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## Tom Cruise, Katy Holmes to divorce

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Hollywood actress Katie Holmes is divorcing her actor husband Tom Cruise after nearly six years of marriage. The couple tied the knot in November 2006. They had a fairy-tale romance that included Cruise popping the question at the Eiffel Tower in Paris in June 2005. The wedding was in November 2006 at a 15th-century Italian castle. Mr Cruise's agent told the Associated Press news agency: "Kate has filed for divorce and Tom is deeply saddened and is concentrating on his three children."

Cruise, 50, and Holmes, 33, have both asked the media to respect their privacy. However, the world's press is sure to keep the story alive. They will probably focus on who gets what in the divorce settlement. There are reports that the couple had a pre-marriage agreement stating Holmes would receive their luxury California mansion and get \$3 million for every year she stayed married to Cruise. Ms Holmes has also said she will fight to keep their six-year-old daughter Suri.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom\\_cruise.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom_cruise.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. after nearly        | a. for divorce           |
| 2. The couple tied the | b. saddened              |
| 3. popping             | c. knot                  |
| 4. Kate has filed      | d. on his three children |
| 5. deeply              | e. the question          |
| 6. concentrating       | f. six years of marriage |

## Paragraph 2

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. asked the media to      | a. gets what             |
| 2. keep the story          | b. marriage agreement    |
| 3. focus on who            | c. 6-year-old daughter   |
| 4. the couple had a pre-   | d. mansion               |
| 5. their luxury California | e. respect their privacy |
| 6. fight to keep their     | f. alive                 |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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Cruise, 50, and Holmes, 33, have both asked the media to \_\_\_\_\_. However, the world's press is sure to \_\_\_\_\_. They will probably focus \_\_\_\_\_ in the divorce settlement. There are reports that the couple had a pre-marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Holmes would receive their luxury California mansion and get \$3 million \_\_\_\_\_ stayed married to Cruise. Ms Holmes has also said she \_\_\_\_\_ their six-year-old daughter Suri.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Hollywood actress Katie Holmes is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ her actor husband Tom Cruise after nearly six years of marriage. The couple tied the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in November 2006. They had a fairy-(3) \_\_\_\_\_ romance that included Cruise popping the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Eiffel Tower in Paris in June 2005. The wedding was in November 2006 at a 15th-century Italian castle. Mr Cruise's agent told the Associated Press news agency: "Kate has filed for divorce and Tom is (5) \_\_\_\_\_ saddened and is concentrating (6) \_\_\_\_\_ his three children."

Cruise, 50, and Holmes, 33, have both asked the media (7) \_\_\_\_\_ respect their privacy. However, the world's press is sure to keep the story (8) \_\_\_\_\_. They will probably focus on who gets (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the divorce settlement. There are reports that the couple had a (10) \_\_\_\_\_-marriage agreement stating Holmes would receive their (11) \_\_\_\_\_ California mansion and get \$3 million for every year she stayed married to Cruise. Ms Holmes has also said she will fight to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ their six-year-old daughter Suri.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |              |              |                |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) divorced | (b) divorce  | (c) divorcing  |
| 2.  | (a) knot     | (b) tongue   | (c) game       |
| 3.  | (a) tail     | (b) tale     | (c) tall       |
| 4.  | (a) answer   | (b) question | (c) problem    |
| 5.  | (a) deeply   | (b) widely   | (c) lengthily  |
| 6.  | (a) at       | (b) by       | (c) on         |
| 7.  | (a) at       | (b) to       | (c) by         |
| 8.  | (a) alive    | (b) life     | (c) livelihood |
| 9.  | (a) which    | (b) what     | (c) when       |
| 10. | (a) pre      | (b) per      | (c) par        |
| 11. | (a) toxic    | (b) anxious  | (c) luxury     |
| 12. | (a) divorce  | (b) grow up  | (c) keep       |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. divorcing her actor danbsuh
2. six years of greimara
3. a fairy-tale carmone
4. pgppnio the question
5. the Associated Press news acngye
6. eyedpl saddened

## Paragraph 2

7. estrpec their privacy
8. keep the story evlia
9. socfu on who gets what
10. a pre-marriage neerametg
11. uyxlur California mansion
12. their six-year-old guretadh

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom\\_cruise.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom_cruise.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) Cruise, 50, and Holmes, 33, have both asked the media to respect their
- ( ) tale romance that included Cruise popping the question at the Eiffel Tower in Paris
- ( ) nearly six years of marriage. The couple tied the knot in November 2006. They had a fairy-
- ( ) in June 2005. The wedding was in November 2006 at a 15th-century
- ( ) Cruise. Ms Holmes has also said she will fight to keep their six-year-old daughter Suri.
- ( ) mansion and get \$3 million for every year she stayed married to
- ( ) marriage agreement stating Holmes would receive their luxury California
- ( ) on who gets what in the divorce settlement. There are reports that the couple had a pre-
- ( ) divorce and Tom is deeply saddened and is concentrating on his three children."
- ( ) Italian castle. Mr Cruise's agent told the Associated Press news agency: "Kate has filed for
- ( **1** ) Hollywood actress Katie Holmes is divorcing her actor husband Tom Cruise after
- ( ) privacy. However, the world's press is sure to keep the story alive. They will probably focus

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. nearly years marriage After six of.

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2. November tied 2006 the knot The in couple.

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3. fairy a had They romance tale -.

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4. filed has Kate divorce for.

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5. three his on Concentrating children.

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6. the Asked privacy their respect to media.

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7. the story alive The world's press is sure to keep.

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8. in on the who divorce gets what Focus.

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9. Holmes mansion California luxury their receive would.

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10. she million year married 3 every stayed \$ for.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom\\_cruise.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1206/120630-tom_cruise.html)

**Write about divorce for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

[illegible]

# **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. DIVORCE:** Search the Internet and find more information about divorce. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about divorce. Include an imaginary interview with KKKKKK. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a divorce expert. Ask him/her three questions about divorce. Give him/her three of your opinions on divorce. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.