

The legend

- One legend says that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those married, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. And Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death, which probably occurred around 270 A.D. According to another legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young girl, his jailor's daughter, who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Legends usually says that Valentine was a sympathetic, heroic, and romantic person. In the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Love

- Go out together
- Dove
- Purity
- Fall for
- Crash into
- Fall out
- Make it up
- Go dating
- Look through rose-coloured spectacles
- Mutual understanding



- Where did the tradition to celebrate Saint Valentine's Day come from?
- Do you celebrate this festival? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever received a Valentine's card?
- Have you ever given to someone a Valentine's card?
- Have you ever fallen in love?
- How can you describe this feeling?
- Do you believe in love at first sight?
- Do you believe in eternal love?

Marriage

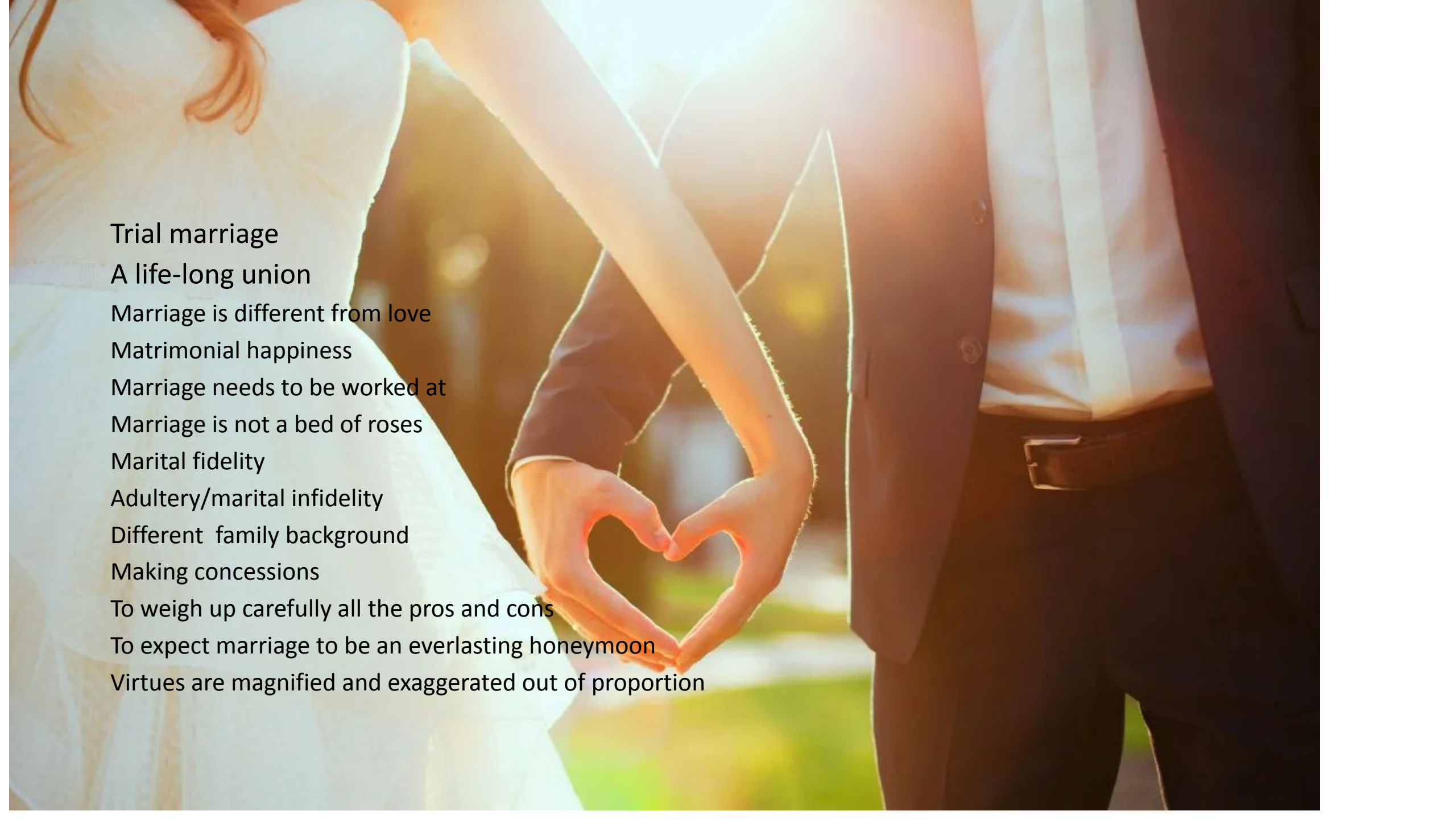
- Financial security
- Passionate attachment
- Comradely affection
- Cultural similarities
- Intellectual compatibility
- Marital success
- Marriage of convenience
- Marriage for money
- A spouse
- Marriage of love
- Hurry into marriage





