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## Level 3

**Man buys 5,000 people noodles for finding engagement ring**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

A Chinese businessman treated 5,000 people to a free bowl of noodles because he found his lost \$45,000 engagement ring. The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going to ask his girlfriend to marry him last Sunday. However, he lost the engagement ring. He told reporters that he visited a noodle restaurant in the Chinese city of Chongqing and left the ring there in his bag. Mr Wang was very lucky because a customer in the restaurant found the bag and gave it to the manager. The manager found Mr Wang's contact details in the bag and telephoned him. Mr Wang was very happy to get the ring back. He then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her. She accepted his proposal.

Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend and she accepted his proposal. He was very happy and wanted to say thank you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 bowls of spicy noodles for the customers of the restaurant. This is the average daily sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long queue outside the shop. Many people wanted a free bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I love....I feel very honoured and happy." He also posted a thank-you letter outside the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée wearing the engagement ring. A local man said: "I think the story is really moving. Love is beautiful and people's hearts are more beautiful."

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<http://nypost.com/2017/08/16/man-gifts-5000-bowls-of-spicy-ramen-after-return-of-engagement-ring/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. ENGAGEMENT RINGS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about engagement rings. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

businessman / noodles / marry / engagement ring / lucky / customer / proposal / happy / spicy / average / queue / honoured / thank you / fiancée / beautiful / love

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. REWARD:** Students A **strongly** believe people should always get a reward for returning lost property; Students B **strongly** believe that isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PROPOSAL:** What is important for a proposal of marriage? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Important?	Why?
Ring		
Words		
Place		
Time		
Posture		
Other _____		

**5. LOST:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "lost". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. ENGAGEMENT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for an engagement at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- ring
- present
- party
- selfie
- "Will you marry me?"
- the proposal place
- romantic dinner
- on one knee

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A Chinese businessman paid for noodles for 5,000 people. **T / F**
- b. The engagement ring the man lost cost \$45,000. **T / F**
- c. A customer found the man's ring on a subway train. **T / F**
- d. The man asked his girlfriend to marry him. **T / F**
- e. The noodles were not spicy. **T / F**
- f. People stood in a line that stretched for 10 metres outside the restaurant. **T / F**
- g. The man put a photo of his fiancée outside the restaurant. **T / F**
- h. A local man said love is more beautiful than people's hearts. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>free</b>       | a. cheerful      |
| 2. <b>visited</b>    | b. heartwarming  |
| 3. <b>lucky</b>      | c. hot           |
| 4. <b>details</b>    | d. dropped by    |
| 5. <b>happy</b>      | e. fastened      |
| 6. <b>spicy</b>      | f. information   |
| 7. <b>queue</b>      | g. complimentary |
| 8. <b>posted</b>     | h. lovely        |
| 9. <b>moving</b>     | i. fortunate     |
| 10. <b>beautiful</b> | j. line          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. a free bowl                         | a. queue             |
| 2. ask his girlfriend to               | b. details           |
| 3. a customer                          | c. to his girlfriend |
| 4. The manager found Mr Wang's contact | d. of noodles        |
| 5. She accepted                        | e. moving            |
| 6. Mr Wang proposed                    | f. in the restaurant |
| 7. average daily                       | g. fiancée           |
| 8. a 100-metre-long                    | h. his proposal      |
| 9. a picture of his                    | i. sales             |
| 10. I think the story is really        | j. marry him         |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

A Chinese businessman treated 5,000 people to a free (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of noodles because he found his (2) \_\_\_\_\_ \$45,000 engagement ring. The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going to ask his girlfriend to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ him last Sunday. However, he lost the engagement ring. He told reporters that he (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a noodle restaurant in the Chinese city of Chongqing and left the ring there in his bag. Mr Wang was very lucky because a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the restaurant found the bag and gave it to the manager. The manager found Mr Wang's contact (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the bag and telephoned him. Mr Wang was very happy to get the ring (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her. She accepted his (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*details*  
*marry*  
*bowl*  
*proposal*  
*lost*  
*back*  
*customer*  
*visited*

Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend and she accepted his proposal. He was very happy and wanted to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ thank you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 bowls of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ noodles for the customers of the restaurant. This is the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ daily sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long (12) \_\_\_\_\_ outside the shop. Many people wanted a free bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I (13) \_\_\_\_\_ ....I feel very honoured and happy." He also posted a thank-you letter outside the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the engagement ring. A local man said: "I think the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is really moving. Love is beautiful and people's (16) \_\_\_\_\_ are more beautiful."

