

Vocabulary

to marry smb	одружитись з кимось
to get married	одружитись
to be married to smb	бути одруженим з кимось
marriage	шлюб
traditional	традиційний
single-sex marriage	одностатевий
arranged	сосватаний
marriage of convenience	шлюб за розрахунком
common-law marriage	цивільний шлюб
civil ceremony	розпис у РАКСі
Registry office	РАКС
to be engaged	бути зарученим
to get engaged	заручитись
engagement	заручини
fiancé	наречений
fiancée	наречена
bachelor / single	холостяк/одинак
spinster	стара діва
prenuptial agreement	шлюбний контракт
love match	союз з любові
couple	пара (одружені або живуть разом)
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Text 1. Marriage

Marriage is a thing which only a rare person in his or her life avoids. Beliefs, diet, and languages vary greatly, but the desire people have to share their lives with another seems universal. True bachelors and spinsters make only a small percent of the population; most single people are “alone but not lonely”.

Millions of others get married because of the fun of family life. And it is fun, if one takes it with a sense of humour.

There’s a lot of fun in falling in love with someone and chasing the prospective fiancée, which means dating and going out with the candidate. All the relatives (parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, stepmothers and stepfathers and all in-laws) meanwhile have the fun of criticizing your choice and giving advice. The trick here is not to listen to them but to propose to your bride-to-be and somehow get her to accept your proposal. Then you may arrange the engagement and fix the day of wedding.

What fun it is to get all those things, whose names start with the word “wedding” – dress, rings, cars, flowers, cakes, etc. It’s great fun to pay for them.

It’s fun for the bride and the groom to escape from the guests and to go on a honeymoon trip, especially if it is a wedding present from the parents. The guests remain with the fun of gossiping whether you married for love or for money.

It’s fun to return back home with the idea that the person you are married to is somewhat different from the one you knew. But there is no time to think about it because you are newly-weds and you expect a baby.

There is no better fun for a husband than taking his wife to a maternity home alone and bringing her back with the twins or triplets.

And this is where the greatest fun starts: changing the new-born's pampers and passing away sleepless nights, earning money to keep the family, taking children to kindergarten and later to school. But all means it's fun to attend parents' meetings and to learn that your children take after you and don't do well at school.

The bigger your children grow, the more they resemble you outwardly and the less they display likeness with you inwardly. And you start grumbling at them and discussing with your old friends the problem of the "generation gap". What fun!

And when at last you and your grey-haired spouse start thinking that your family life has calmed down, you haven't divorced but preserved your union, the climax of your fun bursts out!

One of your dearest offsprings brings a long-legged blonde to your house and says that he wants to marry. And you think: "Why do people ever get married?"

Sort texts 2.

Love and Dating

Dating practices vary from culture to culture, but before people get married, they usually date or go out together for a period of time to see if they are compatible. Some people enjoy going out on group dates with a number of friends so they feel less pressure and stress of trying to impress the other person. Other people go on blind dates, that is, going out with a person that you've never met. In either case, most singles try to date people with whom you have similar interests and values. If you have things in common, you're more likely to enjoy each other's company. However, be careful when dating because people sometimes don't show their true colors on the first, second, or fifteenth date. Furthermore, although finding dates online has become very popular, it's difficult to get to know someone through email or online. Meeting people in person along with a few friends is probably a safe way to get to know others.

What qualities do you look for in an ideal partner? Explain your reasons.

Many online dating Website offer services which you can use to find people with similar interests. Would you personally use such a site to find someone to date? Why or why not? What are some advantages to using such services, and what possible dangers can exist?

Getting married

Getting married can be exciting and nerve-racking at the same time. There is so much planning to do for the wedding. When people get engaged, the couple often goes to a jewelry shop to pick out rings. The woman sometimes will wear an engagement ring, and wedding rings are exchanged at the wedding ceremony. The couple will also choose where the ceremony and wedding reception take place. The ceremony is often held in a church, but some people choose to get married in other settings such as a park, near a waterfall, or in a family's backyard. Traditionally, the couple will wear formal attire like a white wedding dress and a white tuxedo, but these fashions are changing. The wedding is sometimes performed by a religious leader like a minister, and the couple exchanges wedding vows, which are like promises they make to each other. After the wedding, some couples have a reception where families and friends talk, dance, and eat. Of course, marriage customs might be different from country to country.