- What is the best place to propose?
- Why don't some girls hurry into marriage nowadays ?
- Should parental advice be taken into consideration when choosing a partner?
- What qualities are important for a spouse?
- What are the reasons for divorces?
- Is financial security important for marriage?



A romantic scene featuring a bride and groom. The bride, on the left, wears a white wedding dress. The groom, on the right, wears a dark suit with a white shirt and a light-colored tie. They are holding hands, with their fingers interlaced to form a heart shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow light filtering through. The overall mood is tender and celebratory.

Trial marriage

A life-long union

Marriage is different from love

Matrimonial happiness

Marriage needs to be worked at

Marriage is not a bed of roses

Marital fidelity

Adultery/marital infidelity

Different family background

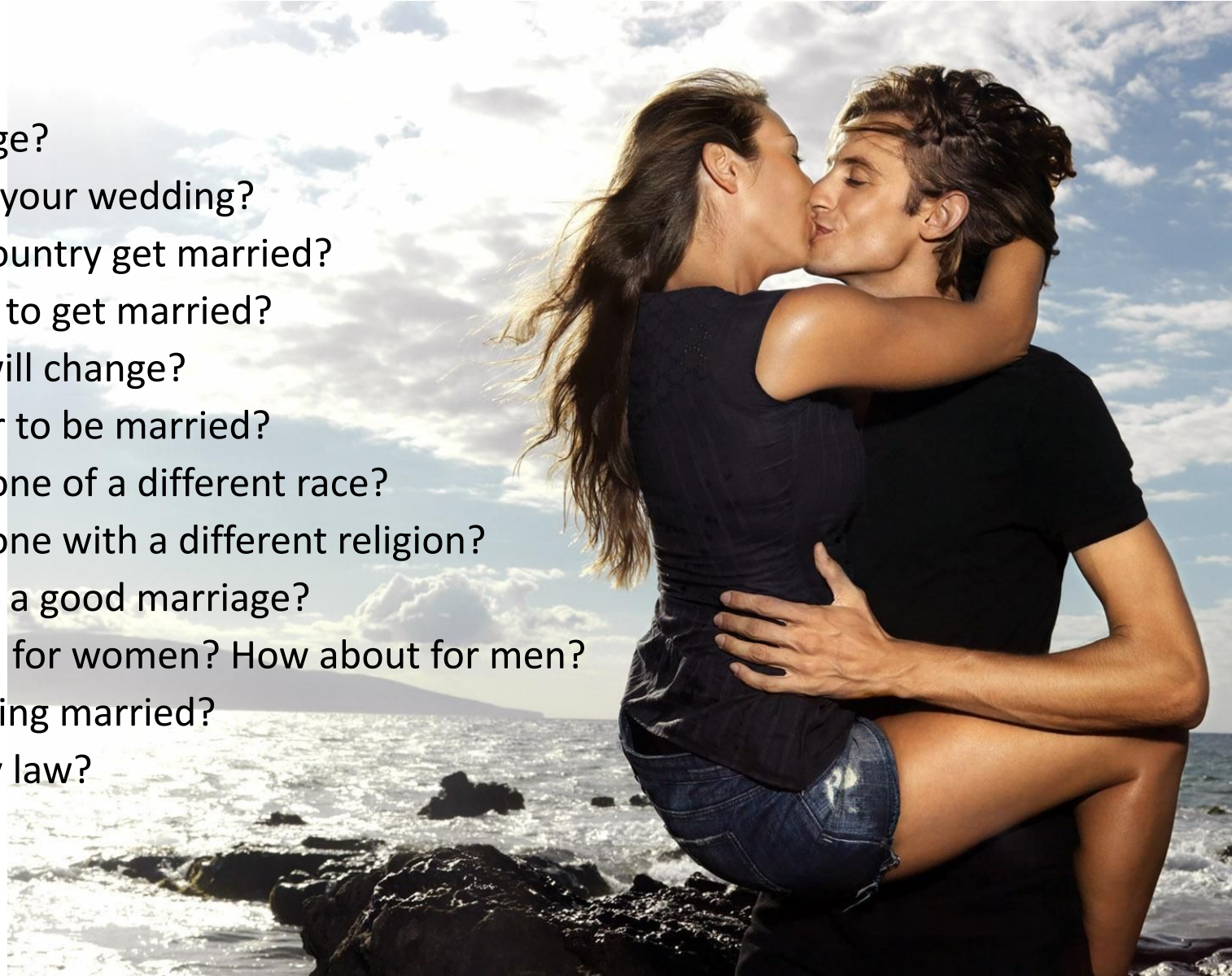
Making concessions

To weigh up carefully all the pros and cons

To expect marriage to be an everlasting honeymoon

Virtues are magnified and exaggerated out of proportion

- What is your attitude to a trial marriage?
- How many guests would you invite to your wedding?
- At what age do most people in your country get married?
- At what age do you think people have to get married?
- Do you think if you get married you will change?
- Do you think it is better to be single or to be married?
- Do you think it is okay to marry someone of a different race?
- Do you think it is okay to marry someone with a different religion?
- Do you think love is necessary to have a good marriage?
- Do you think marriage is very stressful for women? How about for men?
- Do you think people change after getting married?
- Does infidelity have to be punished by law?



Task 2. Study the advertisement. You are considering to book a hotel for wedding and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

- Number of rooms available
- Price
- If musicians are available
- Discounts for booking in advance
- If there is an open air food court
- (free parking)



Task 2. Study the advertisement. You are considering to buy a dress and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

- The sizes available
- If the refund possible
- Price