*average*  
*wearing*  
*hearts*  
*spicy*  
*queue*  
*story*  
*say*  
*love*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A Chinese businessman treated 5,000 people to a free \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. bowl of noodles
  - b. ball of noodles
  - c. bowel of noodles
  - d. bawl of noodles
- 2) The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going to ask his girlfriend \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to married him
  - b. to marriage him
  - c. to marrying him
  - d. to marry him
- 3) Mr Wang was very lucky because a customer in the restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. found a bag
  - b. found the bag
  - c. found then bag
  - d. found them bag
- 4) The manager found Mr Wang's contact details in the bag and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. telephone him
  - b. telephones him
  - c. telephoned him
  - d. telephone to him
- 5) He then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her. She accepted \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. this proposal
  - b. his pro postal
  - c. his proposes
  - d. his proposal
- 6) He was very happy and wanted to say thank you \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too the restaurant
  - b. to a restaurant
  - c. to the restaurant
  - d. to the restaurateur
- 7) On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 bowls of spicy noodles for the \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant
  - a. customer is of the
  - b. customise of the
  - c. customers off the
  - d. customers of the
- 8) There was a 100-metre-long \_\_\_\_\_ the shop
  - a. queue outside
  - b. cue outside
  - c. accrue outside
  - d. accuse outside
- 9) Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I love....I feel very \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. honoured and happily
  - b. honoured and happiness
  - c. honoured and happier
  - d. honoured and happy
- 10) I think the story is really moving. Love is beautiful and people's \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful
  - a. hearts are more
  - b. hearts amore
  - c. hearts armour
  - d. hearts arm more

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

A Chinese businessman treated 5,000 people (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of noodles because he (2) \_\_\_\_\_ \$45,000 engagement ring. The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going (3) \_\_\_\_\_ girlfriend to marry him last Sunday. However, he lost the engagement ring. He told reporters that he (4) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant in the Chinese city of Chongqing and left the ring there in his bag. Mr Wang was very lucky because a customer in the restaurant found the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager. The manager found Mr Wang's contact details in the bag and telephoned him. Mr Wang was very (6) \_\_\_\_\_ ring back. He then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her. She accepted his proposal.

Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend (7) \_\_\_\_\_ his proposal. He was very happy and wanted to say thank you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought (8) \_\_\_\_\_ spicy noodles for the customers of the restaurant. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ daily sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long queue outside the shop. Many people (10) \_\_\_\_\_ bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I love...I feel very honoured and happy." (11) \_\_\_\_\_ thank-you letter outside the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée wearing the engagement ring. A local man said: "I think the (12) \_\_\_\_\_ moving. Love is beautiful and people's hearts are more beautiful."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

1. What is the job of the Chinese man who bought the noodles?
2. How much did the engagement ring cost?
3. Who found Mr Wang's bag?
4. Who telephoned Mr Wang?
5. What did Mr Wang's girlfriend accept?
6. What kind of noodles did Mr Wang buy?
7. How many bowls of noodles did the restaurant sell most days?
8. How long was the queue outside the restaurant?
9. What was Mr Wang's fiancée wearing in a photo?
10. What did a local man say was more important than love?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