Describe a typical wedding ceremony in your country? What things take place during the wedding and reception? What gifts are exchanged, if any, between the couple and family and friends?

Let's suppose you have a budget of only \$5,000 to spend on your wedding and reception for about 50 people (e.g., wedding dress and formal wear for family and friends participating in the ceremony, photography, wedding/reception hall, flowers, food, invitations, wedding cake, entertainment, etc.). Use the Internet to looking up the costs for these items. You might need to be creative in your spending to save money.

Planning Honeymoon Trip

My fiancée and I are now planning our honeymoon trip because we are getting married in two months. However, we haven't decided on a specific honeymoon trip because there are so many options. First of all, my fiancée wants to visit Europe on our honeymoon, and she thinks it would be romantic traveling to different countries by train for a couple of weeks. She also thinks going on a honeymoon cruise to Hawaii would be a fun way to spend our vacation together. Personally, I'd rather spend a few weeks backpacking through Mexico or South America and visiting famous historical sites. No matter what we do, we have to carefully budget our money to cover travel and meal expenses because money doesn't grow on trees once you are married.

What is your image of the ideal honeymoon? Where would you go and what would you do there?

Let's suppose that you have \$2,000 dollars to spend on a honeymoon. Search the Internet to plan the ideal one-week honeymoon of your dreams. This money should cover all your expenses including domestic and international transportation, lodging, meals, souvenirs, and other incidental expenses, but you are not required to use all of it. Discuss your plan with a partner.

Raising Children

Having children is one thing; raising them for the next twenty years or more is something completely different. My wife and I decided to have a baby years ago, but we didn't realize it would turn into a teenager and then an adult so quickly. Actually, when children are very small, you need to take care of their daily needs: you need to feed them, dress them, change their diapers, clean up their messes, and put them to bed. As children get a little older, you still have to give them daily attention by reading to them, telling them stories, playing games with them, and consoling them when they get hurt. As they enter the teenage years, children need more, not less, interaction with parents in a different way. Being a teenager can be a challenging time for children because they are trying to figure out who they are and their role in the family. As parents, this is a time when you help children develop independence but also make careful and wise choices about what they do and with whom they associate. Teaching strong family values from a very young age will help children develop patterns of behavior that they will need for the rest of their lives. Raising children is much harder than it looks, but with patience and hope, children can mature into very emotionally-secure adults.

What is your image of the ideal parent? What can parents do to help their children mature and make careful decisions? What do some parents do that can alienate? Describe your years growing up and your interaction with your parents and siblings.

Raising successful children requires a lot of patience, practice, and some luck. Search the Internet and find at least five specific tips on raising children. Are there certain parenting tips that are culturally

specific? In other words, are there tips for raising children that might work in one culture, but not be effective or appropriate in another?

Getting Divorced

When people get married, they often do not realize and understand the challenges they will face in the future, but is divorce court the only solution when marital problems occur? Such challenges can include medical, financial, or psychological problems that surface at some point in a marriage. The question *isn't* whether or not we will face stress in a relationship; rather, it's *how* we will deal with stress and problems *when* they knock at our doorstep. Seeking a divorce at the first signs of stress isn't the only solution, especially if you have realistic expectations at the beginning of a relationship. First of all, when problems arise, the first thing to do is to communicate openly with your partner in a very concerned, non-judgemental way. More problems in a marriage occur because of selfishness than any other factor. Don't blame one another, but carefully analyze the situation and work together to resolve concerns. Second, because some marital problems arise due to financial problems, create a budget on how you will save and spend your money. Don't overextend yourself with credit. Only spend what you have rather than using credit cards. Third, consult with a marriage counselor or therapist to help you resolve problems. If people really love each other, they will do whatever it takes to preserve their marriage instead of seeking a quick divorce.

What do you think are some of the main causes of marital problems and discord? What can couples do to prevent, minimize, and resolve such issues? Under what conditions, if any, should divorce be considered an option? What impact can divorce have on children? Is divorce legal in your country and under what conditions is it permitted?

Getting a divorce can be a difficult process, both financially and emotionally. However, if considered, what is the legal process for getting a divorce? How much are legal and court fees to get a divorce in your area? Search online for information about these questions, as well as any advice on the topic.

