

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason

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A Before Reading

1 a Suggested answers:

Bridget is a British woman in her thirties who lives in London and works in the media. She often finds herself in embarrassing, difficult and comic situations. In the past she has often been single and under pressure to find a boyfriend and get married. Now, she has finally found her 'perfect' boyfriend, Mark Darcy. In the films she is played by Renée Zellweger.

b Students' own answers. Other famous sequels may include the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling and the *Lord of the Rings* series by J.R.R. Tolkien.

2 Correct answers:

- a The Labour Party
- b Tony Blair
- c Princess Diana
- d In a car crash in Paris

3 Correct answers:

Picture a: Bridget is having a problem with a corset she is wearing under her dress at the Law Society Dinner.

Picture b: Bridget is at the top of the ski slope but has forgotten to put her skis on.

Picture c: There is a hole in the wall of Bridget's flat and the builder has disappeared.

Picture d: Bridget is found with drugs in her bag at the airport.

B While Reading

4 a Correct answers:

Book or article?	Title (if given)	Who reads it	What it says / What it is about
Book	<i>How to Get the Love You Want / Keeping the Love You Find</i>	Bridget	<i>Don't chase men. The man must chase the woman.</i>
Book	<i>How to Date Young Women: A Guide For Men Over Thirty-Five</i>	Vile Richard	How middle-aged men can get a younger girlfriend.
Book	-	Bridget	Men really do not like being called when they are busy.
Book	<i>What Men Want</i>	Shaz	'We are not saying all men cheat. But all men do think about cheating.'
Article	-	Jude	All that girls over thirty want is to get married and have babies.
Book	-	Jude	A depressing book about women over thirty.
Book	<i>Women Who Love Too Much</i>	Jude	Detach yourself from the man and move quietly from the relationship.
Book	<i>Happy to Be Single</i>	Bridget	How to stay happy without a partner.
Book	<i>How to Find your Perfect Partner in Thirty Days</i>	Bridget	How to find a partner quickly.

b Students' own answers.

5 Students' own answers.

C After Reading

6 Students' own answers.

7 Students' own answers.