

Vocabulary Lesson Plan

Level: Low Intermediate

Objective: To introduce collocations with the word 'heart', have student practice and show comprehension and be able to use them effectively in a personal writing piece.

Topic: Love

Engage: Show students a picture of a celebrity couple and ask students to talk in pairs/groups about what they know about them. Then show them another picture of a couple who have recently broken up and have them do the same thing.

Tell students that they will now read a letter written by someone who has been in a similar situation. The focus of the lesson is to learn vocabulary related to 'love'.

Read the letter that Maggie wrote to her best friend. Maggie is describing her relationship with her boyfriend Benjamin.

Dear Pam,

I am sorry that I have not written or called for so long. I have been busy, but really miss having our **heart to hearts**. It is so easy to talk to you and you really care about what I have to say. Unfortunately, I have sad news today. Last time we spoke, I told you about my new **sweetheart** Benjamin and how we were having so much fun together. Unfortunately, it ended last week and now I am sad. I have a **broken heart** and just want to cry all the time. I have tried to have a **heartfelt** conversation with Benjamin about how I feel, but he is so **cold-hearted** these days. He won't answer the phone and ignores my messages. I wanted to tell you about it so you could give me some advice and cheer me up!

I hope to hear from you soon.

Maggie

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Exercise 1:

Match the words to their definitions. Go back to the story and find the words in bold to help you.

___ a heart to heart	a) a feeling of great sadness when someone that you love leaves you
___ a sweetheart	b) showing strong feelings about how you feel
___ a broken heart	c) not showing love or sympathy
___ heartfelt	d) someone you are having a romantic relationship with
___ cold-hearted	e) a conversation where two people talk honestly about their feelings

Exercise 2:

Fill in the blanks using the words from the story and Exercise 1. Change the form of the word if necessary.

1. Everyone thought that the man was _____ when he decided not to help the old lady.
2. When Lisa found out that she had forgotten Bill's birthday, she gave him a _____ apology.
3. I was _____ when my boyfriend told me that he didn't love me anymore.
4. Every week I meet my best friend and we have a _____.
5. Tom and Sarah have been _____ for 3 months.

Exercise 3:

Now, imagine that you are this celebrity (show the picture form earlier). Write a letter to your friend. Use the new vocabulary. Do not look back at the story. Try to use the new vocabulary.