Generation gap

Generation gap is a term popularized in the West during the 1960s, a time when a great gulf opened up between young people and their parents. These differences extended to music, fashion, and politics. At this time, the young people disagreed with and rebelled against what society called "normal."

The generations of today have been neatly classified, complete with stereotyped personalities, interests, and viewpoints. **Generation X** represents children born between the early 1960s and the late 1970s. The people here are often called cynical. **Generation Y** was born between 1978 and 1994, and have been called selfish and self-centered.

Millennials are the generation who reached adulthood around the year 2000. Millennials strongly believe that "people need a certain amount of down time and a certain amount of vacation" in order to be happy at home and at work. They advocate the concept of **work-life balance**

There are also **the Baby Boomers**, who grew up after World War II.

Digital Natives comprise the newest generation, and have grown up side-by-side with the Internet and instant communication.

Fathers Learn to Balance Parenting, Work

VOA (fathers_parenting– audio mp3)

Raising children has traditionally been a mother's role. But modern sociology says a father's role in children's development is also important. Children abandoned and neglected by their fathers do not succeed as well as children in families where both parents are involved. An organization outside of Washington, DC offers a workshop that helps men become better fathers.

In Hurlock, Maryland, at a place called River House, an American-Russian church community is running a **retreat** for fathers.

Here fathers can get parental advice and have a chance to practice it on the spot – right away. Businessman Pavel Katsevenko from Hagerstown, Maryland says coming to the retreat has been a good opportunity to spend quality time with his son.

"It is very difficult to combine work with family. And we, fathers, have gathered today to discuss it. Many think that mother has to be with kids mostly, but I think when father is not involved, it leads to problems."

The program at River House is also open to children who don't have fathers in their lives. For them, the program is an opportunity to interact with male role models. Family counselors also come to River House to see what practices work best in real life.

Chris Brigham bought the River House five years ago with the idea to help fathers become better parents.

"We bought this place in 2010 with that purpose and in 2011 we actually started serving those ministries in the community. The communities we've served since we've had the River House is Washington, DC, Baltimore, Wilmington and then some communities on the Eastern Shore."

Program organizer Victor Visotski is a pastor of the New Life Russian Church in Virginia. He says that for boys, father is the first teacher.

"It is very important for a father to be in his son's life. The son is going his father's path and learns from him. And the gathering in men's retreat is a great opportunity to relax in this nature and think about how to improve my relations with my wife, how to become a better example for my son."

Mr. Visotski adds that the father's role in a daughter's life is as important as his role in his son's life.

"Girl's love for the opposite sex begins with her love to her father. Her father is the first man she loves, she admires. A father for a daughter is a hero. It is important that the father was faithful to his wife, to create a family filled with love, because your daughter observes all these closely."

Mr. Visotski says a father must take his duties as a parent as seriously as his career. Setting aside quality time to spend with his child is a good start.

DIALOGUE

First Date

Girl: He's here. Bye Dad.

Dad: Wait, wait, wait . . . Where are you going?

Girl: Dad. I've already told mom. I'm going out tonight.

Dad: Who with? You mean you're going on a date?

Girl: Yeah. Mom met Dirk yesterday. [*Dirk!?*] He's sooo cool. We're going on a double-date with Cindy and Evan.

Dad: Dirk.

Girl: I have to go.

Dad: Wait, wait. I want to meet this guy.

Girl: He's waiting for me.

Dad: Well, so what are you going to do tonight? Going to the library?

Girl: Dad! We're going out to eat, and then we're going to catch a movie.

Dad: What movie and what is it rated?

Girl: It's a science fiction thriller called . . . well, I don't know what it is called, but it's rated PG (parental guidance).

Dad: And where's the movie showing?

Girl: Down at the Campus Plaza Movie Theater.

Dad: Hey, I was thinking about seeing a movie down there tonight, too.

Girl: Ah, Dad.

Dad: Hey, Let me meet that guy.

[*Father looks out the living room window . . .*

Hey, that guy has a moustache!

Girl: Dad. That's not Dirk. That's his older brother. He's taking us there! Can I go now?

Dad: Well . . .

Girl: Mom said I could, and mom knows his parents.

Dad: Well . . .

Girl: Dad.

Dad: Okay, but be home by 8:00.

Girl: Eight!?! The movie doesn't start until 7:30. Come on, Dad.

