

# Marriage Conversation Questions

## Warm-up Task:

Which qualities are important in a good husband or wife? Choose three and explain why: kindness, honesty, loyalty, good looks, health, ambition, a sense of humor, romance, *something else*?

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you know many happily married couples? How do they stay happy?
2. How important is marriage in your culture? Can people easily choose not to marry? Where does social pressure to marry come from?
3. At what age do people usually get married in your country? What do you think is a good age to marry?
4. Is it a good idea to date a few different people before getting married? How important is it to gain experience?
5. What's the best way to find a potential wife or husband?
6. Do you believe in *soul mates*? Are you looking for *the one*?
7. What are the pros and cons of international marriage? Would you marry someone from another country?
8. What do you think about living together before marriage? What are the advantages and disadvantages of doing so?
9. In your country, are weddings fun events? What do people usually do at weddings?
10. What kinds of wedding gifts do people give in your culture?
11. How long should a couple know each other before getting married? How soon is too soon?
12. Is it important to get along with your *in-laws*? Why or why not?
13. Is divorce common in your country? How do people think about divorce? For example, is it a source of shame?
14. In many countries, the divorce rate has increased over the past few decades. Why do you think this is?
15. Are arguments normal between married couples? How much fighting is too much?
16. How do you feel about *arranged marriages*? Could you let your parents pick your partner?
17. Same-sex marriage has become possible in some countries. How do you feel about this issue?
18. There is an expression in English: "behind every great man, there's a great woman". What does this mean to you? Do you agree?
19. Do you think husbands and wives have different responsibilities according to their gender? Give some examples if you think so.
20. Do you know any *househusbands*? If you are a man, would you like to be a househusband?

