

WARM-UP

1. Match the phrases below with their synonyms.

a) to fancy sb 5

b) to split up 6

c) to pop the question 1

d) to tie the knot 7

e) to drift apart 2

f) to hit it off with sb 4

g) to fall for sb 3

1. to propose to sb

2. when two people gradually ends their relationship

3. to fall in love with sb

4. to start to like sb who you meet for the first time

5. to feel attracted to sb

6. to break up

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 **dull**

b) in a careful and arranged way **neatly**

c) to be very successful **be a roaring success**

d) at a point when something is about to happen **to be on the brink of**

e) wanting more money, things, or power than you need **greedy**

f) to begin to live a quieter life by getting married or staying permanently in a place **settle down**

g) to meet someone unexpectedly **bump into**

# THE MATHEMATICS OF LOVE

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

- a) She was **GREEDY** for power, and didn't let morals get in the way of her pursuit of it.
- b) By chance he **BUMPED INTO** 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 **SETTLE DOWN**, start a family.
- d) She believed she **WAS ON THE BRINK OF** discovering a cure for cancer.
- e) The show was not the **ROARING SUCCESS** he anticipated.
- f) The professor **NEATLY** summarized the history of the oil crisis.
- g) Life in a small village can be very **DULL**.

### 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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