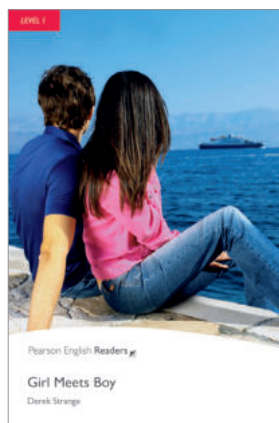


# Girl Meets Boy

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## Summary

*Girls Meets Boy* is contemporary fiction. Donna meets Mark on a boat to Spain. She falls in love with him the very first time she sees him. The story is written from three different perspectives.

### Pages 1–11 (Donna's story)

Donna was on a boat from Portsmouth to Santander. On the first day of the holiday, she saw a tall, quiet boy. Their eyes just met, but they didn't talk. She wanted to see him again and looked for him. She found him at the disco and they started dancing. Actually the boy she had fallen in love with was looking at her from the entrance of the disco, and she realised that she was dancing with his twin brother. Next day she was hoping to see him again, but with no luck. The boat arrived in Spain.

### Pages 12–19 (Mark's story)

Mark was on a boat to Spain with his Spanish teacher and friends. He saw a nice girl on the boat. Once their eyes met, he was attracted to this girl. He was, however, too shy to talk to her. He wanted to see her again and went to the disco to look for her. Then he saw her dancing with his brother. He walked away and thought about her quietly. Next morning he waited in a café hoping to see her there, but she didn't come. The boat arrived in Santander.

### Pages 20–26 (The town's story)

A lot of people were visiting Comillas (fifty kilometres from Santander) for their holiday. There was a disco night in the square. Donna was there thinking about Mark, and Mark was there thinking about Donna. Then they found each other again. This time Mark was not shy anymore. He went to her and took her hands. His brother Dave was happy to see that because he had danced with Donna on purpose to motivate his shy brother to talk to her.

## Background and themes

**Love at first sight:** Sometimes people fall in love on their first encounter. One person may or may not be aware that the other person is feeling romantic attraction, and may not even be aware of the other person's presence, but in some cases two people experience this towards each other at the same time when their eyes meet.

**Holiday boat trips from England:** Quite a few English people take a boat to go to the continent on their holiday. You can get on the boat with your car. Some boat trips are short; others are overnight. Popular boats depart from Portsmouth, Southampton and Dover.

## Discussion activities

### Before reading

- Discuss:** Talk about the book cover.  
Have students look at the cover. Elicit the answers to the following questions:  
*What can you see in the picture?*  
*Are they holding hands?*  
*What are they doing?*  
*What do you think they are talking about?*
- Reading:** Divide the class into three groups. Tell them that each group will read one section of the story. Explain that they need to talk about their part of the story after reading.  
*Group A, read Donna's story on pages 1–11.*  
*Group B, read Mark's story on pages 12–19.*  
*Group C, read the town's story on pages 20–26.*

### While reading

- Discuss:** Talk about each picture.  
Have students work in the same groups to decide how to retell the story. Have them describe each picture with a simple story. Monitor the groups and help them if needed.

### After reading

- Presentation:** Retell the story.  
Have each group retell their part of story using pictures in the book.
- Discussion:** Talk about page 3.  
*Donna says, 'At that moment there was only him and me, me and him. Him and his smile for me. Only the two of us.' What does it mean?*
- Pair work:** Talk about these questions.  
*What do you think about 'love at first sight'?*  
*Do you like Mark? Why?/Why not?*  
*What do you think of Dave's plan for his brother?*  
*What do you think of the whole story?*

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## While reading

## Pages 1–11

## 1 Which is the right answer, a or b?

- 1 Read page 1. Where was Donna? ...
  - a At the beach.
  - b On the boat.
- 2 Read page 2. What was the boy wearing? ...
  - a A blue and white shirt.
  - b A black and white shirt.
- 3 Read page 5. How long will she be on the boat? ...
  - a Two nights.
  - b A day and a night.
- 4 Read page 10. What time did she go to the café? ...
  - a At eight o'clock.
  - b At eleven o'clock.

## Pages 12–19

2 Underline the right words in *italics*.

- a The boat was going to *England / Spain*.
- b Mark is on holiday with his *parents / school friends*.
- c Mark saw *Dave and the girl / Dave and Harry* dancing together at the disco.
- d Mark likes *dancing / being quiet*.

## 3 Work with another student. Ask and answer these questions.

- a Who is Old Webb?  
.....
- b Who was with the Webbs?  
.....
- c What did Mark think when he saw the girl in the morning?  
.....
- d Where did he go in the afternoon?  
.....
- e What did he do next morning?  
.....

## Pages 20–26

## 4 Underline YES or NO.

- a Do many people come to Comillas on their holiday? YES NO
- b Was Donna in the square at Comillas with her family? YES NO

- c Did Mark come to the square at Comillas on the same night? YES NO
- d Did Donna and Mark see each other in the square at Comillas? YES NO
- e Was Dave sad to see Mark and Donna getting together? YES NO

## 5 Read the sentences about Comillas. One word in every sentence is wrong. Underline it and write the correct word.

- a Comillas is a big town. ....
- b Comillas is five kilometres from Santander.  
.....
- c In the town there are noisy streets of old buildings. ....
- d There are small shops and cinemas in the square. ....

