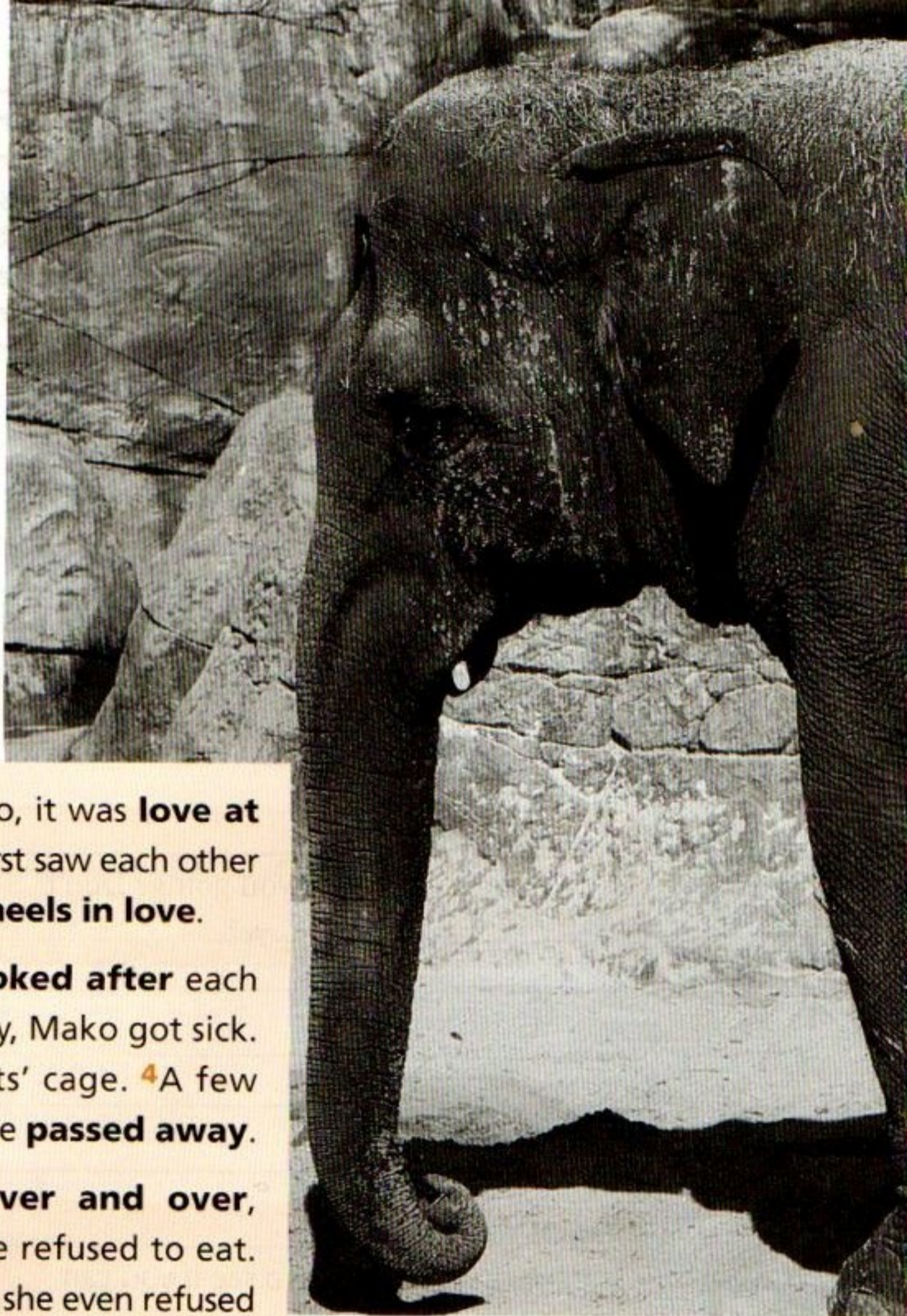


12 Lovesick Elephant



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 55.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

LYON, FRANCE ¹For Pankov and Mako, it was **love at first sight**. When the two elephants first saw each other in the Lyon zoo, they **fell head over heels in love**.

²For 34 years, the two elephants **looked after** each other and were happy. ³Then one day, Mako got sick. He fell into a ditch by the elephants' cage. ⁴A few months later, on a cold January day, he **passed away**.