Dad: Okay. Be back by 11:00.

Girl: Love you, Dad.

Dad: Love you, too.

Girl: Bye.

Dad:Bye.

- **cool** (*adjective*): someone who is good-looking or attractive
 - She thinks the guy is really cool, but she doesn't know him like I do.
- **PG** (*noun*): parental guidance
 - My PG your Website by making it easier to navigate.
- **come on** (*phrasal verb*): used to express that something said is unreasonable
 - Come on, Mom. You can't expect me clean up my room before I go out tonight, can you? .

DISCUSSION

MARRIAGE

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'marriage'?
- 2) Is marriage different today than it was a hundred years ago?
- 3) Are there any rules to marriage?
- 4) What would the world be like if there was no marriage?
- 5) What is important in a marriage?
- 6) Is your idea of marriage different now compared to when you were a child?
- 7) Is it OK to live together before marriage?
- 8) What do you think of bigamy and polygamy?
- 9) Do you think there is anything scary about marriage?
- 10) Why do so many marriages go wrong?

WEDDINGS

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'weddings'?
- 2) Are weddings important?
- 3) What kind of weddings do you think are best?
- 4) Do you wish you could go to more weddings?
- 5) Why do many people not like weddings?
- 6) Do you think it's easy or difficult to plan your own wedding?
- 7) What's the best and worst wedding you've ever been to?
- 8) What are the best and worst things about weddings?
- 9) Do you think weddings in other countries are better than those in your country?
- 10) Do you think your wedding is the happiest day of your life?

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Do you like weddings?
- 2) What kind of wedding would you like (have liked)?
- 3) Which celebrity wedding would you really like to go to?
- 4) What do you think of royal weddings?
- 5) What do people getting married in your culture promise each other in a wedding?
- 6) In your country, do people have to invite people they don't like to their wedding?
- 7) What is the best part of a wedding: the ceremony, the vows, or the reception?
- 8) Do you think that one day, weddings will become a thing of the past?
- 9) What do you think of alternative weddings such as underwater weddings or weddings on the wing of a flying airplane?
- 10) What three adjectives would you use to describe weddings?

I.

1. Він має близнюків від першого шлюбу, і його нова дружина скоро народить дитину.
2. Ці близнюки народилися у 2004 році.

3. Їхня мати розлучилася з чоловіком, тому що він не кохав а ні її, а ні дітей.
4. Зараз вона виховує їх сама.
5. Її двоюрідна сестра працює в дитячому садку і допомагає їй доглядати її племінників.
6. Її наречений – вродливий молодий чоловік грецького походження.
7. Мої тітка з дядьком зустрілися та одружилися в рідному селі. Тоді вони були студентами технікуму.
8. Згодом вони переїхали до нашого міста.
9. Дядько почав працювати механіком в приватному підприємстві, а тітка вступила до педагогічного університету.
10. Племінник Барбари збирається одружитися з 25-річною вдовою з трійнятами.
11. Її пращури приїхали в Канаду з України.
12. Їхній шлюб за рахунком протривав два роки, потім вони розлучилися.

II.

1. Ця дівчинка потрапила до названих батьків з дитячого притулку.
2. Його пращури були фермерами, тому він добре знає, що на фермі треба перцювати з ранку до вечора.
3. Наречена почувалася щасливою, сповненою радості, у піднесеному настрої.
4. Ви бачили мого дідуся? Він тільки виглядає старим та слабким.
5. Звичайно, він вже на пенсії. Але він сильний та енергійний.
6. Він ходить до басейну та грає в теніс кожного тижня з людьми, молодшими за нього.
7. Нажаль, він зараз вдівець. Наша бабуся померла рік тому. Ми його єдині родичі.
8. Я люблю його та поважаю. Він допомагає мені отримати вищу освіту. Він платить за моє навчання.
9. Сестра мого чоловіка вчора одружилися. Вони гуляли (мали) весілля в маленькому ресторані, де були тільки близькі родичі, дружко з дружкою та найкращі друзі.
10. Сьогодні вранці вони поїхали у медовий місяць до Криму, якщо я не помиляюсь.
11. Молоде подружжя має будувати свої відносини на базі довіри, любові та відповідальності за свою маленьку родину. Подивись, скільки людей розлучаються через помилки, яких вони могли б уникнути (could have avoided) від самого початку.