

May

We are finally entering a new month and what better way to start it than by learning a few new phrases? ☺

Have a look at the following sentences and try to match the 2 phrases you think should belong together. To help you, you may refer to the meanings of these phrases below.



Sell in May and go away – An investment strategy for stocks based on a theory (sometimes known as the Halloween indicator) that the period from November to April inclusive has significantly stronger stock market growth on average than the other months.

May-December romance – This refers to a romantic relationship where there is a drastic difference in age between the 2 participants.

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out – Do not discard your winter clothes until the flowers of the Hawthorn tree are in bloom (in May).

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers – April, traditionally a rainy period, gives way to May, when flowers will bloom because of the water provided to them by the April rains. By extension, a period of discomfort can provide the basis for a period of happiness.

One's May – one's bloom or prime

Mayday - an international radio distress signal used by ships and aircraft.

May the force be with you - to wish someone well, that they should succeed and be protected from danger. The Force can enhance natural physical and mental abilities, including strength and accuracy, according to the Star Wars movies.

a) The relationship between Donald Trump and Melania is an example of ...	1) ... when they realised how severe the situation was.
b) This nationwide lockdown has been really tough on a lot of people ...	2) ..., but she continued being an advisor to the board.
c) My granny used to tell me to <u>never cast a clout till May be out</u> ...	3) ... <u>sell in May and go away</u> , but remember to come back in November.
d) The country sent out a <u>Mayday</u> call for people to stay at home ...	4) ... <u>a May-December romance</u> .
e) Some typical advice for investors in the stock market – ...	5) ... his best friend told him: " <u>May the force be with you</u> ."
f) She was in <u>her May</u> when she retired ...	6) ... but I'd like to think that it will all be worth it in the end because <u>March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers</u> .
g) Before he went for his final exam this morning, ...	7) ... as you never know when it might suddenly turn cold in May.

Answer key: a) 4 b) 6 c) 7 d) 1 e) 3 f) 2 g) 5