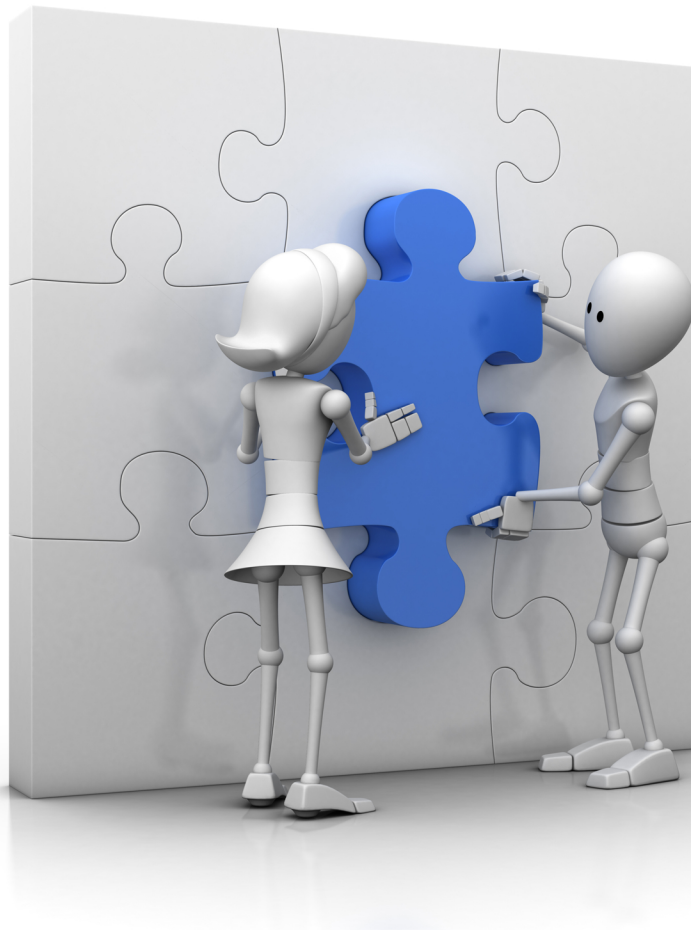


The Relationship Gap Survey



A Couple's Questionnaire

FINANCES

1. Rate the following from 1 to 10
1 =not important and 10 - very important

- ____ General savings
- ____ Rainy Day savings
- ____ Investing for growth
- ____ Saving for child's college
- ____ Investing for retirement
- ____ Allocating income for charity
- ____ Allocating income for gifts
- ____ Separate Bank Account
- ____ Joint bank account
- ____ Both separate & joint bank accounts
- ____ Life Insurance
- ____ Credit cards in your name
- ____ Paying down credit in full monthly
- ____ Partially paying off credit card debt monthly
- ____ Not carrying a credit card balance
- ____ Taking a loan for a car
- ____ Buying a car for cash/check in full

2. **List four (4)** items that you consider “necessary luxuries” when purchasing things for your living environment or leisure time:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

HOME

3. Answer **Yes** or **No** to the following:

_____ Would you prefer to own your own home?

_____ Would you prefer to rent your home?

_____ Would you want to own a vacation home?

_____ Would you want to rent a vacation home?

4. If you could move any place you wanted, where would you most like to live?

5. If you could have any style home you wanted, generally describe what it looks like:

FAMILY

6. **1 = not important** and **10 = very important**

Children

_____ Having a child

_____ Having 2 children

_____ Having 3 or more children

If natural child birth is not possible, check alternatives you would consider:

_____ A surrogate

_____ In vitro fertilization

_____ Adoption

Child Care: **check** the ones you would consider acceptable

- Third party daycare for the child
- At least one parent as the daycare provider
- A live-in nanny
- babysitter at least once a week

Discipline: True (T) or False (F)

- Hitting a child on the rear for discipline is OK.
- Never hit a child is the best approach
- Taking a child for professional if needed is a good idea

EXTENDED FAMILY

Answer **YES** or **NO**

Traditions are important to me.

If yes, **check** which ones

- family
- religious
- cultural
- birthday celebrations
- anniversaries

Holidays are important to me

If yes, **check** which ones

- religious
- American
 - Thanksgiving
 - 4th of July
 - Labor Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Valentine's Day

- _____ Spending regular time with family is important to me
- _____ Spending holidays with family is important to me
- _____ Inviting parents/in-laws over on a regular basis is important to me

Place an "X" before the one(s) with which you agree

- _____ weekly
- _____ once a month
- _____ every other month
- _____ only if necessary
- _____ never

What 2 things do you like most about your family of origin?

