

Families and committed relationships

Marriage true or false? statements



1. People of any age can get married.

FALSE – 18 is the legal age for getting married, although people can get married at 16 if both have their parents' permission.

2. Getting married is a choice.

TRUE – two people choose to get married. No-one should marry if they do not want to, if they are not making the decision freely for themselves, or if they are being forced to make it.

3. All marriages happen in a church.

FALSE – a marriage can take place anywhere that has legal permission to hold them. Weddings of different faiths also take place in holy buildings of those faiths (e.g. mosques, synagogues, temples, etc.)

4. When people get married, they are promising to stay together for ever.

TRUE – marriage is a legal promise that people make to stay together for the rest of their lives.

5. You have to be married to have children.

FALSE – but having children is a very big and important decision for two people to make, so they should be committed to one another if they decide to have children together.

6. The way that marriages are celebrated is different in different religions.

TRUE – different faiths celebrate marriage in different ways and have different marriage traditions.

7. Marriage is the only way to show commitment to someone else.

FALSE – marriage is a legal way for a couple to show commitment, but there are also other ways, such as civil partnerships, or by being committed to one another without having a legal ceremony.