⁵Pankov **was brokenhearted**. ⁶**Over and over**, zookeepers tried to feed her, but she refused to eat. Although Pankov **had a sweet tooth**, she even refused her favorite treat, sweet spiced wine. Nothing could **cheer her up**. ⁷Pankov didn't eat for four weeks, and she **went from bad to worse**. ⁸On Valentine's Day, a month after Mako's death, zookeepers found Pankov in the same ditch. That night, she **died of a broken heart**.

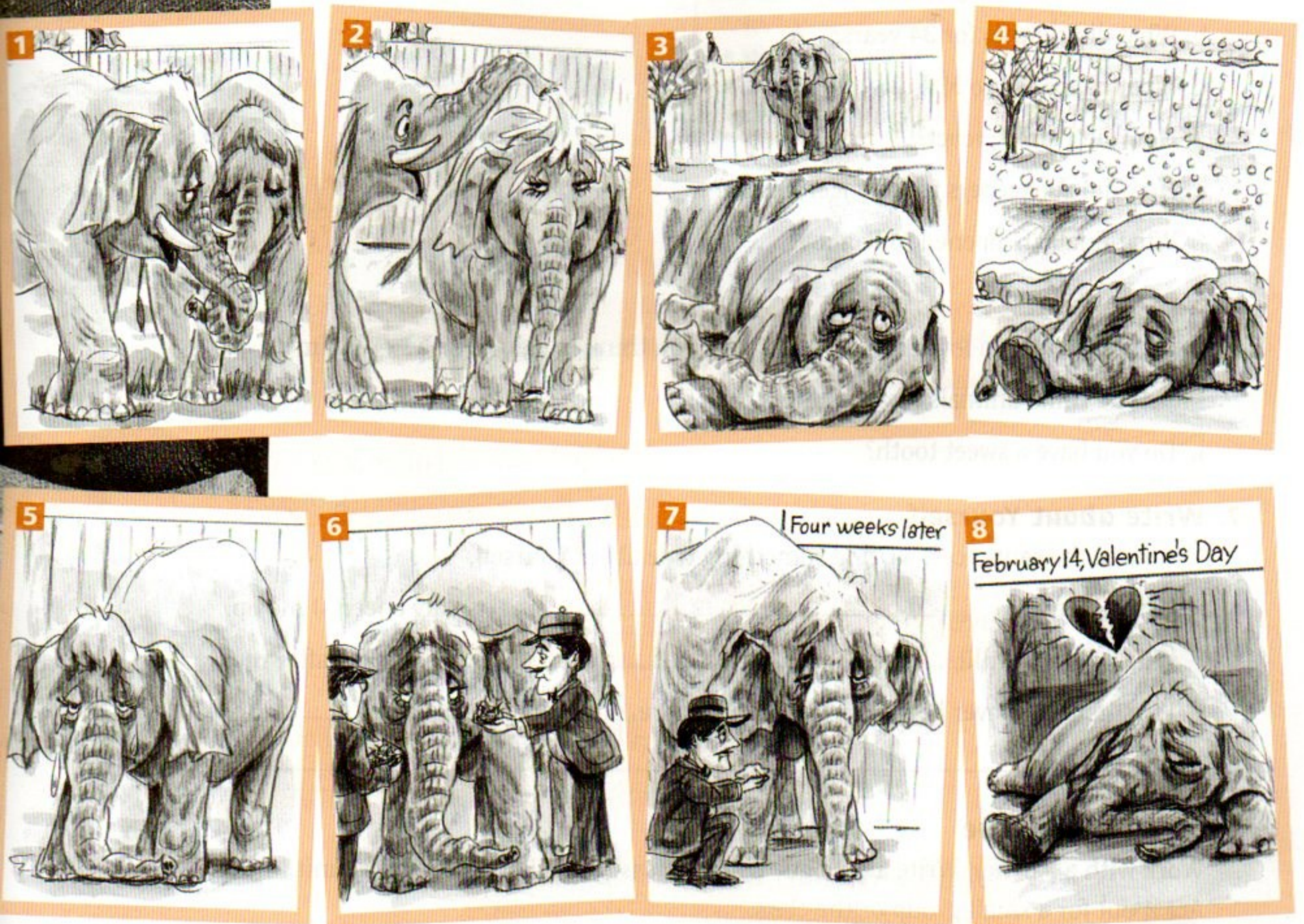
New idioms and expressions

love at first sight	love that happens when two people first see each other
fall head over heels in love (with someone) ..	fall deeply and suddenly in love
look after someone or something*	take care of; watch over someone or something
pass away*	die
be brokenhearted	be very sad
over and over	repeatedly; many times
have a sweet tooth	love to eat sweet foods
cheer someone up*	make someone happier
go from bad to worse	go from a bad situation to a very bad situation
die of a broken heart	die from sadness

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)


 **2. Listen**

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

 **4. Listen and Complete**

Close your book. Listen to the story again. When the tape or your teacher pauses, try to complete the idiom.

