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HAPPY MARRIAGE



TABLE TOPIC



What was your longest relationship?
Why did it end?

Now, create one table topic of your own. We will discuss it in class.



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VOCABULARY



affectionate: readily feeling or showing fondness or tenderness, usually through body language or touching

My boyfriend is very affectionate. He always holds my hand and hugs me.

caring: displaying kindness and concern for others

My mother was always a caring person. She always took care of my friends and me.

empathy: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

After I experienced poverty, I developed a lot of empathy for the poor.

sympathy: feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune.

I feel so much sympathy for people in poor countries like Afghanistan and the Philippines.

physical affection: any touch intended to arouse feelings of love in the giver and/or recipient

Spanish people often publicly show physical affection with their family and romantic partners.



IDIOMS



love is blind: when you love someone, you can't see their faults

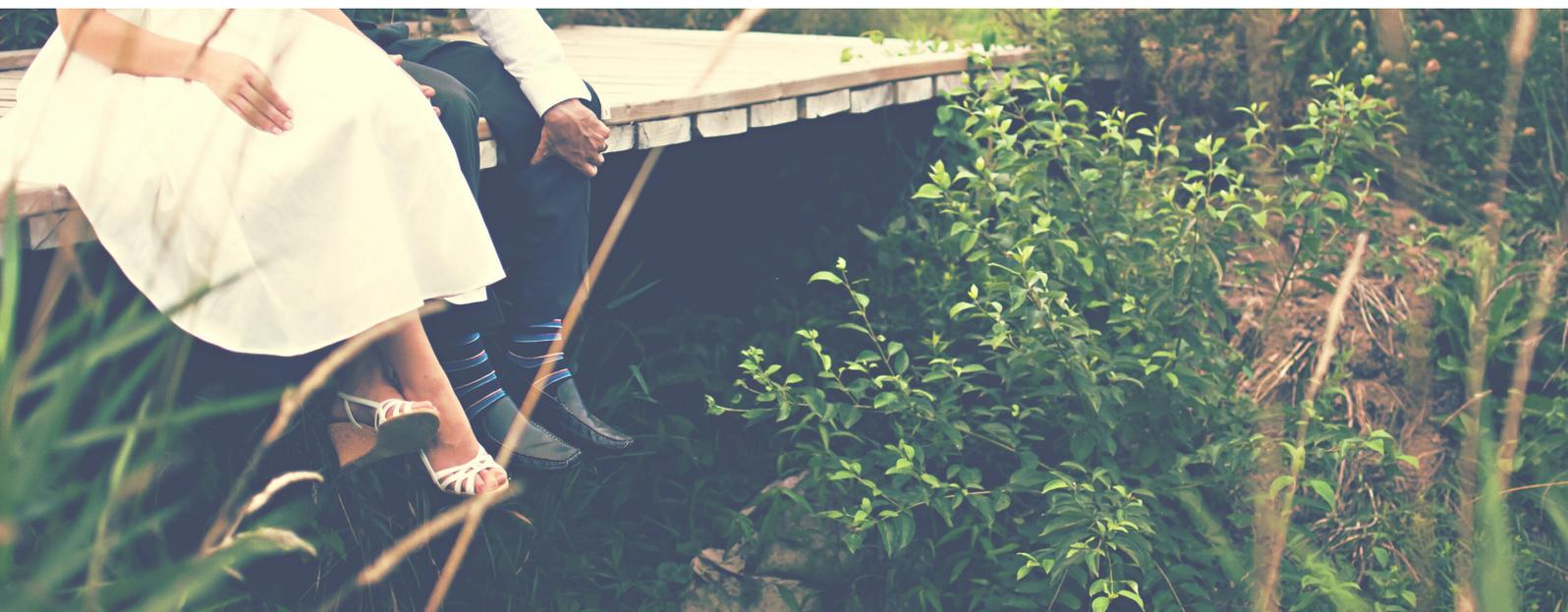
My mother doesn't think my boyfriend is a good person, but I disagree. You know, love is blind.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Have you ever been in a long-term relationship?

If you have been in a long-term relationship, what are the secrets to success?

If you haven't, why not? Do you think there is a secret recipe for success?

Scientists claim that long-term relationships are successful when couples can empathize with each other. When one's happy, the other one show's happiness. What do you think about this?

