



## Children are the future

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Advanced 2

In this world, you can find some parents who take care of their children and make all of their efforts to make them comfortable in their lives. Even if they don't have enough money to afford many things for their children, they do their best to satisfy them and get them well educated.

Unfortunately, there are also some parents who think that money is everything in life. They are always busy making more money and forgetting about their children.

Children need someone to look after them, someone to understand them, to show love and concern for them, to feel for them, and no one can do this better than their parents. Money

can't replace those things.

How can children be good parents in the future if they didn't learn it from their own parents? Parents should be aware of this because it's a real problem that can cause troubles for their children and affect their lives. Before they have children, they should think a lot because it's a big responsibility.

If you want your children to learn how to be responsible, you shouldn't treat them like babies. Even if they are still young they understand what's happening around them. Parents should talk to children as they talk to someone mature, otherwise the children will always feel like babies, even after they grow up.

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## Avoiding the tragedy of divorce

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Divorce is the legal ending of a marriage. It's the thing that separates a couple. And it's due to a lot of causes. But the losers are always children.

The marriage of two people is not necessarily built on love. Sometimes, people can marry the wrong person, because they didn't choose him or her by himself or herself, but parents do that, especially in Arabic communities. Sons and daughters accept, because in our Muslim religion, we don't have to say no to our parents, and we accept everything.

Marriage has consequences. First of all, those who marry always fight; there are a lot of problems.

When the parents choose, their son doesn't know anything about the girl: doesn't know her past, her secrets, her

habits, and even doesn't know how her behavior is. And that can be the reason there is no confidence between them. So they choose the easiest way to finish this impossible life by divorcing, and really, it's good for both of them.

But, when is divorce bad and wrong? The answer is: when they have children. So, divorce at that time is a wrong choice. The children are going to be

affected psychologically when:

- They're going to live in stress, war and troubles.
- They're going to see their parents fighting and screaming daily.
- They're going to be separated from their father or mother.
- They're going to lose the union of the family.

Children always pay the price of their parents' divorce, which means that those parents are irresponsible. Divorced parents sometimes think just of their own problems, even though these problems aren't just *their* own problems.

In my opinion, divorce when there are no children is



the best solution, but when they come into this world, I advise parents to make a little effort to keep the kids together to avoid negative psychological and social impact on children, and to save their futures.

Finally, divorce is to separate two people with problems, and it's good when there are no children. But when children are present, they should try not to be egotistical; their little angels don't deserve that sad life.

# A perspective on mixed marriage

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Beginning 5

One the most interesting types of marriage is the mixed marriage. It is a marriage between two people who have different races, cultures or religions. Mixed marriage has been there for long time. People travel to different places, fall in love and end up marrying.

Usually mixed marriage has always faced a strong resistance from either party's family members or friends. For example, in the USA, mixed marriage was illegal in the some states until 1960, but nowadays, it's becoming increasingly popular through the American community. According to a survey, mixed marriages in the US have climbed to 4 million in 2010, and 15% of new marriages were mixed.

I see it as normal because

in the age of globalization, social media and the free market, our society is open to all interactions.

But, we have to talk here about our religion and that Islamic law has different regulations on mixed marriage,



depending on which of the two spouses is Muslim. It permits a Muslim man to marry up to four non-Muslim women (under certain conditions), but Muslim women are prohibited by Islamic law from

marrying non-Muslim men. However, all children must be brought up Muslim.

For me, in any marriage we can find problems. That is why we have to look at the person first, and then behind what that person thinks and his background. The main thing is to find the person with whom we can continue and share our life. Becoming a partner in a mixed marriage means to start a new life and to know much more about a different view point.

To sum up, marriage in general is a compromise for a lifetime. Marriage is enduring. It's not inherent in a biologic evolution, but it's the basis of all social evolution, and is therefore certain of continued existence in some form. Finally, this is our life. Why not start living it before it's too late and learn to take risks since we are able to stand all responsibilities.

# Intergenerational conflict

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Advanced 4

Everyone must be aware of the stratification between the older generation and the next. The Indian author Ramaa Prasad states in the introduction of his significant book *Generation Gap, a Sociological Study of Inter-generational Conflicts*, "age and differences of age are among the most crucial aspects of human life and determinant of human destiny." The more aged you are, the more distinct you seem, since the main factor of generation gap is age.

Fundamentally age is accompanied by a myriad of attributes. Some of those attributes are cultural differences and more important is language.

So few people who know the counterculture of the 1960s that was marked by considerable events and new forms of culture. Basically, the pop music and the hippie culture were simultaneous movements. Those forms of culture practiced by young people, they are called youth sub-cultures. They are distinguished by special lifestyles, behaviors, interests and traits. Also, in my country, there are so many distinctions that vary the present generation from the past one

It is asserted that language is the vital element that differentiates the two generations. "Man's most important symbol is his language, and through this language he defines reality." This is to say that

language is the leading factor that shapes and reshapes any society. Language now is no longer as before. We get accustomed to speaking many languages at the same time.

We lost our national identity since we are living in a heterogeneous community. Furthermore, the family, which provides the basic socializing unit in all societies, is fragmented and stratified. Essentially, youth are the specific segment to be classified within the age groups of a particular society. Furthermore, youth are reared in a milieu, which is diametrically distinct from that of their parents. Obviously, there is much more liberation and lack of social boundaries. Such new values, norms and tastes that are recently emerged made

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## Brotherhood

**Oumaima Loukili**

Advanced I

In our life, we have people who travel with us on the journey. Usually, they want the good for us. Maybe they were the best enemies in childhood, but they become the best friends later. They are our siblings.

