

One Day

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A Before Reading

- 1 a The title of the book *One Day* has different meanings. What do you think they are?
- _____
- _____
- b Read page 5 to check your ideas and match these sentences to the three meanings of 'one day':
- a 'One day I met a film producer.'
- _____
- b 'One day I want to be a writer.'
- _____
- c 'One day a week I go swimming.'
- _____
- 2 The book is compared to Shakespeare's romantic plays, but is also very modern in its structure. How is it similar and different? Find out on page 5.
- _____
- _____
- _____

B While Reading

- 3 a Look at the pictures of some important scenes from the story. Complete the table.

	Who can you see?	Where are they and what are they doing?	Why is the scene important?
a			

<p>b</p> 			
<p>c</p> 			

b Match the following quotations to the pictures in 3a. Write the letter of the correct picture (a, b or c) next to each quotation. Check your answers as you read.

- 1 'I won't open the door to you.' _____
- 2 'I feel trapped.' _____
- 3 'What am I doing here?' _____

- 4 a The book mentions many jobs. Tick the ones that Dexter and Emma did.

	Dexter	Emma
a doctor		
an actor		
a waiter / waitress		
a scientist		
an artist		
a scriptwriter for TV and radio		
a musician		
a TV presenter		
a novelist		
a comedian		
a teacher		

- b Choose one job each for Dexter and Emma. How successful were they in each job?

- 5 What adjectives can you use to describe these characters?

creative obnoxious posh selfish socialist uncomplicated wonderful

a Dexter: _____

b Emma: _____

- 6 a In Chapter 1, Emma makes these predictions about Dexter's life:

'I think I can image you when you're forty. You'll have an expensive red sports car and live in the most expensive part of London. You'll be married to your third wife – no, I'm wrong, your *fourth* wife. There won't be any children.' (p.8)

Was Emma correct?

- b Dexter thought, 'He wanted to be successful at something – he just didn't know at *what*. He wanted to make his parents proud of him. He wanted to meet lots of women. He wanted to have lots of fun in his life and he wanted never to be sad.' (p.10)
Did any of his dreams come true?

C After Reading

- 7 a Imagine you are a film director. What actors would you choose for the roles of the main characters in a different film version of *One Day* from the one released in 2011? Include: Dexter, Emma, Stephen Mayhew, Alison Mayhew, Ian, Phil, Sylvie, Suki, Callum and Tilly. Give reasons for your choices.

- b Imagine you are Dexter. Write a diary entry saying in what ways Emma was important in your life.



I met Emma when I was at university. I knew she was special but I didn't realize just how important she was ...

- 8** *One Day* is now a film. If possible, watch the film and then write either
- a** a review of the film.
- or
- b** a paragraph saying how the film is similar or different to the book.

- 9** **a** Why do you think Dexter and Emma waited twelve years before going out together?

- b** What are the advantages of getting older?

- c Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
- a There is only one person in the world for you.
 - b We need different people at different times in our lives.

Choose one of the statements and write a paragraph saying why you agree or disagree with the statement.