lot of sport for a period of time in the past, but now I don't.)
  - We often use *never used to* instead of *didn't use to*.
  - used to* / *didn't use to* can be used with action verbs (e.g. *go, do*) and non-action verbs (e.g. *be, have*).
  - We can also use the past simple to describe past habits (often with an adverb of frequency).  
*We (often) went to France for our holidays when I was a child.*  
*I lived in the city centre until I got married.*

 **used to or past simple?**

We can use *used to* or past simple for repeated actions or states, and the meaning is the same.

*I used to live in Leeds as a child. / I lived in Leeds as a child.*

But if the action happened only once, or we mention exact dates or number of times, we have to use past simple.

*I went to Paris last year.* NOT *I used to go to Paris last year.*

*Jack caught the train to London four times last week.* NOT *Jack used to catch the train to London four times last week.*

**any more and any longer**

We often use *not...any more* / *any longer* (= not now) with the present simple to contrast with *used to*.

*I used to go to the gym, but I don't (go) any more / any longer.*

**be used to and get used to**

Don't confuse *used to* / *didn't use to* (*do sth*) with *be used to* or *get used to* (*doing sth*).

*I am used to getting up early every day.*  
 (= I am accustomed to it. I always do it so it is not a problem for me.)

*Lola can't get used to living in the UK.*  
 (= She can't get accustomed to it. It is a problem for her.)

- a Complete with *used to* (+, -, or ?) and a verb from the list.

argue be get on go out have  
 like live speak spend wear work

- Sonya used to live in New York City, but later she moved to New Jersey.
- 1 We \_\_\_\_\_ a lot in common, but now we're completely different.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ much time online, but now I'm addicted to *Facebook*.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ your fiancé \_\_\_\_\_ glasses? He looks different now.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ with my classmates, but now I spend all my time with my boyfriend.
- 5 Where \_\_\_\_\_ your husband \_\_\_\_\_ before he got the job in the bank?
- 6 My sister has lost a lot of weight. She \_\_\_\_\_ so slim.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a lot with your parents when you were a teenager?
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese food, but now I eat a lot of sushi.
- 9 Laura \_\_\_\_\_ well with her flatmate, but now they've fallen out.
- 10 My ex \_\_\_\_\_ to me, but now he calls me quite often.

- b Are the **highlighted** verb forms right ✓ or wrong ✗? Correct the wrong ones.

Sonya **use to see** Michael every day. ✗ *used to see*

- 1 His parents **used to split up** after he was born.
- 2 **Do you usually tell** a close friend about your problems?
- 3 My sister **didn't use to want** children, but now she's got four!
- 4 I **didn't used to like** my maths teacher when I was at school.
- 5 They **used to go** on holiday every year.
- 6 That couple have three kids, so they **don't use to go** out at night.
- 7 Where **did your parents use to meet** when they first went out?
- 8 My husband **use to work** for a bank, but now he's unemployed.
- 9 We love the theatre. We **usually go** to a play at least once a month.



### 1 PEOPLE

a Match the words and definitions.

classmate /'kla:smet/  
close friend /kləʊs frend/  
colleague /'kɒli:g/ couple /'kʌpl/  
ex /eks/ fiancé /fi'ɒnsɛɪ/ (female fiancée)  
flatmate /'flætmeɪt/ partner /'pɑ:tənə/

- 1 couple two people who are married or in a romantic relationship
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ your husband, wife, boyfriend, or girlfriend
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ the person that you are engaged to be married to
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ a person that you share a flat with
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ a person that you work with
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ (colloquial) a person that you used to have a relationship with
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ a very good friend that you can talk to about anything
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ a friend from school or college

b (3 19)) Listen and check. Cover the definitions and look at the words. Remember the definitions.

### 2 VERBS AND VERB PHRASES

a Complete the sentences with a verb or verb phrase in the past tense.

be together become friends break up get in touch get married get on  
get to know go out together have (sth) in common lose touch meet propose

- 1 I met Mark when I was studying at York University.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ each other quickly because we went to the same classes.
- 3 We soon \_\_\_\_\_, and we discovered that we \_\_\_\_\_ a lot \_\_\_\_\_. For example, we both liked art and music.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ in our second term and we fell in love.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ for two years, but we argued a lot and in our last term at university we \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 After we left university, we \_\_\_\_\_ because I moved to London and he stayed in York.
- 7 Five years later we \_\_\_\_\_ again on *Facebook*. We were both still single, and Mark had moved to London too.
- 8 This time we \_\_\_\_\_ better than before, maybe because we were older.
- 9 After two months Mark \_\_\_\_\_ and I accepted.
- 10 We \_\_\_\_\_ last summer. A lot of our old university friends came to the wedding!

b (3 20)) Listen and check.

c Look at the pictures. Try to remember the story.