5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6. Answer the Questions

About the story.....

- What happened when Pankov and Mako first saw each other?
- What did they do for 34 years?
- What happened to Mako?
- How did Pankov react?
- How did zookeepers try to cheer her up?
- What finally happened to Pankov?

About you.....

- Do you believe in love at first sight, or do you think true love grows over time?
- Do you think animals have emotions?
- Do you have a sweet tooth?

7. Write about Yourself

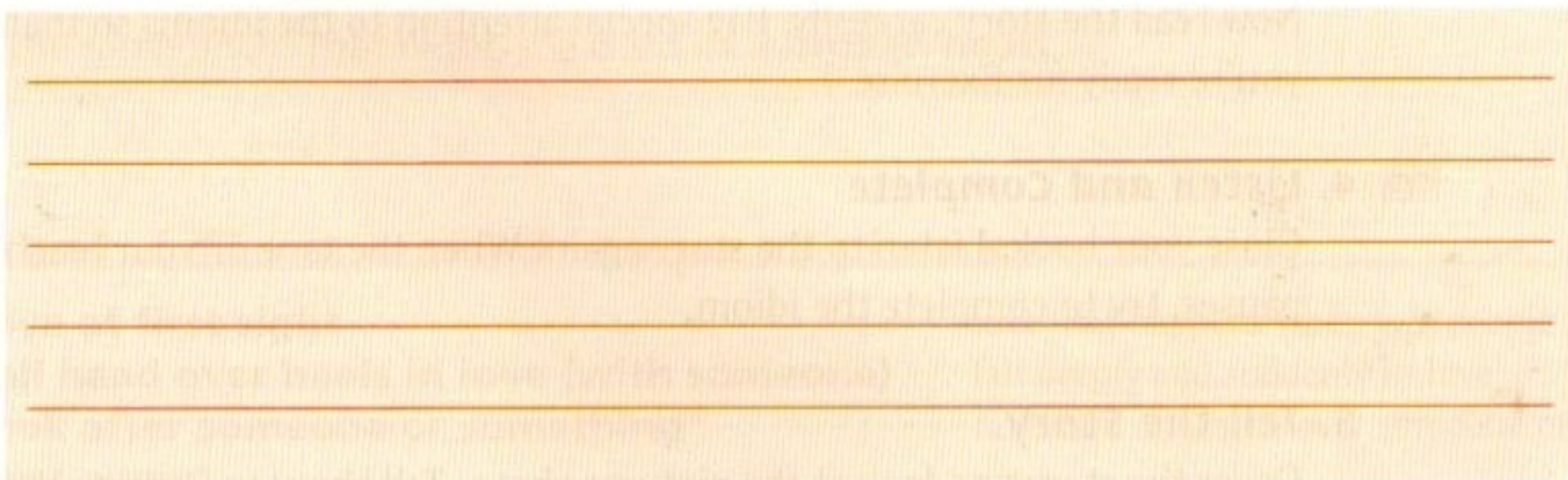
Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- When I feel blue, _____ usually cheer(s) me up.
- When I was a child, _____ looked after me.
- I first fell head over heels in love (when, where, or with whom?) _____
_____.

8. Write a Dialogue

Work with a partner. Write a dialogue using at least three idioms from the unit.
Act it out for a small group or the class.

9. Take a Dictation



10. Complete the Dialogue

a. Two friends, Steve and Lucy, are talking.

Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- look after
- is going from bad to worse
- fall head over heels in love
- passed away
- brokenhearted
- cheer me up



Hey, Lucy. Why the **long face**?*

My boss (1) _____ last week.



Oh, I'm sorry to hear that! I know how much you liked her.

I'm (2) _____, Steve.



What will happen to your job? Who's going to (3) _____ the business?

The company is going to close. I'm going to lose my job. My financial situation (4) _____.



That's a lot of bad news. No wonder you're upset. But you'll find another job.

I hope so. Or better yet, maybe a millionaire will (5) _____ with me. That would (6) _____.



*long face: a sad look

recycled idiom: (it's) no wonder

b. Work with a partner. Role-play the dialogue together.