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1. Males Name _____
2. Females Name _____
3. Event _____
4. Event _____
5. Number _____
6. Exclamation _____
7. Exclamation _____
8. Noun _____
9. Adjective _____
10. Noun _____
11. Noun _____
12. Verb _____
13. Month _____
14. Car Part _____
15. Exclamation _____
16. Fluid _____
17. Body Part _____
18. Noun _____
19. Past Tense Verb _____
20. Car Part _____
21. Number _____
22. Verb _____

23. Adjective _____
24. Number _____
25. Feeling _____
26. Feeling _____
27. Number _____
28. Color _____
29. Animal _____
30. Noun _____
31. Noun _____
32. Number _____
33. Exclamation _____
34. Females Name _____
35. Body Part _____
36. Present Tense Verb _____
37. Adverb _____
38. Feeling _____
39. Noun _____
40. Present Tense Verb _____
41. Packaged Food _____
42. Sport _____
43. Adjective _____
44. Number _____
45. Sport _____

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Let's say a guy named _____males_name_____is attracted to a woman named _____Females_name_____. He asks her out to a/an _____Event_____; she accepts; they have a pretty good time. A few nights later he asks her out to _____Event_____ and again they enjoy themselves. They continue to see each other regularly, and after a while neither one of them is seeing anybody else.

And then, one evening when they're driving home, a thought occurs to _____females_name_____ and, without really thinking, she says it aloud: "Do you realize that, as of tonight, we've been seeing each other for exactly _____Number_____months?"

And then there is silence in the car. To _____females_name_____ it seems like a very loud silence. She thinks to herself: _____Exclamation_____ I wonder if it bothers him that I said that. Maybe he's been feeling confined by our relationship; maybe he thinks I'm trying to push him into some kind of obligation that he doesn't want, or isn't sure of.

And _____males_name_____is thinking: _____Exclamation_____. _____number_____months.

And _____females_name_____is thinking: But, hey, I'm not so sure I want this kind of relationship, either. Sometimes I wish I had a little more _____Noun_____ so I'd have time to think about whether I really want us to keep going the way we are, moving _____Adjective_____toward . . . I mean, where are we going? Are we just going to keep seeing each other at this level of intimacy? Are we heading toward _____Noun_____? Toward children? Toward a _____Noun_____together? Am I ready for that level of commitment? Do I really even _____Verb_____this person?

And _____males_name_____is thinking: . . . so that means it was . . .let's see... _____Month_____when we started going out, which was right after I had the car at the dealer's, which means . . . lemme check the _____Car part_____. . . _____Exclamation_____! I am way overdue for an _____Fluid_____change here.

And _____females_name_____is thinking: He's upset. I can see it on his _____Body part_____. Maybe I'm reading this completely wrong. Maybe he wants more from our relationship, more _____Noun_____ more commitment; maybe he has sensed -- even before I sensed it -- that I was feeling some reservations. Yes, I bet that's it. That's why he's so reluctant to say anything about his own feelings. He's afraid of being _____Past tense verb_____.

And _____males_name_____is thinking: And I'm gonna have them look at the _____Car part_____again. I don't care what those morons say, it's still not shifting right. And they better not try to blame it on the cold weather this time. What cold weather? It's _____Number_____degrees out, and this thing is shifting like a _____Verb_____garbage truck, and I paid those _____Adjective_____thieves $.

And _____females_name_____is thinking: He's _____Feeling_____. And I don't blame him. I'd be _____feeling_____ too. God,

I feel so _____Feeling_____ putting him through this, but I can't help the way I feel. I'm just not sure.

And _____males_name_____is thinking: They'll probably say it's only a -day warranty. That's exactly what they're gonna say, the scumballs.

And _____females_name_____is thinking: Maybe I'm just too idealistic, waiting for a knight to come riding up on his _____Color_____Animal_____ when I'm sitting right next to a perfectly good person, a person I enjoy being with, a person I truly do care about, a person who seems to truly care about me. A person who is in pain because of my self-centered, _____Noun_____romantic fantasy.

And _____males_name_____is thinking: Warranty? They want a warranty? I'll give them a damn warranty. I'll take their warranty and stick it right up their ....

'##@males_name">, _____females_name_____says aloud.

"What?" says _____males_name_____ startled.

"Please don't torture yourself like this," she says, her eyes beginning to brim with tears. "Maybe I should never have . . Oh God, I feel so .... ."

(She breaks down, sobbing.)

"I'm such a _____Noun_____,' _____females_name_____sobs. "I mean, I know there's no knight. I really know that. It's silly. There's no knight, and there's no _____animal_____,

"There's no _____animal_____, says _____males_name_____

"You think I'm a fool, don't you?" _____females_name_____says.

"No!" says _____males_name_____ glad to finally know the correct answer.

"It's just that . . . It's that I . . . I need some time," _____females_name_____says.

(There is a _____-second_____ pause while _____males_name_____ thinking as fast as he can, tries to come up with a safe response. Finally he comes up with one that he thinks might work.)

"_____Exclamation_____,' he says

(, deeply moved, touches his _____Body_part_____.)

'Oh, _____males_name_____ do you really feel that way?" she says.

"What way?" says _____males_name_____. "That way about time," says _____females_name_____

"Oh,"

says _____males_name_____. "Yes."

(turns to face him and _____Present tense verb_____Adverb_____into his eyes, causing him to become very

_____Feeling_____about what she might say next, especially if it involves a _____animal_____. At last she speaks.)

'Thank you, _____males_name_____, she says.

"Thank you," says _____males_name_____.

Then he takes her home, and she lies on her _____Noun_____ a conflicted, tortured soul, and _____Present tense_____

verb_____until dawn, whereas when _____males_name_____gets back to his place, he opens a bag of _____Packaged_____

food_____ turns on the TV, and immediately becomes deeply involved in a rerun of a _____Sport_____game/match

between

two Czechoslovakians he never heard of. A _____Adjective_____voice in the far recesses of his mind tells him that something major was going on back there in the car, but he is pretty sure there is no way he would ever understand what, and so he figures it's better if he doesn't think about it. (This is also _____males_name_____policy regarding world hunger.)

The next day _____females_name_____will call her closest friend, or perhaps two of them, and they will talk about this situation for _____Number_____straight hours. In painstaking detail, they will analyze everything she said and everything he said, going over it time and time again, exploring every word, expression, and gesture for nuances of meaning, considering every possible ramification. They will continue to discuss this subject, off and on, for weeks, maybe months, never reaching any definite conclusions, but never getting bored with it, either.

Meanwhile, _____males_name_____ while playing _____Sport_____one day with a mutual friend of his and _____females_name_____,s_ will pause just before serving, frown, and say,

"Norm, did _____females_name_____ever own a _____animal_____?

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