

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason

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The story step by step

1 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 1 on your CD/download (from Monday 27 January to 11.03 a.m.) and answer the following questions. The first one is an example.

- 1 How long has Bridget been seeing her boyfriend? *Four weeks and five days*
- 2 What ingredients does Bridget not have? _____
- 3 Why is it complicated living with a man? _____
- 4 What is Bridget's mother wearing? _____
- 5 Where are Bridget's mother and her friend Una going on holiday? _____
- 6 Who is Richard Finch? _____

2 Now listen again to Chapter 1 on your CD/download (from 11.30 a.m. to the end of the chapter) and match the telephone conversations with the people who have them. The first one is an example.

Bridget Bridget Bridget Giles Magda Mark Mark Shaz

Magda

Bridget, hi! I was just ringing to ... Do it in the potty! In the potty!

I'm sorry, Magda. But I'm in the middle of work. I've got to leave for Leicestershire in two minutes ...

Bridget

Yes, it was nice last night, wasn't it? I mean, you know, when we ...

Yes. (Pause) I'm actually with the Indonesian Ambassador right now.

If you have a beautiful sister, or friend, be sure that your boyfriend is **HAVING THOUGHTS ABOUT SEX WITH HER.**

... can we talk about this tomorrow?

My wife's just told me she wants a separation and ...

... wait ... um ... ah ..., I think Bridget should talk to you.

- 3 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 3 on your CD/download (from Midnight to 'What do you vote?') and complete the following sentences with the correct *-ing* form from the list below. The first one is an example.

being	staring
feeling	talking
laughing	thinking
shaking	walking
sitting	

- 1 When I arrived at the Guildhall, where the dinner was *being* held, Mark was _____ up and down outside.
 - 2 I cleaned my face and came out of the ladies' room to see Mark _____ to Rebecca.
 - 3 'Oh, Bridget,' said Rebecca, _____ into Mark's face. 'How are you, lovely girl?'
 - 4 She kissed me. 'Are you _____ nervous?'
 - 5 Always? I was _____. *Always??* I thought he'd only met her twice.
 - 6 A group of very confident lawyers in their thirties was _____ at our table.
 - 7 'Are you all right?' whispered Mark. 'You're ... _____. What is it?'
 - 8 'So I vote Tory. What's wrong with that?' he said, _____ at me in surprise.
- 4 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 4 on your CD/download (from Tuesday 4 February 8 a.m. to Friday 14 February) and complete Bridget's plan for when Mark is away. Then complete the goals actually achieved in his absence. The first one is an example.

Plan for when Mark is away

- 1 Go to the gym every day.
- 2 Have _____ of lovely _____ with Shazzer and Jude.
- 3 Continue to _____ out my _____.
- 4 Spend time with _____ when Mum is _____.
- 5 Really work _____ at work to improve my _____.
- 6 Lose _____, of course.

Goals achieved in Mark's absence

- Number of gym visits 0
 Evenings spent with Jude and Shazzer _____
 Minutes spent with Dad _____
 Pounds lost _____
 Pounds gained _____

- 5 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 6 on your CD/download (from Saturday 1 March to Sunday 2 March). You will hear the words in the box below. One of the sounds in each word is underlined. Group the words according to the underlined sound. There are five words for each sound. The first one of each sound is an example.

after answer asks back black came day detach
 explain flat heart party played rang wave

/æ/	/ɑ:/	/eɪ/
<i>black</i>	<i>party</i>	<i>day</i>

- 6 Listen to the next part of Chapter 6 on your CD/download (from Friday 25 April to Tuesday 29 April) and choose *will* or *going to* to complete the extracts. The first one is an example.

Friday 25 April

There ¹is going to / will be a general election next week. Hopefully Labour ² is going to / will win and everything ³ is going to / will become better! I ⁴ am going to / will become better too. I ⁵ am going to / will stop smoking. Mark ⁶ is going to / will come back from New York and find me living in a flat with a second bedroom and a roof terrace.

5.50 p.m. Oh dear. I am worried now about arranging a second mortgage. Perhaps I ⁷ am going to / will not be able to afford to repay it. I ⁸ 'm going to / 'll tell Gary I do not want the extension and get my £3500 back. Gary came round and took the money and left all his tools. But he hasn't started work yet. I ⁹ am going to / will call him when I get home.

Saturday 26 April

6.30 p.m. I ¹⁰ am going / will go out for cigarettes.

7 p.m. The whole of London is full of couples holding hands in spring. I ¹¹ am going to / will be alone for the rest of my life. Alone!