Whether we admit it or not, they stay our company that doesn't disappear in life, no matter what they or we do.

Love is kept between each other, stays high and can't vanish. A lot of us ignore the blessing of having siblings, but the only child knows how hard it can be.

In the end, we who have brothers and sisters should appreciate this wonderful gift, and thank God and our parents for giving us a present that could last for our whole lives.

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the parents old fashioned, out-of-date, conservative and lacking in understanding.

On the contrary, the older generation has felt the young as lacking in respect and radical in their attitudes toward life and future. In fact, this parent-youth conflict has possibly always existed, but it has become more noticeable in recent times simply because society nowadays is moving at a faster rate than in the past.

Another conspicuous factor of the intergenerational gap is the difference between the traditional society and the up-to-date society. The first is very conservative and straightforward in its treatment, and it is considerably relevant to the socialization of the individual.

On the other hand, modern society did a demanding effort so as to emancipate any sort of constraint; this modernization is marked by the acceptance of equal values, social justice, secularism, and the scientific spirit. Thus, in such society the parents are situated in a dilemma of how to transmit such valuable values and norms, and more pertinently the old content in a changed world.

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## Love never dies

**Ghita El Mouhib**

Juniors 9 Advanced

This is the story of a young and very beautiful woman called Juliette. She was 14 years old when the story began...

She likes to go swimming and she loves all sports. After class, she goes to hang out with her boyfriend. He is called Andreo and he is 16 years old. He is handsome and polite.

Every day, they hung out, sang songs, visited museums and went swimming. He loved her very much.

After six years, he decided he wanted to marry her, but her parents didn't like him. The two lovers are very sad. They want to move to another city and live there, but the parents of

Juliette won't accept it. Andreo is very sad because he can't be with Juliette.

Fifty years pass and Juliette is married and has a lot of children. She lives in Puerto Rico. Andreo is a famous artist and he lives in Paris. He is married to a very famous singer and they have two children.

One day, Juliette sees Andreo on TV, and she decides to go to Paris and see him. She loves Andreo so much.

Juliette goes to a concert performed by Andreo's wife. She finds Andreo. He is very surprised. He sees Juliette and he kisses her. Everyone in the concert looks at them. It's a very romantic scene. Andreo's wife is very surprised and she says, "love never dies."



## What is Red Nose Day?

**Hajar Ouajjani**

Juniors 10 Advanced

Every two years in the UK, the charity Comic Relief organizes a special day to raise money. It's called Red Nose Day. It's a day full of fun and jokes. In the evening, everyone stays at home and watches hours of comedy on their TVs.

Who takes part? Lots of people take part including doctors, nurses, bus drivers, shop assistants, teachers and schoolchildren. Lots of famous people like Johnny Depp, Robbie Williams and Woody Allen also take part in Red Nose Day.

What do people do? People do lots of silly things to earn money for charity. Teachers sometimes wear school uniforms, waiters wear wigs and dance in restaurants and taxi drivers decorate their taxis. And, of course, everyone buys a red nose and wears it.

What happens to the money people raise? All the money goes to poor countries around the world to help children and sick people. It helps to make the world a better place for everyone.

# The road to happiness

**Kaoutar Hadi**  
Beginning 5

Never expect to be happy  
all the time.  
You will be mad or nervous.  
You'll sometimes feel alone,  
disappointed.  
All these are just emotions,  
but if you want to beat them,  
you shouldn't be embarrassed  
by them  
because they are  
a part of your life.

Your life is a journey,  
so enjoy it, whatever it is.  
Every moment, every minute,  
never look back.

Never waste your time  
thinking about your past.  
Think about the present  
and also your future,  
or you're going to be stuck  
on memories.

Remember that  
the happiest people  
don't need to have the best  
of everything.  
They just make the best  
from what they have.  
So LOVE YOURSELF!  
Do your best, and you won't  
have to worry about failure.

Remember that being happy  
doesn't mean you're perfect.  
It just means that you'll find  
your own way  
or your own destination!  
Nobody can take  
your pain from you,  
so never let someone  
take your happiness from you.

# Thanks to you...

**Kaoutar Siraj**  
Intermediate I

It's been a Long Time  
since I am writing about them.  
Some people that I can't forget.  
They will never get out  
of my memory,  
those are some people  
I've met in my Life  
and they've changed it a lot.

Every one of them  
has given it a sense,  
and you're a special one.  
Yes, you are.

Because, thanks to you,  
I've learned how to love people,  
how to love myself,  
and how to love you.

Thanks to you,  
I've learned how to be honest  
in relationships.

Thanks to you,  
I've learned  
how to fight my weakness  
and be strong enough to live.

Thanks to you,  
I've learned the meaning  
of the word faithfulness.

Thanks to you,  
I've learned how to trust  
without getting hurt.  
Thanks to you,  
I've learned how to  
resist from distance.

Thank you for being my all.  
Thank you for sharing  
with me this life.  
Thanks to God  
who got you into my life.

## Latin derivatives word search

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*English is full of words from Latin, the language of ancient Rome. Seize the day!*

### Can you find these Latin-derived words in the puzzle?

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| accurate    | belligerent | effort      | insincere | passenger     |             |
| admirable   | benefit     | farm        | journey   | personality   |             |
| adorable    | bracelet    | fortunate   | judge     | procrastinate | significant |
| age         | camera      | honorable   | limit     | quiet         | superior    |
| anniversary | confidence  | inferior    | lucrative | remember      | temporary   |
| audacious   | culpable    | information | malady    | signature     |             |