

Breaking News English.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html

**Thousands more free lessons
from Sean's other websites**

www.freeeslmaterials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html

Level 6 – 26th July, 2020

Man proposes beneath once-in-6,800-year comet

FREE online quizzes, mp3 listening and more for this lesson here:

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Contents

The Article	2	Discussion (Student-Created Qs)	15
Warm-Ups	3	Language Work (Cloze)	16
Vocabulary	4	Spelling	17
Before Reading / Listening	5	Put The Text Back Together	18
Gap Fill	6	Put The Words In The Right Order	19
Match The Sentences And Listen	7	Circle The Correct Word	20
Listening Gap Fill	8	Insert The Vowels (a, e, i, o, u)	21
Comprehension Questions	9	Punctuate The Text And Add Capitals	22
Multiple Choice - Quiz	10	Put A Slash (/) Where The Spaces Are	23
Role Play	11	Free Writing	24
After Reading / Listening	12	Academic Writing	25
Student Survey	13	Homework	26
Discussion (20 Questions)	14	Answers	27

Please try Levels 4 and 5 (they are easier).

Twitter



twitter.com/SeanBanville

Facebook



www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A man has proposed to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or so - give or take a decade or two. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to his now affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial body flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet to appear.

Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking her to see the once-in-a-lifetime event. She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I felt instant chills and pure happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to capture the proposal with the comet whizzing by across the heavens. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing historical events together. John said: "Every single star was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm massively in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-8557803/Man-propose-Neowise-comet-appears-6-800-years.html>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/07/21/us/neowise-comet-engagements-trnd/index.html>
<https://fox6now.com/2020/07/23/couple-captures-stellar-engagement-photos-under-comet-neowise/>

WARM-UPS

1. MARRIAGE PROPOSAL: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about marriage proposal. 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?

proposed / decade / fiancé / pop the question / millennia / celestial body / couple / reporters / once-in-a-lifetime / surprise / shocked / happiness / comet / being in love

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

3. MARRIAGE: Students A **strongly** believe must be forever; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CELESTIAL BODIES: What do you know about these celestial bodies? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want To Know
Stars		
Moons		
Asteroids		
Planets		
Meteorites		
Comets		

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

6. PROPOSAL: Rank these with your partner. Put the best places to propose at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Under a comet
- In a dessert
- On a beach
- In a temple
- On a mountain
- Antarctica
- Venice
- A romantic restaurant

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. fiancée | a. Periods of a thousand years. |
| 2. decade | b. A woman who is engaged to be married. |
| 3. popped the question | c. Asked someone to marry them. |
| 4. millennia | d. Happen at the same time. |
| 5. astronomical | e. Knelt down to propose marriage to someone. |
| 6. coincide | f. A period of ten years. |
| 7. got down on one knee | g. Relating to the area of science which deals with planets, space, and the physical universe as a whole. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. immediately | h. Record or express accurately in words or pictures. |
| 9. proposal | i. On a very large scale. |
| 10. chills | j. The sky and space. |
| 11. capture | k. Impressed or amazed and perhaps got goose bumps. |
| 12. whizzing | l. Moving quickly through the air. |
| 13. the heavens | m. Straight away; at once; instantly. |
| 14. massively | n. An offer of marriage. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

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

- a. A man proposed under a comet that last appeared in 6,800 BC. **T / F**
- b. The man who proposed has a big interest in space. **T / F**
- c. The man said the proposal was totally spontaneous. **T / F**
- d. The man proposed in a park in New York City. **T / F**
- e. The lady took some time before accepting the marriage proposal. **T / F**
- f. The lady cried after the man proposed. **T / F**
- g. A friend of the couple took photos of the marriage proposal. **T / F**
- h. The man and woman are both teachers. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. occurs | a. solitary |
| 2. popped the question | b. happen together |
| 3. buff | c. flying |
| 4. astronomical | d. enthusiast |
| 5. coincide | e. shock |
| 6. surprise | f. takes place |
| 7. pure | g. enormously |
| 8. whizzing | h. unadulterated |
| 9. single | i. proposed |
| 10. massively | j. celestial |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A man has proposed | a. happiness |
| 2. the Neowise comet passed | b. comet being visible |
| 3. get down on | c. lifetime event |
| 4. Mr Nicotera is a space | d. one knee |
| 5. coincide with the | e. with this girl |
| 6. see the once-in-a- | f. to his fiancée |
| 7. I felt instant chills and pure | g. events together |
| 8. whizzing by across the | h. buff |
| 9. experiencing historical | i. heavens |
| 10. I'm massively in love | j. over their heads |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A man has proposed to his fiancée (1) _____ an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or so - give or take a (2) _____ or two. John Nicotera, 33, (3) _____ the question to his now affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven (4) _____ before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial (5) _____ flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the (6) _____ astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal to (7) _____ with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet to (8) _____.