- 1) What is the job of the Chinese man who bought the noodles?
  - a) train driver
  - b) businessman
  - c) chef
  - d) noodle company owner
- 2) How much did the engagement ring cost?
  - a) \$35,000
  - b) \$55,000
  - c) \$40,000
  - d) \$45,000
- 3) Who found Mr Wang's bag?
  - a) a police officer
  - b) a cleaner
  - c) a customer
  - d) his fiancée
- 4) Who telephoned Mr Wang?
  - a) the manager
  - b) journalists
  - c) his fiancée
  - d) his boss
- 5) What did Mr Wang's girlfriend accept?
  - a) responsibility
  - b) his marriage proposal
  - c) a free bowl of noodles
  - d) his apology
- 6) What kind of noodles did Mr Wang buy?
  - a) spicy ones
  - b) long ones
  - c) salty ones
  - d) cold noodles
- 7) How many bowls of noodles did the restaurant sell most days?
  - a) 2,500
  - b) 3,000
  - c) 5,000
  - d) 4,000
- 8) How long was the queue outside the restaurant?
  - a) 100 metres
  - b) 200 metres
  - c) 300 metres
  - d) 400 metres
- 9) What was Mr Wang's fiancée wearing in a photo?
  - a) a noodles T-shirt
  - b) a smile
  - c) a wedding dress
  - d) her engagement ring
- 10) What did a local man say was more important than love?
  - a) noodles
  - b) engagement rings
  - c) people's hearts
  - d) fiancées

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

## **Role A – Diamond Ring**

You think a diamond ring is the most important thing about a proposal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a proposal selfie, a romantic dinner or getting down on one knee.

## **Role B – Proposal Selfie**

You think a proposal selfie is the most important thing about a proposal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a diamond ring, a romantic dinner or getting down on one knee.

## **Role C – Romantic Dinner**

You think a romantic dinner is the most important thing about a proposal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a proposal selfie, a diamond ring or getting down on one knee.

## **Role D – Getting Down On One Knee**

You think getting down on one knee is the most important thing about a proposal. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a proposal selfie, a romantic dinner or a diamond ring.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'engagement' and 'ring'.

<b>engagement</b>	<b>ring</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• treated</li><li>• going</li><li>• visited</li><li>• lucky</li><li>• contact</li><li>• back</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wanted</li><li>• spicy</li><li>• daily</li><li>• queue</li><li>• letter</li><li>• hearts</li></ul>
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# ENGAGEMENT RINGS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

Write five GOOD questions about engagement rings in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# ENGAGEMENT RINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'noodles'?
3. What do you think of the businessman's actions?
4. What do you think of noodles?
5. What do you think of \$45,000-dollar engagement rings?
6. What important things have you lost in life?
7. What important things have you found in life?
8. How do you think Mr Wang felt when he lost the ring?
9. Should Mr Wang have given the restaurant owner a reward?
10. What is the best way to propose to someone?

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# ENGAGEMENT RINGS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ring'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How easy is it to leave an expensive ring in a restaurant?
15. Would you queue outside a restaurant for free noodles?
16. What kind of engagement ring would you want or buy?
17. How beautiful is love?
18. What advice would you give to Mr Wang?
19. How moving do you think this story is?
20. What questions would you like to ask the businessman?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

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Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend and she (7) \_\_\_\_\_ his proposal. He was very happy and wanted to say thank you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of spicy noodles for the customers of the restaurant. This is the average (9) \_\_\_\_\_ sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long queue outside the shop. Many people wanted a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I love....I feel very honoured and happy." He also posted a thank-you letter outside the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the engagement ring. A local man said: "I think the story is really (12) \_\_\_\_\_. Love is beautiful and people's hearts are more beautiful."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |                 |               |               |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) treated  | (b) treaties    | (c) treatment | (d) treating  |
| 2.  | (a) been     | (b) goes        | (c) going     | (d) gone      |
| 3.  | (a) losing   | (b) loses       | (c) lose      | (d) lost      |
| 4.  | (a) then     | (b) there       | (c) that      | (d) these     |
| 5.  | (a) conduit  | (b) contact     | (c) conduct   | (d) contact   |
| 6.  | (a) proposal | (b) proposition | (c) proposed  | (d) proposing |
| 7.  | (a) refusal  | (b) accepted    | (c) reception | (d) rejection |
| 8.  | (a) bowls    | (b) bowels      | (c) boules    | (d) bows      |
| 9.  | (a) daily    | (b) day         | (c) daze      | (d) days      |
| 10. | (a) freely   | (b) freed       | (c) free      | (d) freeze    |
| 11. | (a) wear     | (b) wears       | (c) worn      | (d) wearing   |
| 12. | (a) moved    | (b) moving      | (c) movement  | (d) moves     |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. A Chinese ensiusnabm
2. tadtere 5,000 people
3. he visited a noodle arttsurnea
4. a meocsurt
5. The manager found Mr Wang's contact ialetsd
6. She accepted his osrloppa