#### Colloquial language

I went out last night with some **mates**. (= friends)

I really **fancy** a girl I met in class last week. (= I'm attracted to her)

Jane **dumped** her boyfriend last night! (= told him that their relationship was over)

My younger sister **has a crush on** Justin Bieber! (= be madly in love with when you are young)

#### Phrasal verbs

My sister and her boyfriend **broke up / split up** last month. (= ended their relationship)

My daughter **has fallen out with** her best friend. They aren't speaking to each other at the moment. (= had an argument with and stopped being friends)





**Juan** The worst? Well, that was something that happened very early in my career. I was only 16 and I was refereeing a match in a town in Spain and the home team lost. After the match, I was attacked and injured by the players of the home team and by the spectators. After all these years I can still remember a mother, who had a little baby in her arms, who was trying to hit me. She was so angry with me that she nearly dropped her baby. That was my worst moment, and it nearly made me stop being a referee.

**Interviewer** Do you think that there's more cheating in football than in the past?

**Juan** Yes, I think so.

**Interviewer** Why?

**Juan** I think it's because there's so much money in football today that it's become much more important to win. Also football is much faster than it used to be, so it's much more difficult for referees to detect cheating.

**Interviewer** How do footballers cheat?

**Juan** Oh, there are many ways, but for me the worst thing in football today is what we call 'simulation'. Simulation is when a player pretends to have been fouled when in fact he hasn't. For example, sometimes a player falls over in the penalty area when, in fact, nobody has touched him and this can result in the referee giving a penalty when it wasn't a penalty. In my opinion, when a player does this he's cheating not only the referee, not only the players of the other team, but also the spectators, because spectators pay money to see a fair contest.

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#### Part 2

**Interviewer** What's the most difficult thing about being a referee?

**Juan** The most difficult thing is to make the right decisions during a match. It's difficult because you have to make decisions when everything's happening so quickly – football today is very fast. You must remember that everything is happening at 100 kilometres an hour. Also important decisions often depend on the referee's interpretation of the rules. Things aren't black and white. And of course making decisions would be much easier if players didn't cheat.

**Interviewer** Do you think that the idea of fair play doesn't exist any more?

**Juan** Not at all. I think fair play does exist – the players who cheat are the exceptions.

**Interviewer** Finally, who do you think is the best player in the world at the moment?

**Juan** I think most people agree that the best footballer today is Leo Messi.

**Interviewer** Why do you think he's so good?

**Juan** It's hard to say what makes him so special, but a study was done on him which showed that Messi can run faster with the ball than many footballers can do without the ball. Apart from his great ability, what I also like about him is that he isn't the typical superstar footballer. You can see that he enjoys playing football and he behaves in public and in his personal life in a very normal way. That's unusual when you think how famous he is. And what's more he doesn't cheat – he doesn't need to!

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**Presenter** Hello and welcome to Forum, the programme that asks you what you think about current topics. Today Martha Park will be talking about the social networking site Facebook, how we use it, how much we like it – or dislike it. So get ready to call us or text us and tell us what you think. The number as always is 5674318. Martha.

**Martha** Hello. Since Facebook was first launched in 2004, a lot of research has been done to find out what kind of people use it, what they use it for, and what effect it has on their lives. According to a recent study by consumer research specialist Intersperience the average 22 year old in Britain has over 1,000 online friends. In fact, 22 seems to be the age at which the number of friends peaks.

It also appears that women have slightly more online friends than men. And another study from an American university shows that people who spend a lot of time on Facebook reading other people's posts tend to feel more dissatisfied with their own lives, because they feel that everyone else is having a better time than they are. So, over to you. Do you use Facebook? How do you feel about it? Can you really have 1,000 friends? Are social networking sites making us unhappy? Phone in and share your experiences...

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**Presenter** And our first caller is George. Go ahead George.

**George** Hi. Er yeah, I use Facebook a lot, every day really. I think it's a great way to, er, organize your social life and keep in touch with your friends. I have loads of friends.

**Martha** How many friends do you have George?

**George** At the moment I have 1,042.

**Martha** And how many of them do you know personally?

**George** About half maybe?

**Martha** And what do you use Facebook for?

**George** For me, it's a good way to get in touch with my friends without having to use the phone all the time. When I'm having a busy week at university, I can change my status so I can let my friends know I can't go out. That's much easier than wasting time telling people 'sorry I'm too busy to meet up'. It's just easier and quicker than using the phone.

**Presenter** Thanks George. We have another caller. It's Beth. Hello, Beth.

**Beth** Hi. Er, I don't use Facebook or any other social networking site.

**Martha** Why's that Beth?

**Beth** Two reasons really. First, I don't spend much time online anyway. I do a lot of sport – I'm in a hockey team, so I meet my teammates almost every day, and we don't need to communicate on Facebook.

