

## Fixed phrases

- 1 Replace the underlined words with these fixed phrases.

at first sight	keep me company
at ease	propose to her
break my heart	leave me alone
get on my nerves	lose touch
is attracted to	takes me for granted

- When I'm with my best friend Sophie, I feel completely relaxed.
- He keeps sending me silly text messages and it's starting to annoy me.
- It's sad when a friend moves away and you stop communicating with them.
- Louis doesn't seem very intelligent the first time you see him, but he is.
- From the way Zoe looks at Mark, I think she really likes him.
- I love Carla and I'm going to ask her to marry me.
- Those people are annoying me. I want them to stop talking to me.
- I don't want to be on my own this evening. Will you stay here with me, please?
- It'll make me very, very sad if you marry somebody else.
- Sometimes I think Jeff forgets how lucky he is to have me as a friend.

## Part 2

- 2 Look at the exam task. Answer the questions.

- How many gaps are there?
- How many words must you put in each gap?
- Are you given a choice of words to use?

### Quick steps to Reading and Use of English Part 2

- Read the title and the example, then quickly read the text.
- For each gap, decide what kind of word you need, e.g. auxiliary verb, preposition.

- 3 Without filling in any gaps, quickly read the text and answer these questions. Then do the exam task.

- What does the title mean? Why is it appropriate?
- What kind of text, e.g. a news item, is it?

## Exam task

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: 0 **HAD**

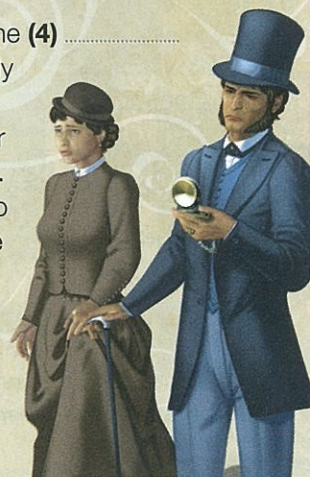
## A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT

Before she became famous in the 1880s, Emily (0) ..... been engaged to wealthy businessman William Davies. In (1) ..... days, parents often chose their future son-in-law, and when they introduced William to her it was certainly not love at (2) ..... sight.

Although tall and handsome, he was twelve years older than her and, she suspected, rather arrogant. In fact she was not really attracted (3) ..... him at all, but when he proposed to her she accepted rather than upset her parents.

She soon realised what a huge mistake she (4) ..... made. His bossy, impatient manner quickly started (5) ..... on her nerves, and even when they were out walking together she never felt (6) ..... ease with him. She tried her best to make the relationship work, but he made no effort at all and she felt he was (7) ..... her for granted.

Eventually she decided to break (8) ..... her engagement. Some years later, Emily would write that it was the best decision she had ever made.



- 4 Make sure you have given one word for every question and that your spelling is correct. Which answers complete fixed phrases from Exercise 1, and which complete past tenses?

### Exam tips

- Don't use abbreviations such as *etc.*, or contracted forms like *won't* – these count as two words.
- Use the correct verb form with the subject given, e.g. *people were going* (not *was*).
- Remember to fill in the answer sheet or your answers won't count!