

WHY PEOPLE MARRY

Listed below are many reasons people get married.

1. TRAPPED: feel trapped by pregnancy, promises, or engagement.
2. ESCAPE: marry to get out of the house or escape from any other bad situation. (The person usually escapes to a worse situation.)
3. OBLIGATION: feel like you must marry because of sexual activity.
4. STATUS CHANGE: might be moving or going off to college or graduating and decide it is time to marry.
5. SET-VARIABLE: find the person that you believe is the right person and decide to marry.
6. PITY: pity and love are two close emotions and some people cannot distinguish between the two.
7. LOVE: a vital emotion in marriage.
8. PRESSURE: getting older and fear not getting married.
9. COMPANIONSHIP: the need for companionship is different for all people.
10. MONEY: may feel financially stable or may be looking for someone to provide financial stability.
11. FAMILY: want to have a spouse and children.
12. COMMON HISTORY: have dated so long that the next step is to get married.

Marriage should never become just the next step in a relationship. The characteristics and timing of a marriage are important.

Ask students for additional ideas.