## Paragraph 2

7. 5,000 bowls of yspci noodles
8. This is the ragaeev daily sales
9. a 100-metre-long ueque
10. a thank-you letter usdioet the restaurant
11. A lcola man
12. I think the story is ralyel moving



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) restaurant. This is the average daily sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long
- ( ) man said: "I think the story is really moving. Love is beautiful and people's hearts are more beautiful."
- ( ) thank you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 bowls of spicy noodles for the customers of the
- ( ) the woman I love....I feel very honoured and happy." He also posted a thank-you letter outside
- ( **1** ) A Chinese businessman treated 5,000 people to a free bowl of noodles because he found his lost \$45,000 engagement
- ( ) lucky because a customer in the restaurant found the bag and gave it to the manager. The manager found Mr Wang's contact
- ( ) back. He then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her. She accepted his proposal.
- ( ) Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend and she accepted his proposal. He was very happy and wanted to say
- ( ) in the Chinese city of Chongqing and left the ring there in his bag. Mr Wang was very
- ( ) him last Sunday. However, he lost the engagement ring. He told reporters that he visited a noodle restaurant
- ( ) ring. The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going to ask his girlfriend to marry
- ( ) details in the bag and telephoned him. Mr Wang was very happy to get the ring
- ( ) queue outside the shop. Many people wanted a free bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has
- ( ) the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée wearing the engagement ring. A local

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

1. to He to girlfriend him going his marry was ask .
2. restaurant he He visited told a reporters noodle that .
3. A bag the found restaurant the in customer .
4. the manager Wang's in The Mr details bag found contact .
5. proposed He to and her went girlfriend to then his .
6. girlfriend Wang and proposed she to accepted his Mr .
7. He customers the for noodles spicy of bowls 5,000 bought .
8. is of the the average shop daily This sales .
9. a was There metre- shop the outside queue long- 100- .
10. you letter outside the restaurant He also posted a thank - .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

A Chinese businessman *treated / treatment* 5,000 people to a free bowl of noodles because he *founded / found* his lost \$45,000 engagement ring. The man's name is Mr Wang. He was going to ask *his / this* girlfriend to marry him *past / last* Sunday. However, he lost the engagement ring. He told reporters that he visited a noodle restaurant in the Chinese city *off / of* Chongqing and left the ring there in his bag. Mr Wang was very *lucky / luckily* because a customer in the restaurant found the bag and *given / gave* it to the manager. The manager found Mr Wang's contact *detail / details* in the bag and telephoned him. Mr Wang was very *happily / happy* to get the ring back. He then went to his girlfriend and *proposed / proposal* to her. She accepted his proposal.

Mr Wang proposed to his girlfriend and she accepted *his / him* proposal. He was very happy and wanted to say *thank / thanks* you to the restaurant. On Tuesday, he bought 5,000 bowls of spicy noodles for the *customs / customers* of the restaurant. This is the average *day / daily* sales of the shop. There was a 100-metre-long *cue / queue* outside the shop. Many people wanted a *free / freed* bowl of noodles. Mr Wang told reporters: "Chongqing has the woman I *love / loving*....I feel very honoured and happy." He also posted a thank-you letter outside *a / the* restaurant with a picture of his fiancée *wearing / worn* the engagement ring. A local man said: "I think the story is really moving. Love is beautiful and people's *heart / hearts* are more beautiful."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1708/170818-engagement-ring.html>

