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Love Story

Divide the class into teams of three. Tell them they are going to play a present perfect grammar game and read a love story at the same time.

Students start with the first sentence on their sheet. They have to sort out the jumble words and make a sensible sentence, adding any necessary punctuation. The first team to call out the unjumbled sentence wins the points.

Three points will go to the correct team.

Teams that shout out a wrong answer will lose one point.

Tell the students that in addition to being jumbled, three out of the thirteen sentences contain grammar mistakes.

A team that spots a grammar mistake will get three more points, if they can put it right they get an additional two points.

A team that sees a mistake where there isn't one loses one point.

(Sentences 7, 11 and 12 are the wrong ones.)

If everybody is stuck, then help them by giving the first three words of the sentence in the right order.

The team with the highest score at the end wins.

Some sentences have other possible correct orders, which the students may come up with.

Answers

1. Mum, I met him and his sister two months ago.
2. I really fancied him, and I realised he liked me too.
3. He's been my friend since we first met.
4. We have been seeing each other more and more.
5. He has been so kind, gentle and understanding.
6. We've been on several trips together.
7. There's so much to tell you, but I haven't **asked** him if he minds.
8. Well, actually, no, we haven't done what you must be thinking!
9. He's been brought up very traditionally.
10. How can I put this ... his Dad is a cardinal.
11. He **has** refused to go to bed with me.
12. We have been engaged **for** two weeks.
13. We're getting married next week. Can you and Dad come?

(Sentences 7, 11, 12 have been corrected in bold)



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