



A Fruity Love Story (Le Malaise de l'Orange)

Level: Medium to High. Language: Phrasal verbs, Relationships, Narrative tenses

Task 1: Simply watch the video and explain the basic idea of the story in approximately five sentences. Write down these sentences and compare them with your classmate. In order to avoid confusion, let's refer to the two oranges as Orange Sam and Orange Jane.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqQQrLPdyws>

Task 2: Now read a short description of the story. Watch the video again to help you to understand the expressions:

Orange Sam was a pretty lonely guy. In fact he had spent most of his life alone. He really **fancied** Orange Jane but he didn't know if she liked him too. One day he was feeling very brave and he **asked her out**. She gave him her number and they decided to **go on a date**. They **got on like a house on fire**. Sam was feeling really excited until one day he arrived home and found Jane with Banana Bob. They were all shocked. How could she do this to Sam? Everything had **turned sour**. He even thought about **committing suicide** by jumping into the food blender. He didn't want to **wind up** alone in life. He didn't want to **split up with** Jane. But then when he least expected it, Jane came back to him. They **talked things through** and they **made up**. They went on to have a great life together and lots of little Orange children.

Use what you remember about the Orange story to write definitions for these terms:

1. To fancy somebody

2. To ask somebody out

3. To go on a date





4.To get on like a house on fire

5.To turn sour

6.To commit suicide

7.To wind up

8.To split up with somebody

9.To talk things through

10. To make up

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**Answers:**

1. To fancy somebody = to feel attracted to somebody (in a sexual/romantic way)
2. To ask somebody out = to ask somebody if they would like to go to a bar/a restaurant/the cinema/etc.
3. To go on a date = to have a romantic meeting, for example in a bar or at the cinema
4. To get on like a house on fire = this describes a situation when two people like each other a lot and they quickly establish a good relationship (possibly as romantic partners or maybe also just as friends)
5. To turn sour = when a situation is going well but it then changes and starts going badly ("sour" is the opposite of "sweet")
6. To commit suicide = to kill yourself (note: "suicide" is not a verb in English e.g. "Kurt Cobain committed suicide in 1994")
7. To wind up = a phrasal verb which describes the final result of a situation (e.g. "The train was late so I wound up missing my flight")
8. To *split up* with somebody = to *break up* with somebody (both *phrasal verbs* mean to finish a romantic relationship)
9. To talk (something) through = a phrasal verb which means to talk about something in a logical, analytical way
10. To make up = a phrasal verb with a lot of possible meanings. In this context it describes when two people resolve a conflict after an argument (e.g. "Mary and Sheila had a big argument but then they both apologised and made up")





Revision: A Fruity Love Story (Le Malaise de l'Orange)

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This worksheet is revision of the original exercise **A Fruity Love Story. It should be completed a few weeks after the original exercise.*

Try to remember the missing words:

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Was that difficult? Now compare your answers with the text on the original worksheet.

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