

First love

Tony 1..... (not want) to go out that evening, but some of his friends 2 (take) him to a discotheque, saying he 3..... (conseil + not work) so hard and (need) a change. Tony 4.....(just turn) 23 and 5..... a serious young man who 6..... (enjoy) his work as a research assistant for a large chemical firm. But his mind 7..... always on his work and he never 8..... much time to spend on just having fun.

At the disco that night, he 9..... (notice) an attractive, dark-haired girl with blue eyes, in her early twenties. She 10 (join) Tony's group as she 11 (know) one of his friends. Hesitantly, Tony 12..... (invite) her to dance and 13..... delighted when she 14 (accept). However, once he got on the dance floor he 15.....(really not know) what to do. He 16..... (never do) much dancing. But Sandra 17..... (tell) him just to watch her and follow. Tony 18..... watch her, and not just her feet. His eyes 19on her shiny dark hair, her bright ear-rings and smart, low-cut black dress. Then after a few dances, Sandra 20..... (disappear). When Tony 21 (find) her again, she 22(talk) in a corner to a tall fair-haired young man who Tony immediately 23(take) a dislike to. He 24(go up) to Sandra and 25 (offer) to take her home. She 26 (accept). When he 27 (leave) her at her front door, he 28 (ask) her for a date two days later at a local cinema.

After that, they 29 (begin) to see each other regularly – at least twice a week, and often at week-ends as well. Very soon they 30(think) about

getting engaged. But Sandra's father, a strict Anglican minister, 31 (not approve) of Tony and 32 (ask) Sandra to stop seeing him. He 33 (think) Tony 34 too young for a serious relationship with his daughter and 35 (conseil + work) his way up in the world before anything like an engagement 36 (possibilité/éventualité + be discussed). Sandra 38 what her father 39 (want) and she and Tony 40 (stop + see) each other. Tony 41 heartbroken, for he 42 sure that Sandra 43 as fond of him as he 44 of her.

Three months passed and finally Tony 45 (manage) to get in touch with Sandra again through one of her cousins who 46 willing to help them and arrange a secret meeting. And so, one Sunday morning, when her father 47 busy at the church, Sandra 48 (hurry out) of the house to meet Tony. He 49 overjoyed to see her again but 50 surprised to see she had lost a lot of weight and looked ill and depressed. He 51 (manage) to cheer her up but 52 determined now to face her father. To his mind, it 53 her father who had brought about this change in her. At first, Sandra's father 54 (not want) to listen to Tony but when he 55 (realise) that this young man really 56 (love) his daughter, and 57 (understand) that his own attitude 58 (have) a terrible effect on Sandra's health, he 59 (feel) ashamed. He 60 (give) the couple his blessing and they 61 married soon afterwards. Whether they 62 (live) happily after or not 63 another story.