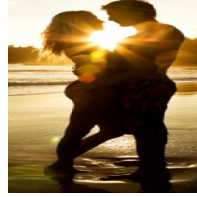




At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

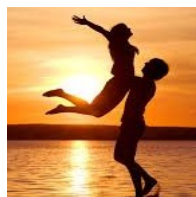
* give their perception about love and its importance to have a healthy and long-lasting relationship.



Read the Passage:

No word is more romantic than love. To many people, love means everything. A person becomes happy when in love, and lonely and depressed if unloved. Love is usually regarded as a great thing, immune from criticism. But problems arise if it is identified with selfishness and jealousy. Too many people seek or “own” their lovers, like property, simply because they are centered on their own feelings of love; but this attitude can easily jeopardize the relationship. Ultimately, love is based on mutual understanding and affection, and we accept our partners as they are, not as something to be possessed or changed.

Love between parents and children are usually regarded as endless and unconditional. Nevertheless, a distinction is sometimes made between maternal and paternal love. The attitude is sometimes expressed that a father may have limits to his love, but that a mother never can. Perhaps this is because the child was once, before birth, part of mothers' daily existence, but to the father, has always been another, separate being.



Comprehension Check:

1. What is the most romantic word?
2. What two negative emotions does love sometimes provoke?
3. Why may there be a difference between maternal and paternal love?

Express Yourself



1. What is love at first sight?
2. Do you believe that first love is bound to fail?
3. Is there any difference between Mama's love and Daddy's love?
4. Do you think love out of wedlock deserves criticism? Why or why not?
5. Do you think platonic love can exist between a man and a woman? Do you have any personal experience?
6. Do you think you have to marry if you are in love?
7. Do you think you have to be in love to marry?