- 7 Listen to Chapter 8 on your CD/download and decide if the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).
- 1 Bridget got rid of all her self-help books. ____
 - 2 Bridget wondered if she should walk past Jude and Vile Richard in the park. ____
 - 3 Jude apologized for hurting Bridget's feelings. ____
 - 4 Bridget didn't enjoy her evening with Jude and Vile Richard. ____
 - 5 Shaz wanted to go on holiday to Thailand to find a boyfriend. ____
 - 6 Mark handed Bridget a piece of paper at her parents' poetry evening. ____
- 8 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 9 on your CD/download (from Sunday 3 August to Thursday 21 August) and put these events in the order in which they happen. The first one is an example.
- a Bridget is arrested at Bangkok airport and drugs are found in her bag. ____
 - b Bridget realizes that Jed has tricked her into smuggling drugs for him. ____
 - c Jed lends the girls money, buys them new air tickets and gives them a new bag. ____
 - d Shaz meets a man who looks like Harrison Ford on the plane to Bangkok. 1
 - e Shaz sees Jed kissing Bridget on the hotel terrace and gets very angry. ____
 - f Somebody breaks into the girls beach hut and steals all their money and things. ____
 - g The girls are staying in a horrible hotel and Bridget has a stomach upset. ____
 - h The girls travel to Koh Samui Island and Shaz starts a holiday romance with Jed. ____
 - i They change hotels and meet up with the man from the plane again. ____
- 9 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 10 on your CD/download (from Monday 1 September to 'For me?' I said) and complete the conversation with the appropriate subject or object pronoun. The first one is an example.
- 'The airline people wouldn't tell (Shaz) me what had happened,' said Shaz. '(The airline people) ¹_____ made (Shaz) ²_____ get on the plane and (the airline people) ³_____ wouldn't let (Shaz) ⁴_____ off again.'
- 'Jed was waiting at Heathrow,' said Jude. 'But someone at Bangkok Airport told (Jed) ⁵_____ (Bridget) ⁶_____ 'd got arrested. So (Jed) ⁷_____ immediately got on a plane to Dubai.'
- 'Jude and (Shaz) ⁸_____ went to the Foreign Office,' said Shaz. 'But (the Foreign Office officials) ⁹_____ weren't very helpful. So (Shaz and Jude) ¹⁰_____ called Mark and (Mark) ¹¹_____ contacted everyone (Mark) ¹²_____ knew who might help.'
- (Jude and Shaz) ¹³ '_____ heard (Bridget) ¹⁴_____ 'd been transferred to prison,' said Shaz. 'And Mark got on a plane to Dubai. (Mark) ¹⁵_____ was fantastic.'
- '(Mark) ¹⁶_____ went to Dubai? For (Bridget) ¹⁷_____?' (Bridget) ¹⁸_____ said.

- 10 Listen to Chapter 11 on your CD/download (from Friday 5 September, still to 11.45 p.m.) and complete the following extract with the key words that are stressed in the text.

6 p.m. Shazzer's flat

It can't be Mark Darcy who wants to kill me. That's _____. It _____ be _____ to do with _____. I must _____. I wish _____ would come _____. Her _____ is _____ and very _____. _____ is _____ here as _____. _____ is _____ with _____, _____ and _____.

Saturday 6 September

6 p.m. _____, _____ and _____ all _____ on _____. But I'm _____ a bit _____ now. _____ and _____ have gone _____. But I'm _____ to go _____ a _____ to _____ me.

Sunday 7 September

10 a.m. I was _____ when _____ and _____ in _____. They're _____. Ooh. _____. I'd _____ it _____ so it _____ them _____. _____! It was _____. He _____ he'd been _____ at the _____ for _____. I _____ him that it was a bit _____ in _____. 'Well, you can _____ and _____ with _____,' he _____. 'I've got _____ of _____.' Just _____, _____ over and _____ over a _____ of _____ with her _____. They _____ to the _____, _____ things into my _____. '_____', I _____. 'I'd I _____ to _____.'

11 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 12 on your CD/download (from Saturday 6 December to 'This is what she said') and match the people with their actions in the opening scene. The first one is an example.

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| 1 Bridget | a was waiting. |
| 2 Everybody | b ainted. |
| 3 Jude's father | c looked as if he was going to start laughing. |
| 4 Mark | d rushed forward. |
| 5 Rebecca | e made a speech. |
| 6 Shaz | f was performing the marriage ceremony. |
| 7 Shaz and Bridget | g arrived at the church and looked for Mark. |
| 8 Simon | h hollowed Jude down the aisle of the church. |
| 9 The vicar | i kept looking at Mark. |
| 10 Vile Richard | j went to the wedding reception. |
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