



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

* give their opinion on whether it's better to stay single or get married, and give their advantages and disadvantages.



Dialogue

A: Don't you think it's better to stay single than get married?

B: There are so many different motives for marriage that it's impossible to generalize about why people prefer married to single status.

A: Rubbish! It must be possible to compare living together with someone to living on your own. What about the question of independence?

B: But you don't seem to realize that many married people live totally independent lives.

A: That may be so, but for most people the whole point of marriage is to live together and possibly to raise a family.

B: In that case, it's obvious that children are a commitment for life. I guess that many single people have different priorities.

A: Surely, there's more to marriage than having children.

B: If you're talking about the religious or security aspects of getting married, the divorce rate is so high in Britain that this doesn't seem to be relevant any more. Why not just stay single. You can still live together with other people for as long as you find them compatible.



Vocabulary



marriage



priorities

Let's Talk



1. Are you for or against trial marriages, i.e. living together outside marriage, to test your compatibility?
2. Do you think that marriage should be for life? Should divorce be made easier or more difficult?
3. Why do you think that the divorce rate has become so high in many countries?
4. Is it better to marry someone of approximately the same age? Should the man be older than the woman?
5. How important is the religious aspect of marriage to you? Which aspects are more important, if any?
6. Should it be legal to marry more than one partner at the same time?
7. Should it be legal to marry someone of the same sex? Should marriages between gay and lesbian partners be recognized by the church?