

Unit 7: Relationships, Lesson B

Before you watch

A Complete the sentences with the expressions in the box. There is one extra expression.

back and forth	sooner or later
give-and-take	stop and think
pick and choose	success or failure
slowly but surely	

1. I believe that everyone should _____ before they decide to get married. Too many people rush into marriage without really considering what they are doing.
2. Figuring out a relationship can be hard. You have to _____ work through the little issues as they come up. I mean you can't solve everything all at one time.
3. You can't just _____ the things about your partner that you love. I believe you should love and accept every part of the other person, not just the parts you like.
4. Just like marriage, having children involves a lot of _____. One person doesn't simply get what they want all the time. You have to learn to help each other out and both sacrifice for the good of the family.
5. I think money will always become a problem _____, so it is best to talk about it early and often in relationships. If you wait, the problems will just be worse.
6. I think that good communication is really the thing that can mean the _____ of a marriage. Couples who communicate well will do well; couples who can't communicate won't.

While you watch

A Watch the video. Then, put the topics in the order they are mentioned.

- ___ compromising
- ___ discussing important issues
- ___ divorce rates
- ___ long work weeks
- ___ resolving differences
- ___ spending money

B Watch the video. Circle the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. Everyone is ___ reading the divorce statistics.
a. sick and tired of b. happy to be c. slowly but surely
2. In many Western countries, around ___ of marriages end in divorce.
a. sixty percent b. forty percent c. eighty percent
3. Many couples ___ important issues before the wedding.
a. fail to discuss b. talk about c. ignore
4. If couples talked about things more before they got married, they would save _____.
a. money b. themselves from getting married c. pain and suffering

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5. Money will become a problem in every marriage _____.
a. right after the wedding b. slowly but surely c. sooner or later
6. Couples need to agree on _____.
a. how much to spend on an apartment
b. how much to spend on children
c. how much they will spend and their financial goals
7. Couples need to be honest about _____.
a. how many hours a week they intend to work
b. how much money they will make
c. who will work and who will not work
8. Couples need to discuss if they would ____ because of work.
a. get a divorce b. wait to have children c. move to another city
9. Every marriage has its _____.
a. problems b. ups and downs c. happy times
10. How you resolve problems is ____ to the success of a marriage.
a. critical b. not important at all c. something that only matters a little

After you watch

A Do you agree or disagree with the opinions presented in the article? Write a few sentences about the topics mentioned.

1. Money

2. Work

3. Conflicts

B What issues do you feel are most important for couples to discuss and agree upon? Why? Write a paragraph about the things couples should discuss and agree upon.
