**Grammar auction**
You are going to buy correct sentences. First, read the sentences below and decide whether they are correct or incorrect. Decide what your maximum bid for each sentence is, depending on how confident you are. Do not bid on sentences you think are incorrect. Then, once the auction begins, try to win the correct sentences. You have £2,000 to spend. The student(s) with the most correct sentences at the end wins.

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2. Sandy has been late for every date so far. I think we’re going to fall/we’ll fall out soon.
3. correct
4. Can you believe how arrogant he is? That’s twice now he’s stood me up!
5. I’m so glad we made up! I’ve missed you these past few days!
6. correct
7. I was heartbroken when Vicki and I broke up. Until, I met Emma, that is!
**True or false?**
Read Amy’s diary entry below, then decide whether the statements that follow are true or false. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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**December 20**

I just don’t know what to do! I saw Richard today, outside his office. It was his lunch hour and he was outside in the sunshine, eating his lunch and talking to a pretty blonde woman. I was going to go over and say hello when I saw him lean over and kiss her on the lips. Then they smiled at each other and gazed into each other’s eyes. I’ve got a feeling this is a regular lunchtime routine for them.

I feel sick. He’s let me down so badly. I know we’re going to fall out in a big way when I tell him what I saw. Maybe I should keep my mouth shut? But no, I have to find out what this girl means to him. If he says he loves her, then I think we have to break up. But I don’t know how I’ll ever get over him. Help!
1. The woman Richard spent his lunch hour with is not attractive.

2. Amy had no intention of introducing herself to the woman.

3. Amy believes this is not the first time Richard has kissed the woman.

4. Amy and Richard are likely to argue when Amy confronts him.

5. Amy decides the best plan is to say nothing about what she saw.

6. Amy would never consider ending the relationship.

7. Amy believes she'll be happy without Richard.

Writing
You are an agony aunt/uncle for a problem page in a magazine. Write a letter to Amy offering your advice.
KEY

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. False
7. False
Discussion
Work in small groups. Discuss the statements below and say whether you agree or disagree with them, and why.

1. If your boyfriend or girlfriend cheats on you, you should break up with him/her immediately.

2. It’s acceptable to stand someone up. To be happy, you have to do what you want to do.

3. If my boyfriend forgot to buy me a Valentine’s card, we wouldn’t fall out. It’s not that important.

4. If you really love someone you should give them a second chance, no matter what they have done. You should always try to make up before you break up.

5. The best way to get over a relationship that has broken up is to stay at home on your own, thinking about what went wrong.

6. It’s okay to be selfish in a relationship. It’s better to let someone else down than to let yourself down.

Useful phrases
I completely agree with this statement because ...
It’s impossible to argue with this statement because ...
The reason I agree is that ...
This is sensible argument because ...
This is an understandable opinion because ...

I believe this statement is nonsense because ...
I cannot agree with this opinion at all, because ...
I disagree with this statement wholeheartedly because ...
The reason why I disagree is that ...
This is a ridiculous statement because ...