appear
millennia
rare
decade
coincide
during
body
popped

Ms Pendrak (9) _____ accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking her to see the once-in-a-lifetime event. She said she got the (10) _____ of her life when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - (11) _____ and everything. I felt instant chills and (12) _____ happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to (13) _____ the proposal with the comet (14) _____ by across the heavens. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing (15) _____ events together. John said: "Every single star was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm (16) _____ in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

pure
surprise
capture
historical
immediately
tears
massively
whizzing

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

- 1) proposed to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 _____
 - a. years or soon
 - b. years or such
 - c. years ores oh
 - d. years or so
- 2) It will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get down _____
 - a. on one kneed
 - b. on one kneel
 - c. on one knee
 - d. on one need
- 3) body flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is _____
 - a. a space bluff
 - b. a space bough
 - c. a space bath
 - d. a space buff
- 4) in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal _____
 - a. to coincide with...
 - b. to coincidence with...
 - c. to coincidental with...
 - d. to coincides with...
- 5) a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the _____
 - a. comet that appear
 - b. comet for appear
 - c. comet to appear
 - d. comet from appear
- 6) Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr _____
 - a. Nicotera's proposal
 - b. Nicotera's propose
 - c. Nicotera's propose all
 - d. Nicotera's pro pose all
- 7) her fiancé was taking her to see the once-in-_____
 - a. a-lifeline event
 - b. a-lie-time event
 - c. a-lift-time event
 - d. a-lifetime event
- 8) I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I _____
 - a. felt once tent chills
 - b. felt in stance chills
 - c. felt instant chills
 - d. felt instantly chills
- 9) went to the campsite with the couple to capture the proposal with the _____
 - a. comet wheezing by
 - b. comet whizz zing by
 - c. comet whizz in by
 - d. comet whizzing by
- 10) It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm _____
 - a. mass sieve line love
 - b. mass severely on love
 - c. massively on love
 - d. massively in love

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A man has (1) _____ fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or so - give or take (2) _____ two. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to (3) _____ Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while (4) _____ flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his (5) _____ with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the (6) _____.

Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking her to see the (7) _____ event. She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I (8) _____ and pure happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the (9) _____ the proposal with the comet (10) _____ the heavens. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing historical events together. John said: "(11) _____ was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm (12) _____ with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

1. How old was the man who popped the question?
2. How many millennia will it take for the comet to reappear?
3. What did the man get down on?
4. Where did the rare astronomical event take place?
5. Where did the man propose?
6. How long did the lady take to accept the marriage proposal?
7. What was the lady's initial emotion when the man proposed?
8. What did the woman instantly feel?
9. What do the man and lady do for a living?
10. How in love did the man say he was?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

- 1) How old was the man who popped the question?
 - a) 22
 - b) 33
 - c) 26
 - d) 62
- 2) How many millennia will it take for the comet to reappear?
 - a) six
 - b) nine
 - c) eight
 - d) seven
- 3) What did the man get down on?
 - a) one knee
 - b) his haunches
 - c) a carpet
 - d) the kids
- 4) Where did the rare astronomical event take place?
 - a) the Southern Hemisphere
 - b) the Eastern Hemisphere
 - c) the Northern Hemisphere
 - d) the Western Hemisphere
- 5) Where did the man propose?
 - a) in a restaurant
 - b) in a campsite
 - c) by a river
 - d) on a beach
- 6) How long did the lady take to accept the marriage proposal?
 - a) it was immediate
 - b) a few minutes
 - c) a few seconds
 - d) a day
- 7) What was the lady's initial emotion when the man proposed?
 - a) elation
 - b) confused
 - c) shock
 - d) fear
- 8) What did the woman instantly feel?
 - a) the chills
 - b) warmth
 - c) heat
 - d) cold
- 9) What do the man and lady do for a living?
 - a) teach
 - b) act
 - c) sing
 - d) study the stars
- 10) How in love did the man say he was?
 - a) seriously
 - b) considerably
 - c) very much
 - d) massively