What 2 things do you like least?

7. Assuming you had a child or children, answer the following rating 1 to 10.

1 = not important and **10 = very important**

- _____ Participation on a sports team at school.
- _____ Playing a musical instrument.
- _____ Summer camp.
- _____ Overnight camp (after age _____).
- _____ Part-time jobs (after age _____).

COLLEGE: True (T) or False (F)

_____ It is our sole responsibility to provide all funds, including living expenses, for the child while in school.

_____ Our child should hold a part-time job while in school.

_____ Our child should first exhaust all possible grants, aid and loans before we pay tuition.

8. My aspirations for our child(ren) are:

SOCIAL LIFE

9. Rate the following 1 to 10.

1 = not important and **10 = very important**

_____ Retaining your pre-marital friends

_____ Regularly socializing alone with pre-marital friends after marriage

_____ One night out without your spouse

Check your preferred frequency

_____ weekly

_____ monthly

_____ a few times a year

_____ Making new friends as a couple

_____ Private time & space within your home environment

_____ I like to cook

_____ I like to clean up

_____ Separate hobbies/recreation

_____ Joint hobbies/recreation

_____ Participating in dangerous hobbies (such as)

_____ scuba diving

_____ motorcycling

_____ flying a plane

_____ parachuting

These hobbies are fine with me: **True (T) or False (F)**

_____ before having a child

_____ after having a child

ENTERTAINMENT

1 = not important and 10 = very important

_____ Going to the movies

_____ Going out to dinner

Check frequency

_____ once a week

_____ once a month

_____ twice a month

_____ once in a while

_____ Live theatre

_____ Art/Science/Other museums

_____ Vacations

_____ once a year

_____ twice a year

_____ three times a year

_____ Weekend away

_____ once a year

_____ twice a year

_____ every other month

_____ monthly

_____ Humor

10. If we needed help in communicating or with any personal problem after marriage, I would be open to:

Place an "X" next to the ones to which you would agree)

- Marriage counseling with a Mediator
- Marriage counseling with a therapist
- Individual counseling for one or both of us
- Talking with a friend or relative
- I don't think our personal challenges are anyone else's concern

For questions 11 & 12 place an "X" next to the one that best describes you

HEALTH

11. When I am sick, I prefer which of the following:

- To be cared for and tended to.
- To be left alone until I feel better.

PETS

12. The following pets are okay with me:

- dog
- more than one dog
- cat
- more than 1 cat
- both a cat and a dog
- bird
- rodents (ferrets/reptiles/hamsters etc.)
- I don't want any pets

CAREER Check the ones that are true for you or that would be acceptable to you:

13. Staying in my current job/career for many years to come.
 Switching jobs/careers often during my life
 My spouse changes careers
 My spouse finds a new job for less money because it makes her/him happier
 I love my present job/career
 I would ultimately like a different job/career from the one I have now
 You or spouse goes back to school fulltime for additional education/training
 Your spouse stops working: no particular reason
 Your spouse stops working: care for children

SEXUAL RELATIONS

Check the ones you agree with:

14. Verbal communication about sexual relations is best done while in bed
 Verbal about sexual relations is best done when not in bed
 Verbal communication about sexual relations is not helpful.
 Pornography can be helpful in enhancing sexual relations
 Pornography is a turn-off
 Pornography is okay for the individual but not for the couple
 Pornography is never okay
 Masturbation is a normal part of sexual relations
 Masturbation is individual and normal
 Masturbation is abnormal
- Frequency of sexual relations
- once a day
 - once a week
 - several times a week
 - as often as either partner wants
 - frequency is not all that important

15. Define the following words or whatever comes to mind when you think about the concept.

Partner

Trust

Friend

Faithful

Communication

Integrity

Perfect Vacation

Depression

Anger

Infidelity

Change

Lie _____

Intimacy _____

Responsibility _____

16. The best way to handle a disagreement that seems like an impasse is to _____

17. If a relationship was based upon percentages, what percentage of the relationship do you see as yours? _____

18. In the expression "For better or worse"explain what would be:

Better _____

Worse _____

19. From today through age 80, list 3 life goals you'd like to achieve:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

20. The best way to deal with each other after a heated disagreement is to _____

21. At this stage of your relationship, what do you see as the most **incompatible** aspect between you both?

22. The most **compatible**?

Thank you for your commitment to this process and to your desire to have the most meaningful and rewarding relationship!

Carole

