

Starter- What makes your ideal partner?

- Think of 5 qualities that you would look for in a life- partner.
- Rank them from 1-5, 1 being the most important quality.
- Justify your top choice. Why did you place this quality at number 1?





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1. My parents would like to meet the guy before I agree to anything.

Arranged

2. My parents will choose their choice. I hope they find me a good match and I eventually fall in love with him.



2. My parents have informed me about a girl they recently met through family friends. They think she is a good match.

Assisted

3. I want to meet her and get to know her a little better. I hope this is the beginning of something special.

3. I want to choose my partner. I want to

Love

married. I want to find the love of my life.

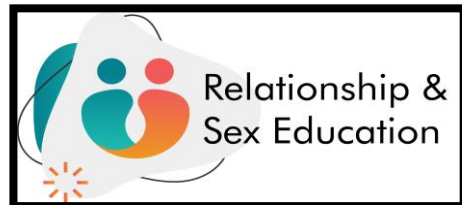


Finding a suitable partner



- A Muslim couple may have an arranged marriage or a love marriage. Some Muslim parents arrange or assist the marriage of their son or daughter by finding a suitable partner.
- According to Islamic teaching **no one can be forced to marry.**
- A Muslim woman must marry a Muslim man. A Muslim man can marry a Muslim, Christian or Jewish woman.

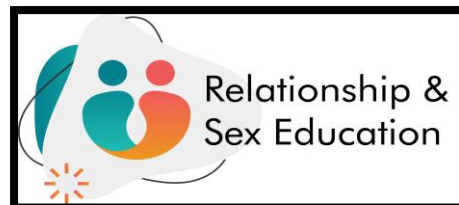
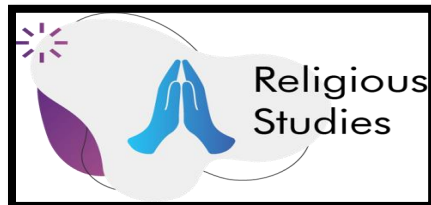
What are the possible reasons for this last point?



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Strictly Soulmates

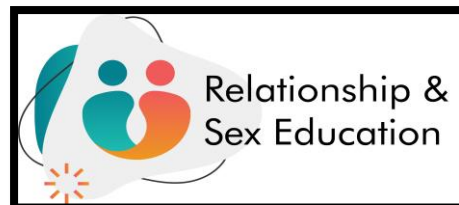
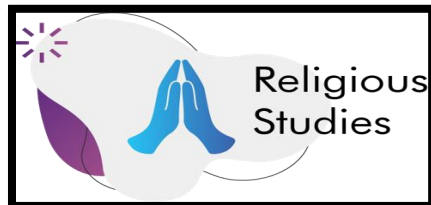
[Finding a partner- Islam BBC clip](#)



Questions



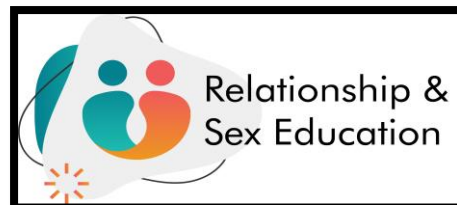
- Why might some Muslims say it is better to have parents assist with finding a marriage partner?
- What are the advantages of finding your own partner?
- Muslim men can marry non-Muslim women, (Christian or Jewish) but Muslim women cannot. Why do you think this ruling exists? Do you think this is fair?



What does Islam say about marriage?



- Marriage is a serious, lifelong, public commitment. It is a legal contract that brings security to a relationship and protects the rights of each partner.
- Adults are expected to marry because it is considered to be a normal part of life.
- Marriage helps people to develop spiritually because it prevents them from sinning (by controlling sexuality) and adds value to their acts of worship.



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Main purpose of marriage



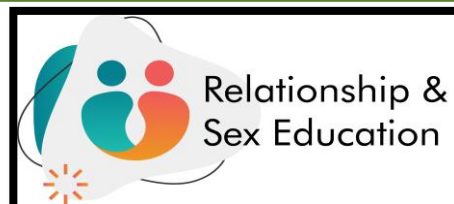
Muslims consider marriage to be the foundation of family life. For Muslims, the purpose of marriage is:

- A faithful, lifelong partnership where both people take full responsibility for their children
- A social contract that brings together two families and has a big impact on the whole community
- The best way for people to have a stable relationship and true sexual fulfilment. (This is the reason why Muslims are against cohabitation)

Question: Out the three purposes mentioned above, which would you consider to be the most important and why? Provide reasons for your answer.

TRUE OR FALSE?

END



'In the modern world there is a need for marriage'

- Organise the 6 statements into 2 categories:

Agree with the opinion above

Disagree with the opinion above

- Do you agree or disagree with the opinions? Give reasons for your answer.

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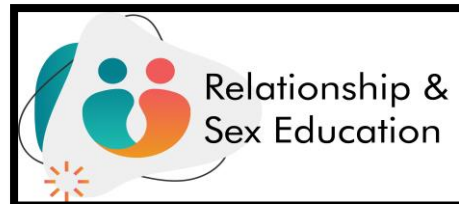
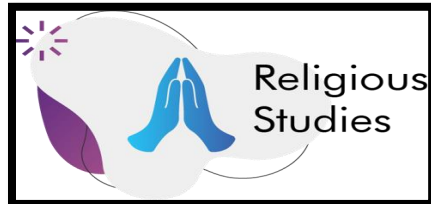
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Plenary- Gimme 5!

Toby Tall

What is the biggest thing you will take from today's lesson?

Ring Finger

If you could ring a friend, what question would you ask them about today's lesson?

