

The heart of the matter

Language focus

- Talking about relationships
- Agreeing and disagreeing

1 Friends

Talk about a good friend of yours.

- Did you click right away?
- Have you ever fallen out with them?
- Whenever you had a serious argument, was it difficult to make up and be friends again?



2 The ultimate commitment?

Whether you get married to someone or just live with them as your partner, all relationships go through different stages.

Talk about some of the ideas below.

falling in love

falling out of love

planning to have a baby

making up with your partner

getting married

losing your partner

having more than one partner

being a separated parent

getting divorced

meeting someone new

adopting a child

meeting your partner's family

living with your partner's family

having children



3 Marriage

a) Propose arguments for and against getting married.

b) Take sides and see if you can agree, one way or the other!



Useful language

Agreeing

- *I see exactly what you mean.*
- *You're right. That's a good point.*
- *I couldn't agree more.*
- *Absolutely!*

Disagreeing

- *I don't agree.*
- *I totally disagree!*
- *That's not true.*
- *Absolutely not!*

Agreeing in part

- *I agree to a point, but ...*
- *I see what you mean, but ...*
- *That's true, but ...*
- *Yes, but...*

4 Discussion

As our world gets smaller, more and more people have partners who come from other cultures that are very different to their own, who were born in another country or who speak a different language.

What might it be like? Perhaps you know someone in this situation. Perhaps it's also your experience!

Talk about it!

