

Reading between the lines



In the BBC One series *Secrets and words*, Jackie writes a letter to her husband John to let him know that she wants to end their relationship.

Dear John...

When I met you it felt like no one had ever been so kind to me... or so thoughtful... after mum's funeral you were always around... I remember you writing a card for me. And now you write my cheques, my letters and most of my text messages. You found me a job. You drive me everywhere. But I need it to stop now... for now, I have to find my feet. And I have to do that on my own.

Jackie x

“Reading between the lines” means looking for meaning beyond the words on the page. When we read we can often infer – or guess – extra information.

Activity Match the phrases from the letter to what Jackie is really thinking.

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... you write my cheques, my letters and most of my text messages. You found me a job. You drive me everywhere.

But I need it to stop now... for now, I have to find my feet. And I have to do that on my own.

You have taken control of my life.

I don't want this anymore, I want to be independent.

This is how I used to feel. and I don't feel like this now.