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21st century dating

Before you watch

1 Read about how two couples first met and answer these questions.

- Which of the two relationships do you think is most likely to survive?
- What problems do you think they might face?

Tom and Kathy's story

'I've finally found the man of my dreams – on the internet. We have so much in common but we've never met. Tom lives in the USA and I live in Ireland. We exchanged photos and have had our first 'date', an eleven-hour phone call which has changed the course of our relationship. We've decided to meet ...'



Joel and Lisa's story

After winning a competition called 'Two Strangers and a Wedding' on an Australian radio station, Joel and Lisa met for the first time at their wedding. Their only previous contact was when Joel proposed over the telephone on the radio. Joel's mother was not amused and told journalists that she was extremely upset. The couple left for their honeymoon in Paris, saying 'We know that we're doing the right thing.'

While you watch

- A journalist interviewed the two couples one year later. Watch the programme and check your predictions from Exercise 1.
- Decide whether these statements are true or false. Tick (✓) the boxes.

Tom and Kathy

- It was difficult for Kathy to take time off work.
- Kathy had to pay the full amount for the flight to Denver.
- Kathy found Tom easily at the airport.
- Kathy returned home without leaving the airport.
- Tom hated Kathy's shoes.

True	False
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Joel and Lisa

- They are still married.
- Lisa's mother hasn't spoken to them since the wedding.
- They no longer live in their home town.
- They felt like 'tourist attractions' after the competition.
- They don't like their new home.

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4 Which of the following sentences belong to Tom and Kathy's story (T & K) and which to Joel and Lisa's (J & L)? Tick (✓) the boxes.

- | | T & K | J & L |
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| a) They arranged to meet at the airport. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) She felt very nervous. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) They've been married for a year now. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) He looked just like his photo. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) They've just celebrated their first wedding anniversary. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) She went straight back home. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) His mother hasn't spoken to him since the wedding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) They've moved away from their home town. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) She hated his shoes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j) They've been in their new home for about six months. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

5 Watch the programme again and check your answers to Exercises 3 and 4.

7 Match the words and phrases (a-i) in Exercise 6 to their meanings (1-9) below.

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| 1 approaching | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 became | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 foolish, silly | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 immediately | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 in contact | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 made (me) dislike | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 not being serious | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 noticed | <input type="checkbox"/> a |
| 9 the moment you see someone or something for the first time | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8 Work with a partner and discuss these questions.

- Have you ever been put off someone by their appearance?
- Will Lisa and Joel's marriage last?
- Would you ever agree to marry someone without seeing them first?
- Did you meet your partner in an unusual way? If so, how did you meet?
- Is the internet a good way to meet people?

After you watch

6 Complete these extracts with the words and phrases in the box.

coming up to in touch joking
put/off at first sight spotted
straight stupid turned into

- Oh, yes. I spotted him immediately.
- Was it love _____?
- I couldn't have predicted what happened but something _____ me _____ him straightaway.
- I just turned round and came _____ back to Ireland.
- We haven't been _____ since that day.
- Well, it's going to sound really _____, but I hated his shoes.
- But, no, I'm _____. We're really upset about it.
- Well, everybody knew about the competition and the wedding and we _____ tourist attractions.
- We couldn't walk down the street without strangers _____ us and asking us all these personal questions.



MMM! HE'S A BIT OF A DISH!