

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Marriage is forever. "Until death do us part". At least that's what people promise at the altar when they say "I do". World Marriage Day (WMD) is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think about their marriage and perhaps renew their own vows of faithfulness and love. It is quite surprising this day does not have a higher profile in the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important social bond in our lives. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." In 1993, Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues to grow every year.

Marriage is under threat today. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many couples are choosing not to marry at all. In the developed world, people are leaving it later and later to marry, or are deciding to stay single. So why do people get married? They want to show their lifelong commitment to the partner they love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is the natural thing to do. One rather strange reason people often give for getting married is financial security. There are so many different and difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still wondering what to do about same sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I suppose every marriage is different.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Until death | a. bond in our lives |
| 2. renew their own vows | b. married life |
| 3. surprising this day does not | c. of faithfulness |
| 4. the most important social | d. do us part |
| 5. ... the family, the basic | e. have a higher profile |
| 6. joy in daily | f. unit of society |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Marriage is under | a. later to marry |
| 2. More and more marriages | b. sex marriages |
| 3. people are leaving it later and | c. to the partner they love |
| 4. show their lifelong commitment | d. threat today |
| 5. For most people, it is | e. are ending in divorce |
| 6. wondering what to do about same | f. the natural thing to do |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Marriage is forever. "Until _____". At least that's what people promise at the altar when they say "I do". World Marriage Day (WMD) is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think about their marriage and perhaps _____ vows of faithfulness and love. It is quite surprising this day does not have a _____ the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important social _____. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, _____ society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." In 1993, Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues _____.

Marriage is _____. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many couples are choosing not to marry at all. In the developed world, people are _____ and later to marry, or are deciding to stay single. So why do people get married? They _____ lifelong commitment to the partner they love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is _____ to do. One rather strange reason people often give for getting married _____. There are so many different and difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still wondering _____ same sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I suppose every marriage is different.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Marriage is forever. "Until death do us _____". At least that's what people promise at the _____ when they say "I do". World Marriage Day (WMD) is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think about their marriage and perhaps _____ their own vows of faithfulness and love. It is quite surprising this day does not have a higher _____ in the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important social _____ in our lives. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic _____ of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in _____ married life." In 1993, Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues to _____ every year.

daily
renew
profile
grow
part
bond
unit
altar

Marriage is under _____ today. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many _____ are choosing not to marry at all. In the developed world, people are leaving it later and later to marry, or are deciding to stay _____. So why do people get married? They want to show their _____ commitment to the partner they love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is the natural _____ to do. One rather strange reason people often give for getting married is financial _____. There are so many different and difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still _____ what to do about same sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I _____ every marriage is different.

thing
single
suppose
threat
wondering
lifelong
security
couples

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Marriage is forever. "Until *dying / death* do us part". At least that's what people promise at the altar when they say "I *do / suppose*". World Marriage Day (WMD) is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think about their *married / marriage* and perhaps renew their own *vows / vowed* of faithfulness and love. It is quite *surprising / surprises* this day does not have a higher profile in the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important *socially / social* bond in our lives. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the *basically / basic* unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." In 1993, Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues to *growing / grow* every year.

Marriage is under *treat / threat* today. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many couples are *chosen / choosing* not to marry at all. In the developed world, people are leaving it later and *earlier / later* to marry, or are deciding to stay single. So why do people get married? They want to show their lifelong *commit / commitment* to the partner they love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is the *natural / naturally* thing to do. One rather strange reason people often give for getting married is *financial / financially* security. There are so many different and difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still *wandering / wondering* what to do about same sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I suppose every marriage is *different / difference*.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Marriage is forever. "Until (1) _____ do us part". At least that's what people promise at the altar when they say "I do". World Marriage Day (WMD) is (2) _____ on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think about their marriage and perhaps (3) _____ their own vows of faithfulness and love. It is quite surprising this day does not have a higher profile in the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important (4) _____ bond in our lives. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the (5) _____ unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." In 1993, Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues to (6) _____ every year.

Marriage is (7) _____ threat today. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many couples are choosing not to marry at (8) _____. In the developed world, people are leaving it later and later to marry, or are deciding to stay single. So why do people get married? They want to show their (9) _____ commitment to the partner they love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is the (10) _____ thing to do. One rather strange reason people often give for getting married is financial security. There are so (11) _____ different and difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still wondering what to do about same sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I suppose every marriage is (12) _____.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) deathly | (b) deathlike | (c) death | (d) deaths |
| 2. | (a) celebration | (b) celebrated | (c) celebrates | (d) celebratory |
| 3. | (a) new | (b) newly | (c) newness | (d) renew |
| 4. | (a) social | (b) socially | (c) socialite | (d) socials |
| 5. | (a) basically | (b) basics | (c) basil | (d) basic |
| 6. | (a) growth | (b) grown | (c) grow | (d) grew |
| 7. | (a) over | (b) under | (c) after | (d) before |
| 8. | (a) every | (b) each | (c) all | (d) whole |
| 9. | (a) living | (b) life | (c) lived | (d) lifelong |
| 10. | (a) naturally | (b) natural | (c) naturalness | (d) nature |
| 11. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) most | (d) mostly |
| 12. | (a) different | (b) differs | (c) difference | (d) differed |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. Marriage is foerrv
2. smropie at the altar
3. have a higher erpliof
4. the basic tuni of so
5. ifcseair and joy
6. It iutsocenn to grow

Paragraph 2

7. Marriage is under atreht today
8. ending in ciroedv
9. illofneg commitment
10. the alarutn thing to do
11. financial stycrue
12. still ognreiwnd

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () lives. The WMD website says: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic
- () strange reason people often give for getting married is financial security. There are so many different and
- () about their marriage and perhaps renew their own vows of faithfulness and love. It is quite surprising this day
- () unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life." In 1993,
- () Pope John Paul II gave his support for WMD. It continues to grow every year.
- () difficult issues surrounding marriage. Societies are still wondering what to do about same
- () do". World Marriage Day (WMD) is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It is for people to think
- () not to marry at all. In the developed world, people are leaving it later and later to marry, or are deciding to stay
- () love or they believe children should have married parents. For most people, it is the natural thing to do. One rather
- () sex marriages and in some countries, polygamous marriages. I suppose every marriage is different.
- () does not have a higher profile in the world. After all, marriage is perhaps the most important social bond in our
- (**1**) Marriage is forever. "Until death do us part". At least that's what people promise at the altar when they say "I
- () single. So why do people get married? They want to show their lifelong commitment to the partner they
- () Marriage is under threat today. More and more marriages are ending in divorce and many couples are choosing

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. that's people at altar what promise the

2. to It think is about for their people marriage

3. not have a higher profile in the world this day does

4. the lives our in bond social important most

5. every grow to continues It year

6. in ending are marriages more and More divorce

7. not many to couples marry are at choosing all

8. commitment want show lifelong They to their

9. thing to do For most people , it is the natural

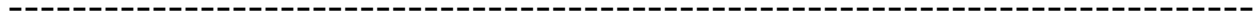
10. is marriage every suppose I different

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE WORLD MARRIAGE DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Marriage Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about World Marriage Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Marriage Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about World Marriage Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.