

41. Marriage & Divorce

Most people see marriage as a way of gaining personal intimacy, the continuation of a family name, the stability and regularity of home life, and financial security. That is why marriage has survived as a human institution for so long. Even though married people may have bad times within their relationships once in a while, they usually expect to have the same spouse for their entire lives. Nevertheless, despite these intentions, divorce rates are on the rise. And, inevitably, the children of divorced parents suffer enormous psychological stress. It is for that reason, in fact, that many unhappily married folk stay together. But is it always the right decision to make? Not only are they sacrificing their own happiness for "their children's well being," but maybe the kids are also unhappy in that tense situation.

Comprehension

1. Why do people get married?
2. Why do they stay married?
3. Is divorce always bad for children?

Your opinion

1. Do you like being married?
2. Do you think you can love your spouse perpetually?
3. When do married people feel the lack of freedom?
4. Why do many people prefer to stay married even though they have so many complaints about their marriage?
5. Which do you think is more important, the happiness of your children or your own?
6. Do you believe people say that they can't get a divorce because of their children?
7. If your spouse died, would you remarry?
8. What behavior from your spouse could you never forgive?