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## News Review

### A royal romance

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#### **BBC Radio 4 News report**

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#### **The story**

Prince Harry and his girlfriend, the American actress Meghan Markle, have announced their engagement. They're to marry next spring.

Buckingham Palace said the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were delighted for the couple, and wish them every happiness.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge said it had been wonderful getting to know Meghan, while the Prince of Wales said he was thrilled.

The couple, who met through mutual friends, have been together for 16 months.

#### **Vocabulary**

##### **smitten**

in love

##### **dysfunctional**

not working properly

##### **(as) thick as thieves**

very close and private

#### **Language challenge**

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, who are getting married, were introduced by a mutual friend. Mutual means something equally shared. Which of these does not mean 'something equally shared'?

- a) a bilateral agreement
- b) a reciprocal deal
- c) common ground
- d) unrequited love

**Answer**

d) unrequited love