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21st century dating

Teacher's notes

Summary

This DVD programme can be used as support for materials in Unit 3 of the Student's Book, as an extension of the reading and listening exercises on page 22. It shows two interviews made a year after two couples met in unusual circumstances, similar to those described in the Student's Book.

Language focus

Vocabulary: *come up to, I'm joking, in touch, love at first sight, put off, spot (someone), straight, stupid, turn into*

Background information

Kathy has got quite a strong Irish accent. Joel and Lisa and their interviewer have all got Australian accents.

Procedure

Before you watch

- 1 Ask the students to read the stories about how the two couples first met. Then ask them to work in pairs or small groups and discuss the questions, giving reasons for their answers.

While you watch

- 2 Ask the students to check if any of the predictions they made in Exercise 1 were correct. Play the programme.
- 3 Ask the students to decide whether the statements are true or false and to tick the appropriate boxes. Students should do this without watching the programme again at this stage as they will have an opportunity later to check their answers.

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| a) False | b) False | c) True | d) True |
| e) False | f) True | g) False | h) True |
| i) True | j) False | | |

- 4 Without watching the programme again, ask the students to read the sentences and to decide which of the two stories they belong to and to tick the appropriate boxes.

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| a) T & K |
| b) T & K |
| c) J & L |
| d) T & K |
| e) J & L |
| f) T & K |
| g) J & L |
| h) J & L |
| i) T & K |
| j) J & L |

- 5 Play the programme again for the students to check their answers to Exercises 3 and 4.

After you watch

- 6 Ask the students, working individually or in pairs, to complete the extracts with the words from the box. You could play the programme again for the students to check their answers and to hear the expressions being used.

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| a) spotted | f) stupid |
| b) at first sight | g) joking |
| c) put, off | h) turned into |
| d) straight | i) coming up to |
| e) in touch | |

- 7 Ask the students to match the words and phrases in Exercise 6 with their definitions.

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| 1 i | 2 h | 3 f | 4 d | 5 e | 6 c | 7 g |
| 8 a | 9 b | | | | | |

- 8 Put the students into pairs to discuss the questions. Ask a few pairs to report back to the class on anything interesting from their discussions.

Draw the students' attention to the cartoon. Ask them if they would consider using a dating agency. Note: 'He's a bit of a dish' means he's quite attractive. The adjective is *dishy*.

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(J = Journalist; K = Kathy)

- J: Kathy, we last heard from you when you were about to meet Tom for the first time.
- K: That's right. It was easier for me to take time off work, so I booked a flight to Denver.
- J: Wow! That's a long way to go for a date! And rather expensive too.
- K: Oh, we shared the cost of the flight. Tom's a very generous man. Anyway, he arranged to meet me at the airport.
- J: And when was that?
- K: It was almost a year ago. I felt really nervous, but I couldn't wait to meet Tom.
- J: And was he there?
- K: Oh, yes. I spotted him immediately. He looked just like his photograph.
- J: Hah. Was it love at first sight?
- K: I'm afraid not. I couldn't have predicted what happened but something put me off him straightaway. I didn't even leave the airport. I just turned round and came straight back to Ireland. We haven't been in touch since that day.
- J: Wow, what was it that put you off?
- K: Well, it's going to sound really stupid, but I hated his shoes.

Joel and Lisa

(J = Journalist; L = Lisa; Jo = Joel)

- J: Lisa and Joel, are you still married?
- L: Oh, yes, very much so. We've been married for a year now. In fact we've just celebrated our first wedding anniversary.
- J: Oh, congratulations! How have your lives changed since your unusual marriage?
- Jo: Well, my mother hasn't spoken to me since the day we got married. That's the good news. But no, I'm joking. We're really upset about it. But we've moved away from our home town.
- J: Really? Why did you decide to do that?
- Jo: Well, everybody knew about the competition and the wedding and we turned into tourist attractions. We couldn't walk down the street without strangers coming up to us and asking us all these personal questions.
- J: So where do you live now?
- Jo: In Adelaide. Er, we've been there for about six months now, and we love it.