

WARM-UP

1. Match the phrases below with their synonyms.

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| a) to fancy sb | 1. to propose to sb |
| b) to split up | 2. when two people gradually ends their relationship |
| c) to pop the question | 3. to fall in love with sb |
| d) to tie the knot | 4. to start to like sb who you meet for the first time |
| e) to drift apart | 5. to feel attracted to sb |
| f) to hit it off with sb | 6. to break up |
| g) to fall for sb | 7. to get married |

2. Discuss:

- What do you think when you read the title of the TED Talk?
- Do you think that it can be calculated who we fancy and who we fall for?
- Is there a recipe for a happy and long-lasting relationship?



VOCABULARY

3. Match words and phrases with their meanings.

greedy *to bump into* *neatly* *be a roaring success*
to settle down *dull* *to be on the brink of*

- a) boring, or not interesting
- b) in a careful and arranged way
- c) to be very successful
- d) at a point when something is about to happen
- e) wanting more money, things, or power than you need
- f) to begin to live a quieter life by getting married or staying permanently in a place
- g) to meet someone unexpectedly

THE MATHEMATICS OF LOVE

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4. Complete sentences with the vocabulary from ex. 3.

- a) She was _____ for power, and didn't let morals get in the way of her pursuit of it.
- b) By chance he _____ her again that night at another pub and worked up the courage to speak with her.
- c) New York was going to be my new home; I'd get a steady job and _____, start a family.
- d) She believed she _____ discovering a cure for cancer.
- e) The show was not the _____ he anticipated.
- f) The professor _____ summarized the history of the oil crisis.
- g) Life in a small village can be very _____.

VIDEO & DISCUSSION

5. Discuss:

- What is the speaker's idea?
- The speaker gives 3 tips. Describe them and tell how useful you find them:
 - Top Tip #1: How to win at online dating
 - Top Tip #2: How to pick the perfect partner
 - Top Tip #3: How to avoid divorce
- Can we really measure love?
- Should we think about love at all or just go with the flow?
- Do you think that mathematics can help to understand most of phenomena?

6. Choose 6 words/phrases and make sentences with them.

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