



Health &
Wellbeing

UKS2
Relationships

Living in the
Wider World

Unit 4: Healthy Relationships

Lesson 3: Marriage

Learning Objectives

- Know that marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong
- PW66 Reflect on the many different types of relationships that exist

Introduction

- Ask the pupils to work in pairs to write and share an explanation for the word 'promise'.
- They should then check the dictionary definition of the word and make a note of it.
- Ask them if they think promises are important and, if so, why?

Main Activity

- Ask the pupils to think of a time when someone promised them something and write it down on 'The Promise' template. What was promised? What was their expectation of the person doing the promising? Did the person honour their promise? (Explain that the word 'honour' in this context means fulfil or keep an agreement). If not, why not?
- Can they explain the link between trust and promising something?
- Then, ask the pupils to look up the following words in a dictionary and note down the meaning of each:-
Oath, Vow, Agreement
- How is a promise different to a vow?
- Show the pupils the wedding video and ask them what it is about. Have they ever been to a marriage ceremony? Ask them to share their experiences. Why do people marry?

Resources

'The Promise' template
Wedding video
Vows sheet
Marriage definition

Main Activity cont.

- Share the definition of marriage. Then, split the pupils into groups of four and ask each group to research one of the following questions, allocating one question to each group:- **Where can people get married? What is the difference between religious and civil marriage ceremonies? Who can get married?** (include same-sex marriage, depending on context). They should then feed back their answers to the other groups and compare.
- Remind them of the word 'vow'. Explain that marriage ceremonies vary across different religions and cultures but nearly all contain vows. Look at the example vows and discuss.
- Introduce the term 'civil partnership'. Civil partnerships in the UK are for both male / female and same-sex couples. Whilst still legally binding, a marriage always involves exchanging vows, whereas civil partners do not have to.

Plenary

- Ensure they understand the place of love, trust and commitment in the context of marriage.

Assessment

- From what they know about the word 'vow', what makes marriage such an important relationship?

I Promise...