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| **LOVE AND ROMANCE**  What does it mean to be romantic?  Do you agree with the following statements?   * Some races or nationalities are a lot more romantic than others. * Being head over heels in love is the best feeling in the world. * People talk about being in love too much. * The best part of being with a new boyfriend / girlfriend is the first few weeks. * Who needs romance? It’s too expensive. * Being in love makes us do crazy things. * Red roses and candlelit dinners are very important. * I wish people were more romantic.   **Vocabulary:**  **Beginning Relationships**  crush ask sight courage blind  If you have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on someone, then you have to work up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them out. You might also ask a friend to arrange a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date. If you are lucky, it will be love at first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  **Dating**  romantic falls on along know seeing  When couples go \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a date, they usually go to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurant or café where they can get to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ each other better. When you start dating somebody regularly, we say that you are '\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_' somebody. If you get\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ really well then you might become a couple. Sometimes, one person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in love, which means they start to have strong feelings for the other person.  **Love and Marriage**  wedding proposes engaged vows ring asks  When couples go out for a long time, they may decide to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . One partner, usually the man, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When he proposes, he usually gives the woman a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her to marry him. They invite their friends and family to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where they say their wedding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  **Ending Relationships**  Apart divorced break argue heartbroken over  Sometimes couples start to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over everything. Other couples just grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And so, sometimes, couples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up. If they are married, they get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. However, when couples split apart, often one person is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In that case, the person will need some time to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the relationship. |

**Conversation**

1. What qualities are most important to you in a partner?

2. If somebody cheats on his or her partner, should they tell him or her? Why or why not?

3. Would you move to a place far from your family and friends to be with the person you loved?

4. Is it common for couples to live together before marriage in your country?

5. Would you continue to date someone you really liked if your parents did not like this person?

6. Do you know anyone who has had an arranged marriage? Do you think marriages based on love are more successful than those that are arranged?

7. Have you or anyone you've known ever met someone over the Internet? Do you think that these types of relationships can be successful? Why or why not?

8. (TO A GIRL) Would you ask a man out? Why or why not? 9. (TO A GUY) Would you like it if a woman asked you out? Why or why not?

10. Do women usually work after getting married in your country? Why or why not?

11. Why do so many marriages end in divorce?

12. Is it important to have the same preferences, e.g to have compatible sleeping habits? Do you have similar tastes in TV shows and movies? Do you have a similar idea of spending freetime?

13. How does one‘s life change once they are married?

14. What are some advantages of being married? What are advantages of being single?

**Quotations**

Which two quotations come closest to your attitudes?

1. “By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you’ll become happy; if you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.” —Socrates (470–339 B.C.E.), Greek philosopher

2. “Man’s best possession is a sympathetic wife.” —Euripides (480–406 B.C.E.), playwright

3. “Marriage is a great institution, but I’m not ready for an institution.” —Mae West (1892–1980), American actress

4. “Love is the ideal thing, marriage a real thing; a confusion of the real with the ideal never goes unpunished.” Goethe (1749–1832), German poet, novelist, and scientist

5. “No matter who you get married to, you wake up married to somebody else.” —Marlon Brando in Guys and Dolls (1955)

6. “Second marriage: the triumph of hope over experience.” —Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709–1784), English writer

7. “A successful marriage is not a gift; it is an achievement.” —Ann Landers (1918–2002), American advice columnist