- If it is possible to try on at home
- (if loan possible)
- (Location of the shop)
- (shoes to go with the dress)
- (if there is a zip)



Task 2. Study the advertisement. You are considering to organize a date at a café and now you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask four direct questions to find out about the following:

- Free tables available
- Cuisine served
- Wine list
- Music and dancing
- (opening hours)
- (if privacy possible)



Task 4. Imagine that you are doing a project “Honeymoon decisions” together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. Leave a voice message to your friend. In 2.5 minutes be ready to tell the friend about the photos:

give a brief description of the photos, justifying the choice of the photos for the project;
say in what way the pictures are different, justifying the choice of the photos for the project ;
mention the advantages and disadvantages (1-2) of the two types of honeymoon decisions;
express your opinion on the subject of the project – where you would like to spend your honeymoon and why.



Task 4. Imagine that you are doing a project “ The most exciting dates” together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. Leave a voice message to your friend. In 2.5 minutes be ready to tell the friend about the photos:

give a brief description of the photos, justifying the choice of the photos for the project;

say in what way the pictures are different, justifying the choice of the photos for the project ;

mention the advantages and disadvantages (1-2) of the two locations for the dates;

express your opinion on the subject of the project – what location you would prefer and why.



Task 4. Imagine that you are doing a project “Love has no limits” together with your friend. You have found some illustrations and want to share the news. Leave a voice message to your friend. In 2.5 minutes be ready to tell the friend about the photos:

- give a brief description of the photos, justifying the choice of the photos for the project;
- say in what way the pictures are different, justifying the choice of the photos for the project ;
- mention the advantages and disadvantages (1-2) of people’s choices;
- express your opinion on the subject of the project – If you agree with the statement of the project or not.