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Role A – Under A Comet

You think under a comet is the best place to propose. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): on a beach, Venice or a romantic restaurant.

Role B – On A Beach

You think on a beach is the best place to propose. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): under a comet, Venice or a romantic restaurant.

Role C – Venice

You think Venice is the best place to propose. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): on a beach, under a comet or a romantic restaurant.

Role D – A Romantic Restaurant

You think a romantic restaurant is the best place to propose. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least romantic of these (and why): on a beach, Venice or under a comet.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

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

marriage	proposal

- 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">• immediately• life• tears• couple• both• special	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• so• now• seven• buff• coincide• waited
--	---

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Write five GOOD questions about marriage proposal 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.

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL 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 'marriage'?
3. What do you think of the marriage proposal?
4. How romantic should a marriage proposal be?
5. What do you know about comets?
6. How would you propose?
7. Should people who propose always get down on one knee?
8. How much should someone spend on the engagement ring?
9. Should marriage be forever?
10. Why is it that the man usually proposes?

Man proposes beneath once-in-6,800-year comet – 26th July, 2020
Thousands more free lessons at breakingnewsenglish.com

MARRIAGE PROPOSAL 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 'personal'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How nerve-wracking do you think it is to propose?
15. Have you ever seen a once-in-a-lifetime event?
16. When was the last time you felt the chills?
17. When was the last time you felt pure happiness?
18. What historical events have you experienced?
19. What's the most special experience you've had?
20. What questions would you like to ask an astronomer?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Copyright © breakingnewsenglish.com 2020

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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A man has (1) _____ to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or (2) _____ - give or take a decade or two. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to his now affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven millennia (3) _____ anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial (4) _____ flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal to (5) _____ with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet (6) _____ appear.

Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking her to see the once-in-a-(7) _____ event. She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I felt (8) _____ chills and pure happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to capture the proposal with the comet (9) _____ by across the heavens. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing (10) _____ events together. John said: "Every (11) _____ star was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm (12) _____ in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) proposition | (b) proposal | (c) proposed | (d) prosper |
| 2. | (a) do | (b) go | (c) to | (d) so |
| 3. | (a) prior | (b) previous | (c) before | (d) earlier |
| 4. | (a) body | (b) torso | (c) figure | (d) carcass |
| 5. | (a) coincidence | (b) coincide | (c) coincidental | (d) coin |
| 6. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) lifeline | (b) lifelong | (c) lifetime | (d) lifestyle |
| 8. | (a) instant | (b) soon | (c) immediately | (d) quickly |
| 9. | (a) whittling | (b) wizarding | (c) wheezing | (d) whizzing |
| 10. | (a) hysterical | (b) rhetorical | (c) historical | (d) risible |
| 11. | (a) single | (b) alone | (c) unattached | (d) lonesome |
| 12. | (a) momentous | (b) mesmerizing | (c) missive | (d) massively |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Paragraph 1

1. A man has proposed to his féaicen
2. popped the question to his now finafeadc
3. another seven nianmle
4. while the slectlaei body flies overhead
5. the rare astiocloamrn event
6. dniocce with the comet being visible

