

Madness

Word of the month

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1. When people are in love, they do crazy things. Write *boring* or *crazy* next to the things Georgie does for his girlfriend Camilla.

- a. Georgie buys Camilla 12 red roses every Friday.
- b. Georgie sings love songs to Camilla under her balcony every night.
- c. Georgie takes Camilla to the supermarket every Saturday.
- d. Georgie buys Camilla a box of chocolates every week.
- e. Georgie cleans Camilla's bike every weekend.
- f. Georgie leaves love notes on Camilla's car every morning.

2. Now Camilla wants to do something super romantic for Georgie. She talks to her friend Elisa about her ideas. Read their conversations a – c.

a.

I want to hire an aeroplane and write 'Marry me?' in the sky.

That's madness! You are only 16 years old!

b.

I want to buy him a Porsche.

Are you crazy? That's madness! You're not a millionaire!

c.

I want to take him out to dinner on Saturday night.

Now that's a good idea!

3. Complete the sentences.

a. Elisa says it's madness to.....

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b. Elisa says it's a good idea to.....

4. Can you think of any books/films about love and madness? Write the title(s) here:



5. Talk to a partner. Tell them about the acts of love and madness in the book/film(s).

Teacher's Notes

1. Before this exercise ask the students about nice things boyfriends and girlfriends do for each other to show they care.
 - a. Crazy
 - b. Crazy
 - c. Boring
 - d. Crazy
 - e. Boring
 - f. Crazy

Answers may vary depending on the students' opinions.
2. Students read the conversation.
3. Complete the sentences.
 - a. Elisa says it's madness to hire an aeroplane and ask Georgie to marry her or to buy Georgie a Porsche.
 - b. Elisa says it's a good idea to take Georgie out to dinner.
4. Before getting the students to write down books/film titles, you could do the Emily Brontë worksheet and talk to them about the plot and its prevailing theme of love and madness.

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