

## Love and Marriage

Complete the following statements. When you are finished, compare answers with another student.

1. When I fall in love, ...
2. I'm attracted to people ...
3. I won't go out with anyone who ...
4. A relationship is no longer stable (=vakaa) when ...
5. What I respect most about my best friend is ...
6. I don't get along with ...
7. When two people become a couple, ...
8. For me, a romantic evening includes ...
9. Most marriages break up because ...
10. Many women accept a man's proposal (=kosinta) because ...

Together with one or two partners, make up a story. The first person uses one of the words below to begin the story. The next person must use another word to continue the story, and so on. Every person must use a different word to make up a part of the story. The story is finished when it has a logical ending and when all the words have been used up.

couple   romantic   proposal   respect   be attracted to (=olla kiintynyt)  
break up   go out with   stable   get along   fall in love

Put the following events (=tapahtumat) in the order in which they usually occur.

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| a. They get engaged.                   | _____ | h. They make up.      | _____ |
| b. They fall in love.                  | _____ | i. Two people meet.   | _____ |
| c. They are attracted to each other.   | _____ | j. They get divorced. | _____ |
| d. They start seeing each other again. | _____ | k. They get married.  | _____ |
| e. They go out.                        | _____ | l. They separate.     | _____ |
| f. They go together for a year.        | _____ | m. They break up.     | _____ |
| g. He asks her out.                    | _____ | n. He proposes.       | _____ |

Make a list of the qualities (=ominaisuudet) you think a good wife has and the qualities you think a good husband has. Then compare your list with other students.

Discuss marriage in your culture.

- At what age do most women get married? What about men?
- Are parents involved in helping their children find a husband or wife? How?
- Is marriage considered important in your culture? Why?
- In the traditional American wedding, the bride wears a white gown. What does the bride wear in a traditional ceremony in your culture? What does the groom wear?
- What happens before the wedding ceremony? What happens during the ceremony? What happens at the celebration after the ceremony?
- What is the secret of a happy marriage?