



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:
*discuss the advantages & disadvantages of marrying young



Read the article:

Let me tell you what it is to be a married girl at 19. It's coming home so tired you feel nearly dead. But you don't dare sit down because you might never get up. And there are still so many things you have to do. The cooking, the washing, the ironing. But you go through the motions nonetheless, because you have to. You hate your job. You ask yourself, "Why don't you quit?" And you know why. Because there are grocery bills and medical bills and the rent to pay. And your young **hubby's crummy little check** won't cover them. That's why. Then you have to play with the baby. Only sometimes you don't feel like it. But you do it anyway. Because you feel guilty about being away from her all day. Then you mix the formula and change diapers. When your husband doesn't come home, you know he has decided to go out with the boys again. Or, you pray it is only "the boys" he is with. So, finally, you eat the **lousy** meal by yourself and go to bed and cry your eyes out.

When he does come home, you can tell he's been drinking. But you don't say a word because he hates to be told anything. So you try to sleep so you can dream about the good old days. You think about the great meals your mother used to cook, and how nice your room was at home. Then you remembered she tried to **talk you out** of marrying so young, and how you got mad at her and called her a dried-up old woman who forgot what it was like to be in love. You have the feeling that the husband you chose, and the baby, and the life you lead are all part of a bad dream. But you know it's no dream. It's for real. You cry yourself to sleep and wake up with a splitting headache in the morning.



Let's Talk:

1. What is it like for her to be married so young?
2. Why does she have to keep her job?
3. Was her mother in favor of the early marriage?
4. Why didn't she follow her mom's advice?



Express Yourself

1. Which do you think is worse, marrying too young or marrying too late?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of marrying young?
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of marrying late in life?
4. What do young people think about love?
5. What do older people think about love?
6. What are some common mistakes young people make when they are in love?
7. What determines a happy marriage? Is it one thing, or a combination of things?
8. What is your definition of love?
9. What is the relationship between love and marriage?