

Modern Love: Teaching suggestions

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Activity 1

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students begin their conversation, in English, in pairs or small groups.
3. Monitor closely.
4. Stop the activity.
5. Elicit feedback.

Activity 2

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students do the exercise in pairs.
3. Monitor closely.
4. Stop the activity.
5. Do some error correction.
6. Consolidate pronunciation.
7. Elicit feedback. (There's no need to define the words – the next exercise will do that for you).

Activity 3

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1. Get a student to read the instructions out loud and check that the students understand them.
2. Let the students do the exercise individually then check in pairs.
3. Monitor closely.
4. Stop the activity.
5. Elicit feedback.

Answers:

1. bride
 2. (bride)groom
 3. bridesmaids
 4. best man
 5. guests
 6. reception
 7. speech
 8. honeymoon
 9. the Big Day
6. Consolidate pronunciation.

Activity 4

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Activity 5

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If your students don't have access to computers in the classroom, set this for homework.

1. Sir Elton John.
2. It was the first possible day after the law was introduced.
3. seven hundred people.
4. Read the Quick Quiz below. You will need to go through the answers with your students because the answers are not available to them at EnglishClub.com. The students read a short text connected with the TP subject then answer gap-fill questions on the text. The first letter of each word of each of the gaps is then taken and rearranged to make a word connected to the TP subject.

Quick Quiz

1. Sir**ELTON**....'s marriage partner is a man.
2. The law in England and Wales changed to allow civil partnerships to take ...**PLACE**... between people of the same sex.
3. 700 other people ...**TIED**... the knot in same-sex partnerships that day across England and Wales.
4. A civil partnership in England and Wales is a legally ...**RECOGNISED**.... partnership between two people of the same sex which grants the participants new legal status as far as employment, pensions and inheritances are concerned.
5. The partners in the arrangement become ...**NEXT**... of kin to each other, as in a heterosexual marriage.
6. In 2001 the Netherlands passed laws offering full civil marriage ...**RIGHTS**... to same-sex couples.
7. Outside Europe 'gay marriages' have been allowed across Canada since July 2005, in**ARGENTINA**....since 2003, and in New Zealand since the end of 2004.

Answers: PARTNER (P for PLACE [2] A for ARGENTINA [7], R for RECOGNISED [4], T for TIED [3] N for NEXT [5], E for ELTON [1], R for RIGHTS [6]).

Activity 6

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This activity can be set as homework to be followed up and consolidated in a future lesson generating more discussion. Did students find that most people agreed or disagreed with the question? What reasons were put forward in each case? Did the students read anything which changed their minds on the topic? (etc.)

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