

# Unit 5 Reading Worksheet 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Read quickly and tick (✓) the topic of the article.

- a. ☐ The story of a museum.
- b. ☐ How a place helped someone be OK.
- c. ☐ A love story with a happy ending.

## A Museum for Broken Hearts

I **broke up** with Mark last summer and I was devastated. What do you do when you feel like that? I was crying and crying for days and I didn't want to leave my room. My parents were worried, but I knew it was a question of time until the **heartache** would stop. As I was crying, I was also listening to the special playlist Mark gave me once. I so badly wanted to

delete the songs but, at the same time, the collection was so **thoughtful** and romantic, I just couldn't let it go.

Then one day, my friend Sarah and I were listening to the radio. That's when we learned about the *Museum of Broken Relationships* in Los Angeles. They take keepsakes from broken relationships from all over the world and display a few in their museum, explaining the story of the object.

Sarah and I visited the museum a week after that. As I was reading about all those other relationships that ended and the reactions of other people, I didn't feel alone anymore. The collection was melancholic, but beautiful at the same time. You feel you are with others when you're looking at the objects. There's a connection with people and their

stories. I also felt there was love behind the act of **sharing** your keepsakes and letting them go.

Last month, I sent my playlist and a love letter Mark wrote to me to the museum. I don't know if they will choose to tell my story and display my objects, but I know now that I can **let go** and I can finally smile.



## 2 Read again and match the sentence halves.

1. At the beginning of her story, the author felt
2. At the end, the author felt
3. The exhibit was
4. The author's friend's name was
5. The friends found out about the museum when they were
6. The author was crying and
7. The visit to the museum gave the author
8. The author gave the playlist to

- a. a feeling of not being alone.
- b. a lot better.
- c. listening to songs.
- d. listening to the radio.
- e. depressed.
- f. sad, but not depressing.
- g. Sarah.
- h. the museum.

## Glossary

### break up:

to end a romantic relationship

### heartache:

extreme sadness

### thoughtful:

considerate, attentive, kind

**share:** to give part of what you have to others

**let go:** to liberate, to leave something behind

## Guess What!

The Museum of Broken Relationships started as an idea of two Croatian artists that broke up in 2003 and started an exhibit with their items and donations from friends. You can find out more about the museum at <https://brokenships.com>