Ch\_n\_s\_ b\_s\_n\_ssm\_n tr\_\_t\_d 5,000 p\_\_pl\_ t\_ \_ fr\_\_  
b\_wl\_ f n\_\_dl\_s b\_c\_\_s\_ h\_ f\_\_nd h\_s l\_st \$45,000  
\_ng\_g\_m\_nt r\_ng. Th\_ m\_n's n\_m\_\_s Mr W\_ng. H\_ w\_s  
g\_\_ng t\_ \_sk h\_s g\_rlfr\_\_nd t\_ m\_rry h\_m l\_st S\_nd\_y.  
H\_w\_v\_r, h\_ l\_st th\_ \_ng\_g\_m\_nt r\_ng. H\_ t\_ld  
r\_p\_rts th\_t h\_ v\_s\_t\_d \_ n\_\_dl\_ r\_st\_\_r\_nt \_n th\_  
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m\_n\_g\_r. Th\_ m\_n\_g\_r f\_\_nd Mr W\_ng's c\_nt\_ct  
d\_t\_\_ls \_n th\_ b\_g \_nd t\_l\_ph\_n\_d h\_m. Mr W\_ng w\_s  
v\_ry h\_ppy t\_ g\_t th\_ r\_ng b\_ck. H\_ th\_n w\_nt t\_ h\_s  
g\_rlfr\_\_nd \_nd pr\_p\_s\_d t\_ h\_r. Sh\_ \_cc\_pt\_d h\_s  
pr\_p\_s\_l.

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h\_s pr\_p\_s\_l. H\_ w\_s v\_ry h\_ppy \_nd w\_nt\_d t\_ s\_y  
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5,000 b\_wls \_f sp\_cy n\_\_dl\_s f\_r th\_ c\_st\_m\_rs \_f th\_  
r\_st\_\_r\_nt. Th\_s \_s th\_ \_v\_r\_g\_ d\_\_ly s\_l\_s \_f th\_  
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W\_ng t\_ld r\_p\_rts: "Ch\_ngq\_ng h\_s th\_ w\_m\_n \_  
l\_v\_... \_f\_\_l v\_ry h\_n\_\_r\_d \_nd h\_ppy." H\_ \_ls\_ p\_st\_d  
\_ th\_nk-y\_\_ l\_tt\_r \_ts\_d\_ th\_ r\_st\_\_r\_nt w\_th \_  
p\_ct\_r\_ \_f h\_s f\_\_ncé\_ w\_\_r\_ng th\_ \_ng\_g\_m\_nt r\_ng.  
\_ l\_c\_l m\_n\_s\_\_d: "\_ th\_nk th\_ st\_ry \_s r\_\_lly m\_v\_ng.  
L\_v\_ \_s b\_\_t\_f\_l\_ \_nd p\_\_pl\_'s h\_\_rts \_r\_ m\_r\_  
b\_\_t\_f\_l."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a chinese businessman treated 5000 people to a free bowl of noodles because he found his lost \$45000 engagement ring the man's name is mr wang he was going to ask his girlfriend to marry him last sunday however he lost the engagement ring he told reporters that he visited a noodle restaurant in the chinese city of chongqing and left the ring there in his bag mr wang was very lucky because a customer in the restaurant found the bag and gave it to the manager the manager found mr wang's contact details in the bag and telephoned him mr wang was very happy to get the ring back he then went to his girlfriend and proposed to her she accepted his proposal mr wang proposed to his girlfriend and she accepted his proposal he was very happy and wanted to say thank you to the restaurant on tuesday he bought 5000 bowls of spicy noodles for the customers of the restaurant this is the average daily sales of the shop there was a 100-metre-long queue outside the shop many people wanted a free bowl of noodles mr wang told reporters "chongqing has the woman i love...i feel very honoured and happy" he also posted a thank-you letter outside the restaurant with a picture of his fiancée wearing the engagement ring a local man said "i think the story is really moving love is beautiful and people's hearts are more beautiful"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ENGAGEMENT RINGS:** Make a poster about engagement rings. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. REWARDS:** Write a magazine article about always giving people rewards for finding lost property. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on engagement rings. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/ on her three of your ideas on the ideal marriage proposal. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b T    c F    d T    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. free       | a. complimentary |
| 2. visited    | b. dropped by    |
| 3. lucky      | c. fortunate     |
| 4. details    | d. information   |
| 5. happy      | e. cheerful      |
| 6. spicy      | f. hot           |
| 7. queue      | g. line          |
| 8. posted     | h. fastened      |
| 9. moving     | i. heartwarming  |
| 10. beautiful | j. lovely        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A businessman
2. \$45,000
3. A customer
4. The restaurant manager
5. A proposal of marriage
6. Spicy noodles
7. 5,000
8. 100 metres
9. Her engagement ring
10. People's hearts

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)