



Lealands
High School

Relationships and Sex Education programme

YEAR 7 LESSON 3: Marriage and Cohabiting



Do Now: On whiteboards:

Define “consent”.

List 3 ways of giving consent and 3 ways of showing there is no consent.



DO NOW

1: You can only be married to one person in the UK

- True
- False

3: What's the legal age you can get married in the UK, without parental permission?

- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19

2: There are other ways to be with someone legally, aside from marriage

- True
- False

4: Is trust a trait of a healthy or unhealthy relationship?

- Healthy
- Un-healthy

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Keywords

Marriage is the legally or formally recognised union of two people as partners in a personal relationship.

Cohabiting means living with the person you have a romantic relationship with.

Consent means to give permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.



What is the minimum age for marriage in the UK (with parental permission)?

18

17

16

15

The answer to this question last year was 16! The law changed last month! Why?



What is marriage?



Does being “married” mean you are protected by law against discrimination?

Yes

No

The Equality Act 2010 says an employer mustn't discriminate against you because you're married or in a civil partnership. Discrimination which is against the Equality Act is unlawful.



Legal rights...

Across the UK, 2 people of either sex can legally marry
(e.g. same sex couples)

Children

Automatic parental rights over their child.

Duty to financial support their children.

Property

Live together in matrimonial homes.
Right to own their own assets, which may be taken into account if divorced.

Money

Claim certain tax allowances aimed at married couples.
Right to partner's assets when they die.



You can marry more than one person in the UK legally

True

False

There are a few reasons you can't marry in the UK, such as you are already married or you are related in certain ways e.g siblings.



Why marry?



Why might two people get married?

Draw a mind map and think of as many reasons regarding why two people might decide to get married?

Want additional rights and protections by law

Why marriage?



They believe that marriage provides stability for a family.

Want to legally declare their love.

Marriage may be important to their religion, culture or tradition.

Why marriage?

Want additional rights and protections by law.

Chosen to remain committed.



Freedom to consent

Marriage must always be _____ entered into with the consent of both _____. This means each person has the right to choose if, when and who they marry and can _____ their consent if they change their mind.

_____ marriage is where people do not freely _____ and is against the law.

FORCED

WITHDRAW

CONSENT

PEOPLE

FREELY



Freedom to consent

Marriage must always be **FREELY** entered into with the consent of both **PEOPLE**. This means each person has the right to choose if, when and who they marry and can **WITHDRAW** their consent if they change their mind.

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Cohabiting



You can only get legal rights by law with your partner, if you marry

True

False

There are other alternative legal arrangements to marriage, which still have legal protections, but they do differ. These include civil partnership, unregistered marriages and cohabiting.



Legal rights...

Across the UK, 2 people of either sex can legally marry legally
(e.g. same sex couples)

Children

Don't have the same legal duty regarding financial support.

Property

No automatic right to other's assets, put in place an agreement.

Money

Don't get certain tax allowances aimed at married couples.

Don't get an automatic right to partner's assets when they die.



Reflection question

What have you learnt over this lesson, that you didn't know before you started?



1: Fill in the gap: Marriage is the _____ or formally recognised union of two people.

- Celebration
- Legally
- Gathering
- Selfie

3: Can you force someone into a marriage in the UK?

- Yes
- No

5: Do you get an automatic right to a partner's assets if you are not married?

- Yes
- No

2: Across the UK people of the "same-sex" can legally get married

- True
- False

4: Why might someone get married?

- Religious or cultural reasons.
- Want to legally confirm their love.
- Want for additional rights and protection.
- All of them.



SIGNPOSTING

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