At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to: *discuss various reasons why people chose to remain single at 40.
*enumerate different factors why a lot of people delay marriage or choose to be single for the rest of their lives.


## Read:

I am in my mid-40s still attractive, and know that the odds of finding a partner drop tremendously at my age. I'm engaged to a man that I'm not in love with. I admire, respect and love him -as a friend. We have a lot of fun together and the companionship is great. He supports me in my career and accepts me exactly as I am. He's handsome and treats me like a queen, but there is no chemistry between us.

I've been married before and I have also been in relationships where incredible electricity flowed, but one of them turned out to be the most personally destructive situation l've ever been in. (He was handsome, charismatic and abusive.)

I have come to the conclusion that intensity often characterizes sick relationships and I won't get into another one if I can avoid it. But I also know I'm missing that wonderful feeling of being in love.


## Let's Talk!

1. How old is the writer?
2. Does she think she can easily find a lover at her age?
3. Does she love her fiance?
4. What is her fiance like?

## Express Yourself

1. Describe your ideal man/woman.
2. Do you think it's important that two people have the same likes or hobbies for a good relationship?
3. What do you think this phrase mean: "Don't find love, let love find you"? Do you agree?