Paragraph 2

7. Ms Pendrak meimydleta accepted
8. I felt instant clsilh and pure happiness
9. tpacrue the proposal
10. with the comet gihnziwz by across the heavens
11. experiencing oiitacshrl events
12. I'm esvaymsil in love with this girl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - tears and everything. I felt instant chills and pure
- () time and planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple
- () her to see the once-in-a-lifetime event. She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one
- () affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven
- () overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited
- () happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to capture
- () millennia before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial body flies
- () the proposal with the comet whizzing by across the heavens. John and Erica are both
- () so - give or take a decade or two. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to his now
- () Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking
- () drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet to appear.
- () teachers who like experiencing historical events together. John said: "Every single
- (**1**) A man has proposed to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or
- () star was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm massively in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

1. once 6,800 just years so . every or Occurs
2. or a two . Give take decade or
3. popped to the John question now affianced . his
4. celestial while flies the Propose overhead . body
5. coincide the to with Propose comet being visible .
6. once-in-a-lifetime the event . her to see Taking
7. life . her surprise She of the got
8. was shocked completely and everything . - tears I just
9. the by whizzing With the comet heavens . across
10. are They historical experiencing who like events . teachers

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A man has *proposal / proposed* to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or so - give or take a decade *nor / or* two. John Nicotera, 33, popped *a / the* question to his now affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowise comet *passed / past* over their heads. It will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get *up / down* on one knee and propose while the celestial body *flies / flew* overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare *astronomical / astronomically* event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a *limited / limit* time and planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being *invisible / visible* in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet to *appearance / appear*.

Ms Pendrak *immediately / immediate* accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancé was taking her to see the once-in-a-*lifetime / lifeline* event. She said she got the surprise of her *living / life* when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely shocked - *fears / tears* and everything. I felt *instant / instantly* chills and pure happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to *rupture / capture* the proposal with the comet whizzing by across the *heavenly / heavens*. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing historical events *combined / together*. John said: "Every *single / alone* star was out. It was too special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm *massively / massive* in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

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 <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

A m_n h_s p_r_p_s_d t_ h_s f__ n c é_ d_r_n g _n
_v_n t t_h_t _c_c_r_s j_s_t _n_c_ _v_r_y 6 , 8 0 0 y__
r_s _r_s_ - g_v_ _r_t_k_ _ d_c_d_ _r_t_w_. J_h_n
N_c_t_r_, 33 , p_p_p_d t_h_ q__ s_t__ n t_ h_s n_w
_f_f__ n_c_d E_r_c_ P_n_d_r_k , 26 , w_h_l_ t_h_ N__
w_s_ c_m_t p_s_s_d _v_r t_h__ r h__ d_s . I_t w_l_l
b__ n_t_h_r s_v_n m_l_l_n n__ b_f_r_ _n_y_n_ _l_s_ c_n
g_t d_w_n _n_ _n_ k_n__ _n_d p_r_p_s_ w_h_l_ t_h_
c_l_s_t__ l_b_d_y f_l__ s _v_r h__ d . M_r N_c_t_r_ _s
_ s_p_c_ b_f_f . H_ k_n_w t_h_ r_r_ _s_t_r_n_m_c_l
_v_n_t w__ l_d t_k_ p_l_c_ _n t_h_ N_r_t_h_r_n H_m_s
p_h_r_ f_r_ _l_m_t_d t_m_ _n_d p_l_n_n_d h_s p
r_p_s_l t_ c__ n_c_d_ w_t_h t_h_ c_m_t b__ n_g
v_s_b_l_n t_h_ n_g_h_t s_k_y . T_h_ c__ p_l_d_r_v_
t__ c_m_p_s_t_ __ t_s_d_ N_w Y_r_k l_s_t w__ k _n_d
J_h_n w__ t_d f_r t_h_ c_m_t t_ _p_p__ r .

