

Happily Ever After

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This is a story about two people, Jasmine and Samuel. It has three endings. Read and find out: What happens to them?

Which relationship do you like?



The Beginning: At a party one night in March, a friend of Jasmine's introduces her to Samuel. **Samuel and Jasmine fall in love and get married.**

Relationship 1: Jasmine and Samuel both have interesting and exciting jobs. Early in their relationship they decide not to have children. Instead, they spend all of their time on their work and careers. Over time, they are both very successful and very rich. They spend very little time together, finding happiness in their work. They enjoy having large and expensive parties in their big home. They live happily ever after.

Relationship 2: Samuel is an accountant in an office near their small house. He earns a good salary, but they will never be wealthy. But Samuel and Jasmine don't care. They are not interested in money. They don't have children, but that doesn't matter. All they need is each other. When Samuel is finished with work, he goes straight home, where Jasmine is waiting for him. Jasmine doesn't work outside the home. She spends her time housekeeping and cooking and helping her husband. As time goes by, Jasmine and Samuel remain deeply in love. They live happily ever after.

Relationship 3: Both Jasmine and Samuel want a lot of children, even though his job as an office clerk doesn't pay much money. So they have six children. Jasmine and Samuel are wonderful parents. They spend all the time they can with their children and with each other. Samuel was offered a promotion to office manager, but he refused. He thought it would take too much time, and he wanted to be with his wife and children as much as possible. They have very little money and very few things. But they have each other and their children. They live happily ever after.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Which relationship do you like?
Check the idea you agree with.

It is important for each person in a relationship to have an interesting job and do well. Everything else is unimportant, including children.



It is important for couples to have a happy marriage and children. Money or jobs are not important.



It is important for couples to love each other deeply and to find happiness in their relationship. That is enough. Money, children and jobs are not important.



Now exchange your ideas with a classmate.

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LOOKING AT THE ISSUE

What is important for your ideal marriage or relationship?
Check as many as you like. Then add some of your own ideas.

love	<input type="checkbox"/>	no children	<input type="checkbox"/>
a good income	<input type="checkbox"/>	one or two children	<input type="checkbox"/>
being wealthy	<input type="checkbox"/>	three children or more	<input type="checkbox"/>
an interesting job	<input type="checkbox"/>	a big house	<input type="checkbox"/>
success in my job	<input type="checkbox"/>	living in one place	<input type="checkbox"/>
both partners having jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	living in different places	<input type="checkbox"/>
a good family life	<input type="checkbox"/>	having a lot of friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
being/having a full-time housewife	<input type="checkbox"/>	having a lot of parties	<input type="checkbox"/>

your own ideas:

- 1.
- 2.

- 3.
- 4.