## After reading

## 6 Look at the pictures and answer these questions.

- a Look at page 10. Where is Donna?
- b Look at page 15. Who are the two boys?
- c Look at page 17. Who is standing at the door of the disco?
- d Look at pages 20–21. What are people doing?
- e Look at page 26. Why is Dave winking?

## 7 What happened next morning? Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Donna didn't sleep the night before, and so she slept in the morning. ☐
- b Mark got up early. ☐
- c Donna went to the café at 8 o'clock. ☐
- d Mark didn't go to the café. ☐
- e Mark went to find Nick and Dave at 8 o'clock. ☐

## 8 Finish these sentences about the story.

- a Donna and Mark met .....
- b Donna thought .....
- c Dave stood .....
- d Mark saw .....
- e Mark sat .....
- f Dave knew .....

## 9 You are Mark. It is the day after the disco-night at Comillas. Write about it in your diary.

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## 1 Put the right names in the sentences.

Mark Dave Donna Louise Mr Webb

- a ..... was on holiday with her family.
- b ..... takes some people from school to Spain for two weeks every July.
- c ..... was wearing a blue and white shirt.
- d Donna went to the disco with her sister .....
- e Mark saw Donna dancing with .....

## 2 Put the words in the right places.

quiet quietly together sat brown blue  
disco good-looking shy hundreds

- a Mark and Dave had the same ..... eyes, the same mouth and nose, nearly the same hair.
- b Mark's brother and his friends made a lot of noise, but he was .....
- c There were ..... of people on the boat.
- d There were cafés, shops, a cinema and a ..... on the boat.
- e Mark saw a girl with a nice ..... eyes.
- f Mark thought she was .....
- g Mark was too ..... to talk to the girl.
- h Mark saw Dave and the girl dancing .....
- i Mark ..... outside and looked at the sea.
- j Mark thought about things .....

## 3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Donna was on a boat from Portsmouth on the first day of her holiday. ☐
- b Mr Webb is a Spanish teacher. ☐
- c Mrs Webb is from Spain. ☐
- d Mark was on his holiday with his parents. ☐
- e Donna thought Mark was noisy. ☐
- f Mark smiled his lovely smile with his shy blue eyes. ☐
- g Donna went to the disco on the boat with Mark in the evening. ☐
- h Mark likes dancing. ☐
- i Donna and Mark saw each other again next morning. ☐
- j Mark was not shy any more in the square at Comillas. ☐

## 4 What happens first? What happens next? Write the numbers 1–10.

- a Mark went to the café. ☐
- b Mark had a drink with Mr and Mrs Webb. ☐
- c Donna saw Mark on the boat at Portsmouth. ☐
- d Donna danced with a tall boy in a black and white shirt at the disco. ☐

- e Donna and Mark saw each other again in Comillas. ☐
- f Mark wanted to see her again at the cinema, but she wasn't there. ☐
- g Donna saw Mark's sad face. ☐
- h Dave and Harry went to the disco. ☐
- i Donna went to the café. ☐
- j Mark looked at Donna and his eyes stayed quietly on her. ☐

## 5 Is the right answer a, b or c?

- 1 Where was the boat going? ...
  - a Comillas
  - b Madrid
  - c Santander
- 2 Who went to the disco first? ...
  - a Dave and Sonia
  - b Dave and Harry
  - c Dave and Mark
- 3 Why did Mark go to the café in the morning? ...
  - a He was hungry.
  - b He was looking for Nick and Dave.
  - c He wanted to see Donna.
- 4 How many cups of coffee did Donna have at the café? ...
  - a four cups
  - b two cups
  - c a cup
- 5 What time did the boat arrive in Spain? ...
  - a 6 o'clock
  - b 8 o'clock
  - c 11 o'clock

## 6 Circle the odd one out.

- a really                  nearly                  lovely
- b see                      stood                  sat
- c quietly                  shy                      nice
- d cinema                  square                  disco
- e England                  Argentina              Spanish

## 7 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 It takes a day and a night ...
- 2 The boat was big and new ...
- 3 Mark had a ...
- 4 Dave had a ...
- 5 Dave wanted Mark ...
  - a to stop being shy with the girls.
  - b with cafés, shops, a cinema and a disco.
  - c big, open, friendly smile.
  - d from Portsmouth to Santander.
  - e nice, quiet, shy face.

