

Lesson 4: Marital Conflict, Divorce or Separation



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Separation - an arrangement, often a legal one, by which two married people stop living together as husband and wife.	<i>They separated after 10 years living together.</i>

Dialogue Reading:

I don't know where to go

Brooke: Why are you crying, John?

John: My parents are always fighting, they never go a day without fighting.

Brooke: Oh, that's terrible.

John: They're thinking of getting divorce now.

Brooke: Oh my! That is not good at all! Your sister and you must feel terrible.

John: I think that they don't love each other anymore. I can't stand to see

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John: I get really sad thinking that soon I won't be able to see both of my parents at home.

Brooke: I understand. I can imagine this is very hard for you.

John: What should I do now? I feel so lost!

Exercise:

Answer the following:

1. What is marital?
 - a. the act of getting married
 - b. having a partner
 - c. connected with marriage
2. What does it mean to divorce?
 - a. to stop living together with one's spouse

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- c. to stop living together with one's spouse
4. What are the effects on children when their parents divorce or separate?
5. Why do some married couples face this kind of situation?