M_s P_n_d_r_k _m_m_d__ t_l_y _c_c_p_t_d M_r N_c_t_r_'
s p_r_p_s_l . S_h_ t_l_d r_p_r_t_r_s t_h_t s_h_ k_n_w
h_r f__ n_c é_ w_s t_k_n_g h_r t_ s__ t_h_ _n_c_ - _n
- _ l_f_t_m_ _v_n_t . S_h_ s__ d s_h_ g_t t_h_ s_r_p
r_s_ _f h_r l_f_ w_h_n h_ d_r_p_p_d d_w_n t_n_ k
n__ . S_h_ s__ d : " I w_s j_s_t c_m_p_l_t_l_y s_h_c
k_d - t__ r_s _n_d _v_r_y_t_h_n_g . I f_l_t _n_s_t_n_t
c_h_l_l_s _n_d p_r_ h_p_p_n_s_s . " A p_h_t_g_r_p_h_r
f_r__ n_d w_n_t t_ t_h_ c_m_p_s_t_ w_t_h t_h_ c__ p_l_
t_ c_p_t_r_ t_h_ p_r_p_s_l w_t_h t_h_ c_m_t w_h_z_z_n
g b_y _c_r_s_s t_h_ h__ v_n_s . J_h_n _n_d E_r_c_ _r_
b_t_h t__ c_h_r_s w_h_ l_k_ _x_p_r__ n_c_n_g h_s
t_r_c_l_ _v_n_t_s t_g_t_h_r . J_h_n s__ d : " E_v_r_y
s_n_g_l_ s_t_r w_s __ t . I_t w_s t__ s_p_c__ l_t
l_t_t_g_ . I t_h__ g_h_t , ' I ' m m_s_s_v_l_y _n
l_v_ w_t_h t_h_s g_r_l . I ' m g__ n_g t_ d_ _t . ' "

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

a man has proposed to his fiance during an event that occurs just once every 6800 years or so give or take a decade or two john nicotera 33 popped the question to his now affianced erica pendrak 26 while the neowise comet passed over their heads it will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial body flies overhead mr nicotera is a space buff he knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the northern hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being visible in the night sky the couple drove to a campsite outside new york last week and john waited for the comet to appear

ms pendrak immediately accepted mr nicoteras proposal she told reporters that she knew her fianc was taking her to see the onceinalifetime event She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one knee she said i was just completely shocked tears and everything i felt instant chills and pure happiness a photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to capture the proposal with the comet whizzing by across the heavens john and erica are both teachers who like experiencing historical events together john said every single star was out it was too special to let it go i thought im massively in love with this girl im going to do it

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200726-marriage-proposal.html>

Aman has proposed to his fiancée during an event that occurs just once every 6,800 years or so - give or take a decade or two. John Nicotera, 33, popped the question to his now affianced Erica Pendrak, 26, while the Neowis comet passed over their heads. It will be another seven millennia before anyone else can get down on one knee and propose while the celestial body flies overhead. Mr Nicotera is a space buff. He knew the rare astronomical event would take place in the Northern Hemisphere for a limited time and planned his proposal to coincide with the comet being visible in the night sky. The couple drove to a campsite outside New York last week and John waited for the comet to appear. Ms Pendrak immediately accepted Mr Nicotera's proposal. She told reporters that she knew her fiancée was taking her to see the once-in-a-lifetime event. She said she got the surprise of her life when he dropped down to one knee. She said: "I was just completely hocked-tears and everything. I felt instant chills and pure happiness." A photographer friend went to the campsite with the couple to capture the proposal with the comet whizzing by across the heavens. John and Erica are both teachers who like experiencing historical events together. John said: "Every single star was out. It was so special to let it go. I thought, 'I'm massively in love with this girl. I'm going to do it.'"

HOMWORK

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 story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MARRIAGE PROPOSAL: Make a poster about marriage proposal. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FOREVER: Write a magazine article about marriage being forever. 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 on your articles.

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

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. f 3. c 4. a 5. g 6. d 7. e
8. m 9. n 10. k 11. h 12. l 13. j 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Thirty-three
2. Seven
3. One knee
4. The Northern Hemisphere
5. In a campsite
6. It was immediate
7. Shock
8. Chills and pure happiness
9. Teach
10. Massively

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Occurs just once every 6,800 years or so.
2. Give or take a decade or two.
3. John popped the question to his now affianced.
4. Propose while the celestial body flies overhead.
5. Propose to coincide with the comet being visible.
6. Taking her to see the once-in-a-lifetime event.
7. She got the surprise of her life.
8. I was just completely shocked - tears and everything.
9. With the comet whizzing by across the heavens.
10. They are teachers who like experiencing historical events.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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