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### Book key

- 1 a Open answers  
 b good-looking  
 lovely  
 nice  
 sad  
 shy
- 2 Open answers
- 3 a ✓  
 b ✗  
 c ✓  
 d ✗  
 e ✗  
 f ✓  
 g ✓  
 h ✓  
 i ✗  
 j ✓
- 4 a Mark  
 b Mr Webb  
 c Dave  
 d Mark  
 e Mrs Webb  
 f Dave  
 g Mark
- 5 a disco  
 b family  
 c Donna  
 d shy  
 e get together
- 6 a He's really good-looking; he's quiet and shy; she likes his lovely smile.  
 b He wants Mark to see him with Donna. He wants Mark to stop being shy with girls.  
 c They aren't there at the same time: Donna is in the café from eight o'clock. But Mark goes there very early and walks out of the café at about eight o'clock.  
 d Donna is not happy on the boat at night because she danced with Dave and not with Mark.  
 She isn't happy in the morning because she wants to see Mark again, but she can't find him.  
 In Comillas in the evening, she doesn't want to be there. She wants to be with Mark.

7–10 Open answers

### Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:
- *a boy, a girl, sea, boat, mountains and sky*
  - *No, they aren't.*
  - *They are sitting next to each other. They are looking at the sea.*
  - *I think they are talking about the boat.*
- 2 N/A
- 3 Retelling examples:
- Section 1, pages 1–11 (Group A)
- (Page 1) Donna was on holiday with her family. She was on a boat at Portsmouth.
  - (Page 2) She saw a tall, quiet boy. He was really good-looking.
  - (Page 3) He was with his friends and his brother. Donna kept looking at him.
  - (Page 4) Then he saw Donna. Donna fell in love.
  - (Page 5) The boat started to go to Santander. Donna wants to see him again.
  - (Page 6) Donna went to the disco to look for him.
  - (Page 7) He came to her and asked her to dance.
  - (Page 8) Donna was dancing with him, but she saw another boy. She was with the wrong brother!
  - (Page 9) She wanted to say 'sorry,' but he went out quickly. His brother danced with Donna's sister.
  - (Page 10) Next morning she went to the café and waited for him, but he didn't come.
  - (Page 11) The boat arrived in Santander. Donna wanted to see him, but he wasn't there.
- Section 2, pages 12–19 (Group B)
- (Pages 12–13) Mark was at Portsmouth with his Spanish teacher and some friends. His teacher is taking them to Spain.
  - (Page 14) Mark saw a really good-looking girl, and she was looking at him.
  - (Page 15) Mark is really shy. His brother was laughing at Mark's red face.
  - (Page 16) Mark wanted to see her again and went to the cinema in the afternoon, but she wasn't there.
  - (Page 17) In the evening, Mark saw her at the disco, but she was dancing with his brother!
  - (Page 18) Mark was up early, went out and watched the morning sun and the sea. He liked being quiet.
  - (Page 19) Mark didn't see her again before he arrived in Santander.

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Section 3, pages 20–26 (Group C)

- (Pages 20–21) It was disco-night in Comillas. A lot of people were in the square.
- (Page 22) Donna was there with her family. She was thinking about him.
- (Page 23) Mr and Mrs Webb wanted to eat near the beach first, and go to the disco in the square at Comillas later.
- (Page 24) Mark came to Comillas with his friends.
- (Page 25) Mark and Donna found each other again! This time Mark was not shy. He took Donna's hands.
- (Page 26) Dave was happy to see Mark getting together with Donna. His plan worked!

4 See above

5 Possible answers:

- *I think it means Donna fell in love with him.*
- *I think it means they like each other.*

6 Possible answers:

- *I don't understand. How can you be in love if you don't even know his/her name?*
- *I believe in destiny. They were meant to meet each other.*
- *I don't like Mark. Why did he walk out of the disco?*
- *I like Mark. I have a friend like him. He is shy, too.*
- *I think Dave's plan was very good. It worked very well.*
- *I like this story. It happened to me too.*
- *I liked the happy ending.*

### Activity worksheet key

1 **1** b **2** a **3** b **4** a

2 a Spain

- b school friends
- c Dave and the girl
- d being quiet

3 a He is Mark's Spanish teacher at school.

- b Harry, Sonia, Nick, Sue, Dave and Mark were with them.
- c He thought she was good-looking.
- d He went to the cinema in the afternoon.
- e He got up early, went out and watched the early morning sun and the sea.

4 a YES b YES c YES d YES e NO

5 a big small

b five fifty

c noisy quiet

d cinemas cafés

6 a She is in the café.

b Mark and Dave.

c Mark is.

d Some people are standing and talking. Other people are sitting in a café and having a drink. There are some people dancing.

e He is happy that his plan worked.

7 a **X** b **✓** c **✓** d **X** e **✓**

8 Possible answers:

a on the boat/on the first day of their holiday

b Mark was lovely

c at the disco and looked for Donna

d Donna dancing with Dave

e outside and watched the sea

f Mark likes Donna

9 Open answers

### Progress test key

1 a Donna b Mr Webb c Mark d Louise  
e Dave

2 a blue b quiet c hundreds d disco e brown  
f good-looking g shy h together i sat j quietly

3 a **✓** b **✓** c **X** d **X** e **X** f **✓** g **X** h **X**  
i **X** j **✓**

4 a 8 b 4 c 1 d 6 e 10 f 3 g 7 h 5  
i 9 j 2

5 1 c 2 b 3 c 4 a 5 c

6 a lovely b see c quietly d square e Spanish

7 1 d 2 b 3 e 4 c 5 a



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