Peter Pointer

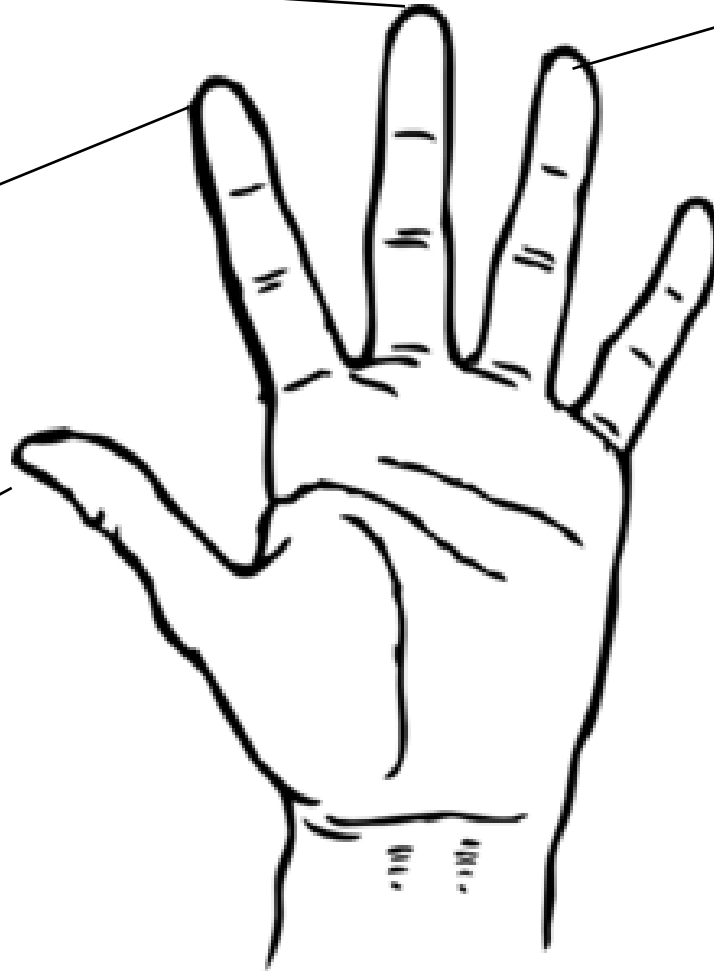
What was the point of today's lesson?

Thumbs Up

1 thing you have learnt today!

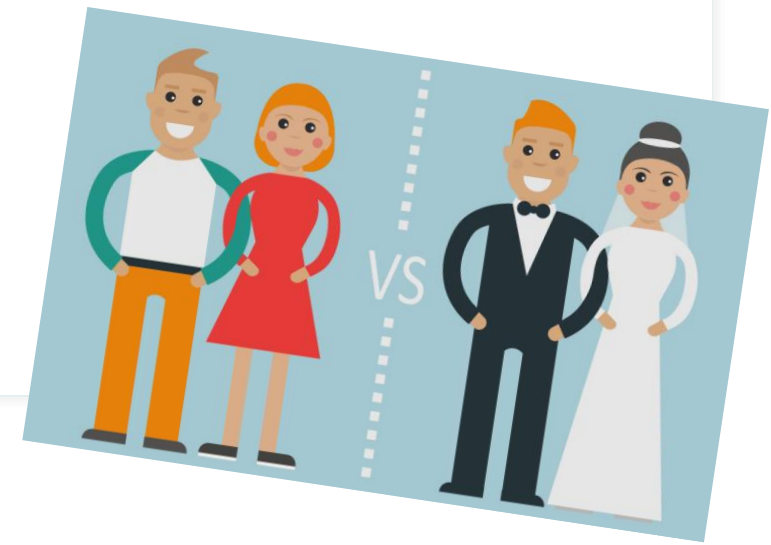
Pinky Promise

What do you promise to do next time to improve your work?



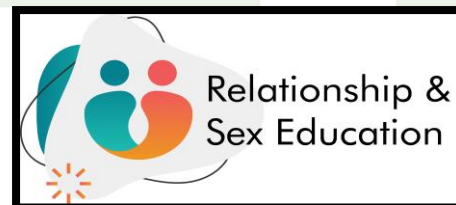
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Extension: Advantages and disadvantages



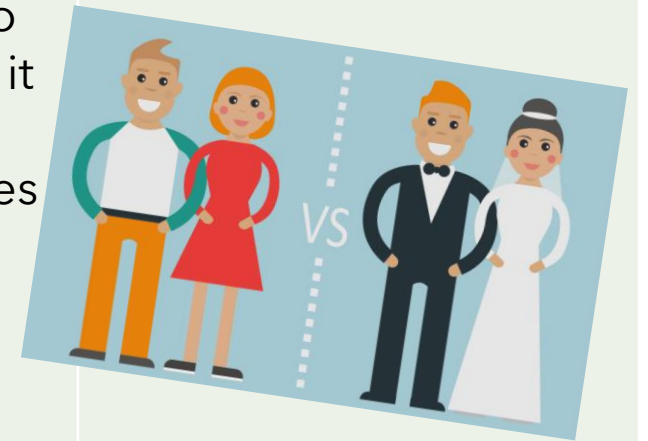
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Cohabitation		Marriage	
Advantages	<u>Disadvantages</u>	Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major commitment • Save money • Learn more about each other • Separate without no legal issues • Get married, if and when you feel ready 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe easier to leave, no sense of commitment • More likely to commit adultery as no sense of commitment • Some people may use this as an excuse to have several sexual partners • End up having children and then decide not to stay together • Frowned upon in certain cultures and religions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal contract so allows you certain rights. • Less likely to commit adultery as you have made 'vows' • Put more effort into the relationship as it is legally binding and solve any issues before it leads to separation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divorce can be messy and costly • Trapped, if you cannot afford to separate or stay together to avoid upsetting children.



Add any missing points to your own table.