

Things to think about & Vocabulary

Love and Marriage

1. What kind of relationship do you want with your spouse's parents (in-laws)?
2. Do you think couples should discuss attitudes toward having and raising children before marriage?
3. Is religion or religious practices and customs important to you?
4. Will you raise your children (if you have them) to believe in 1 religion? If you and your spouse don't share the same religion (or no religion) what will your children be taught or raised?
5. Do you think finances should be combined in a first marriage?
6. Do you want your own "mad money" to spend as you like without consulting your spouse?
7. Would discovering your partner had or is having an extra-marital affair (cheating), would you try to work it out or would you end the marriage?

VOCABULARY

Offspring = the children of a couple

"Chat up" = Seems to be a UK term meaning to talk in a way to persuade someone. For example, a girl might say that she met a guy at a bar who was trying to "chat her up" – to persuade her to go out with him. More and more being used in the US as well.

"Prospective in-laws" = potential future parents of the other partner

Stats = statistics, information

Crucially = essential; necessary; important

Urban = in reference to the city (opposite suburban (countryside))

Intense = strong; powerful

Matchmakers = those who find partners for 2 people to get married who are a "match" for each other.

"Stumbling block" = something preventing you from doing something

Gratification = satisfaction; fulfilled

Bliss = happiness; contentment

Census bureau = agency that counts the population (every 10 years)

Snapshot = in this case, a fact taken from a study

Dispersed = spread out – not concentrated

Urban = in reference to the city (opposite □ **suburban** (countryside))

Enclaves = areas; regions

Stigmatized = branded; made to stand out and apart. Also, the word stigmata refers to the spots on the hands of Jesus where he was crucified.

Taboo = forbidden; offensive

Frowned = not approved of □ A frown is when you wrinkle your forehead in disapproval.

Distress = painful; difficult; anxious; pressured

Homophobia = an irrational, exaggerated fear or prejudice against gays

phobia = from “phobos” Greek for fear.

aquaphobia = fear of water

xenophobia = fear of foreigners

Pervert = unnatural; negative meaning usually referring to unusual or very different sexual conduct.

Gravitate = concentrate; gather together; attracted to