

# 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 have only known him for two weeks!

b. I want to buy him a Porsche.

Are you crazy? That's madness! You're not a millionaire and Georgie hasn't even got his driving licence yet!

c. I want to take him for dinner on Saturday night.

Now that's a good idea! Georgie won't think you're crazy then.

**3. Answer these questions:**

a. Why does Elisa think it's madness for Camilla to ask Georgie to marry her? .

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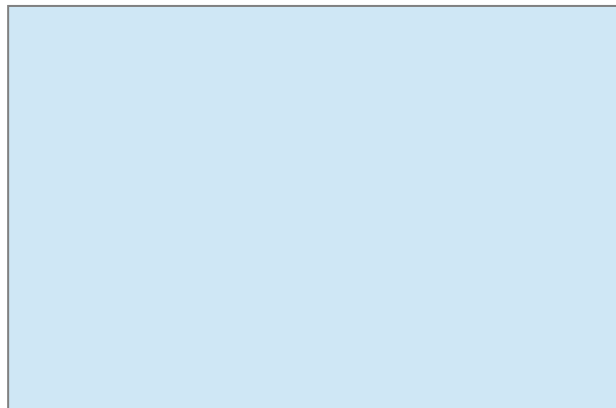
b. Why does she think it's madness to buy him a Porsche?

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c. Why does she think it's a good idea for Camilla to take Georgie out for dinner?

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



**5. Write a plot summary in 250 words for one book/film from the box above.**

**6. Present your summary to the class.**

## 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 conversations.
3. Answer the questions.
  - a. Why does Elisa think it's madness for Camilla to ask Georgie to marry her? Because she's only known him for two weeks.
  - b. Why does she think it's madness to buy him a Porsche? Because she isn't a millionaire and Georgie hasn't even got his licence.
  - c. Why does she think it's a good idea for Camilla to take Georgie out for dinner? Because then at least he won't think she's crazy.
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.
5. Students choose one of the books/films and write a plot summary in 250 words.
6. After all the students have presented their plot summaries, you could take a class vote on the story which contains the highest level of madness.

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