**Martha** And the other reason?

**Beth** I just don't really like the whole idea of social networking sites. I mean, why would I want to tell the whole world everything that I'm doing? I don't want to share my personal information with the world, and become friends with people I don't even know. And I don't want to read what other people had for breakfast or lunch or dinner or what they're planning to do this weekend.

**Presenter** Thanks for that Beth. Our next caller is Caitlin. It's your turn Caitlin.

**Martha** Hi Caitlin

**Caitlin** Hi Martha.

**Martha** And do you use Facebook Caitlin?

**Caitlin** I use it from time to time but not very much. I only really use it to keep up with friends who have moved abroad or live too far away for us to meet regularly. For example, one of my best friends recently moved to Canada and we often chat on Facebook. But I never add 'friends' who are people I hardly know. I just can't understand those people who collect hundreds or even thousands of Facebook friends! I think it's just competition, people who want to make out that they're more popular than everybody else.

**Martha** So you think the Facebook world is a bit unreal?

**Caitlin** Absolutely. I think people write things and post photos of themselves just to show everyone they know what a fantastic time they're having and what exciting lives they lead. But they're probably just sitting at home in front of the computer all the time.

**Presenter** Thanks for that Caitlin. We've just got time for one more caller before the news and it's Ned. Hi Ned. You'll have to be quick.

**Martha** Hi Ned.

**Ned** Hi. When I started off with Facebook I thought it was great, and I used it to communicate with close friends and with family, and I got back in touch old friends from school. It was good because

all the people I was friends with on Facebook were people I knew, and I was interested in what they were doing. But then I started adding friends, people I hardly knew who were friends of friends, people like that – in the end I had more than a 1,000 – and it just became too much. There were just too many people leaving updates, writing messages on my wall. So last month I decided to delete most of them. It took me about half an hour to delete and in the end the only people I left were actual, real-life friends and family, and old school friends. I got it down to 99. It was really liberating.

**Presenter** Thanks Ned and we'll be back after the news, so keep those calls coming.

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**Jenny** Monica!

**Monica** Jenny!

**Jenny** Wow! How are you? You look great!

**Monica** Thanks, Jenny! You look really good, too.

**Jenny** Hey, why don't we get some coffee?

**Monica** I'd love to, but I'm on the way to meet... oh, come on. Five minutes!

**Jenny** So, how is everything?

**Monica** Oh great. Things couldn't be better actually. Scott and I... we're getting married!

**Jenny** You're what? Congratulations!

**Monica** Thank you!

**Jenny** When did you get engaged?

**Monica** Only a few days ago. I'm glad I saw you actually. I was going to call you. We've only told family so far.

**Jenny** I can't believe it. Monica the wife! And to think you used to go clubbing every night!

**Monica** Well, that was a few years ago! All I want to do now is stay in and read wedding magazines.

**Jenny** And how are the plans coming along?

**Monica** I haven't done anything yet. My mom and Scott's mom want to organize the whole thing themselves!

**Jenny** That's what mothers are for!

**Monica** True. But what about you? You look fantastic.

**Jenny** Well, I guess I'm kind of happy, too.

**Monica** Uh huh. What's his name?

**Jenny** Rob.

**Monica** You've been keeping him very quiet! Is it serious?

**Jenny** Erm, it's kind of, you know...

**Monica** So it is!

**Jenny** It's still early. We haven't been together for long. He only moved here from London a few months ago...

**Monica** What? He's British? And you think you can persuade him to stay in New York? That won't be easy!

**Jenny** I think he likes it here. You know how guys are, you never know what they're thinking.

**Monica** When can I meet him?

**Jenny** Er... that's him now.

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**Rob** Do you mind if I join you?

**Monica** Of course not. Come on, sit down.

**Rob** Thank you.

**Monica** I have to leave in a minute anyway.

**Rob** Could I have a large latte, please?

**Waiter** Of course.

**Jenny** Rob, this is Monica.

**Monica** Nice to meet you, Rob.

**Rob** You too, Monica. You know, Jenny talks about you a lot. And I've seen college photos of you two together. At Jenny's parents' house.

**Jenny** Of course you have. My dad's photos.

**Rob** You've hardly changed at all.

**Monica** What a nice man! I can see why you like him, Jenny. The perfect English gentleman.

**Waiter** Your latte.

**Rob** Oh, thanks. Can you pass the sugar?

**Jenny** Sure.

**Monica** Sorry guys, but I have to go.

**Rob** You're sure I haven't interrupted anything?

**Monica** Not at all. It's just that I have to meet someone. But let's get together very soon.