



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

- *discuss some reasons why some people cohabitate before getting married.
- *identify some drawbacks of living-in before getting married.



Read:

Some people unjustly regard with contempt unmarried couples who are living together. After dating for three years, my boyfriend and I moved in together to minimize living expenses. We planned to get married after I graduated from college.

Well, my family practically disowned me when we told them we were living together! (His folks were more broad-minded about it.) After we had lived together for a year I found out he had a terrible temper. On the day he grabbed me by my blouse and threw me against the wall so hard I thought my shoulder was broken, I walked out on him. I thank God I didn't marry him. What a fix I'd been in if , after we were married and had a child, I had learned that he was capable of physically abusing any of us.

So, the next man I fall in live with I will make sure I live with before making it a lifetime commitment, living together before marriage may be a 'sin', but it's the only way one can really get to know a person before it's too late.



Comprehension

1. What do people think about unmarried couples living together?
2. What was the reason the woman began to live with her boyfriend before they got married?
3. When did they plan to marry?
4. How did her family react when they learned she was living with her boyfriend?
5. What did his family think about it?
6. After they lived together for a year, what did she find out?
7. Why is she thankful for not having married him?
8. Would she live with the next man she loves?
9. What does she think is the only way to get to know a potential spouse?



Let's Talk!

1. Do you think prenuptial agreements are a good idea?
2. Do you think living together with your partner before marriage is a good idea?