

Chapter 6: Developing Close Relationships

The Development of a Relationship

Becoming Friends

- What is your definition of a good friend?
- Can you trust your friends?
- Does Sarah trust Walt? Is he loyal?
- Similarities
- Does likeness-lead-to-liking?
- Where do I go to find friends?
- Internet dating
- Do opposites attract?
- Do they complement each other?
- Social exchange theory
- Reciprocity

Dating and Mate Selection

- What makes someone desirable
- Mate selection throughout the world

Becoming Lovers

- What is love?
- The development of love
- The five love languages
- Men vs. women

Becoming Committed

- Should I remain single?
- Should we live together before marriage?
- Why should I marry?

Marital Adjustment

- Role expectations
- Marriage, career and parenthood

Marital Conflict

- Can a bad relationship be good?
- What is this five-to-one ratio?

Communication Problems

Family Violence

Codependence

Are you codependent?

What's the Green-Eyed Monster?

Is it jealousy or envy

Growing Apart

Who divorces?

What kind of specific marital problems are predictive of divorce?

The impact of divorce

What about the children?

Remarriage

Blended families

Gay/lesbian relationships