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Vocabulary Marital Conflict Resolution Student Worksheet

1. Compromise:

2. Accommodation:

3. Concession:

4. Martyrdom:

5. Hostility:

Vocabulary Marital Conflict Resolution Teacher Key

1. **COMPROMISE**—Joint decision

Compromise involves both people giving in and finding a satisfactory agreement. The resolution will include some of the views of each person.

- 1. Neither person has to make a major sacrifice.
- 2. The solution contains ideas from all parties involved.
- 3. Companionship is enhanced.
- 4. There is no winner or loser.

2. ACCOMMODATION—Both maintain their own view

An accommodation is when both people agree to disagree. They accept each other's differences and do not let them develop into major problems.

- 1. Each person recognizes the right of someone else to believe differently.
- 2. Although differences remain, they do not break down the relationship.

3. CONCESSION—One person gives in

To concede means to give in. This means one person gives all while the other person gives all. This is not the best way to resolve problems.

- 1. Allows one person to win.
- 2. Communication and bargaining takes place.
- 3. Both parties must be willing to live with the decision.
- 4. The loser knows he/she will have a chance to win at another time.

4. MARTYRDOM—One person always gives in

Martyrdom is when one of the partners is conflict-shy and will do anything to avoid conflict.

- 1. One person always gives in.
- 2. Relationships deteriorate.
- 3. There is no respect for the person who always gives in.
- 4. Not a satisfying solution to anyone.

5. ONGOING HOSTILITY—Neither person will give in

This is when a couple lives in a constant state of disagreement, guarreling, and bickering.

- 1. Fighting is constant.
- 2. Tension occurs frequently and is expressed destructively.
- 3. The relationship deteriorates.
- 4. No decisions or resolutions are made.
- 5. Hostility spreads to many areas of the person's life.
- 6. Other people do not enjoy being with hostile people.